

SHAPE YOUR CITY BUDGET

Budget FAQs



WHY IS THE BUDGET ALLOCATOR ONLY ALLOWING ME TO ALLOCATE \$429 MILLION OF THE TOTAL \$844 MILLION OPERATING BUDGET?

The budget amounts present in the Budget Allocator for adjustments are based on the 2014/2015 approved budget and tax rates. Regional Council will be discussing the upcoming 2015/2016 budget over the next few months. The Municipality's completed operating budget is \$844 million/year. Of that, \$153 million pays for costs mandated by the Province, mostly to the School Board. There is also about \$192 million in revenues, recoveries and smaller area rates that help reduce tax rates. This leaves about \$500 million to be raised by the general and transit tax rates.

Our Budget Allocator does leave out many of our fixed costs (e.g. debt charges, reserves) and a few miscellaneous services. However, it does contain most of the day-to-day services that can impact your daily lives, which are the services we really need you to tell us about. Visit our Budget Allocator (shapeyourcityhalifax.ca) and provide your feedback.

\$844,347,300	Total 2014-15 Budget
- \$152,683,000	Less payments to the Province and the School Boards
\$691,664,300	Total Expenses for Municipal Operations
- \$191,522,800	Less Departmental Revenues, Recoveries and smaller area rates
\$500,141,500	Total Tax Revenue
- \$71,011,800	Majority Debt and Reserves
\$429,129,700	Budget Allocator Services

Business Unit

Fiscal Direction
Priority Discussion
Capital Budget
CAO & Governance and Legal Services
Human Resources, and Finance and Information, Communication & Technology
Halifax Regional Police
Halifax Transit
Transportation and Public Works & Fire & Emergency Services
Planning & Development, Halifax Public Libraries
Operations Support and Parks & Recreation
Fiscal and consolidated accounts
Full Review of Final Budget
Full Review of Final Budget (if required)

Council/COW dates

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
Wednesday, December 3, 2014
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Tuesday, April 14, 2015