



City of Richmond Hill

Mayoral Decision

(Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*)

Decision Number: 21-23

To: Members of Council and the City Clerk

Purpose: To provide the proposed 2024 Operating Budget

I, **David West**, Mayor of the City of Richmond Hill, in accordance with Subsection 284.16 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, do hereby submit for Richmond Hill Council's consideration a proposed 2024 Operating Budget as follows:

1. A 2024 Operating Budget increase of \$6,000,300 and a total tax levy of \$133,800,200 (excluding supplementary taxes) which includes the following adjustments recommended by Budget Committee of the Whole ("BCW") at its meeting on December 5, 2023:
 - a) The Richmond Hill Public Library (RHPL) 2024 Operating Budget be adjusted as follows:
 - i. Removal of the RHPL Non-Union Salary Adjustment (\$108,700)
 - ii. Addition of the 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment for non-union employees (\$56,800)
 - iii. Removal of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy Initiative (\$25,000)
 - iv. Removal of the Small Business and Entrepreneur Initiative (\$10,000)

The 2024 Operating Budget, not including the above noted adjustments, is summarized in Appendix "A" staff report SRCFS.23.052 (submitted to BCW at its meeting on December 5, 2023, and attached hereto), and further detailed in the "Draft 2024 Budget Book"¹ published on the City's website on November 8, 2023 (hereby incorporated into this decision by reference).

2. A 2024 Senior Tax Assistance Grant increase to \$432;
3. A 2024 Capital Asset Sustainability Levy budget increase of \$1,917,600 and total fee levy of \$10,902,100;
4. As required by Ontario Regulation 284/09, *Municipal Act 2001*, the compliance report of expenses excluded from the 2024 Draft Operating Budget, as attached to Appendix "C" of staff report SRCFS.23.052; and

¹ "Draft 2024 Budget Book" available on the City's website (link retrieved on December 8, 2023):
<https://www.richmondhill.ca/en/shared-content/resources/Budget/2024-draft-budget-book.pdf>

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5. The Reserve and Reserve Fund allocations, as summarized in Appendix "D" of staff report SRCFS.23.052.

Dated at Richmond Hill, this 8th day of December, 2023.

(Signed version on file in the Office of the Clerk)

David West
Mayor