



# City of Richmond Hill

## Mayoral Decision

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

### Decision Number: 26-24

**To:** Members of Council and the City Clerk

**Purpose:** To provide the proposed 2025 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 2025 Operating Budget as follows:

1. A 2025 Operating Budget increase of \$4,303,000 and a total tax levy of \$139,177,900 (excluding supplementary taxes), which includes the following:
  - a) An increase of \$4,046,300 as summarized in Appendix "A" of staff report SRCFS.24.058 – 2025 Draft Operating Budget and considered at the Budget Committee of the Whole ("BCW") meeting on November 25, 2024;
  - b) An increase of \$321,700 through Mayoral Decision 21-24 regarding Confidential Closed Session staff report SRCFS.24.057 – A Confidential Staff Report regarding the City's IT Security Program; and
  - c) A decrease of \$65,000 as outlined in staff report SRCS.24.19 – Community and Cultural Grant Program and Community Enhancement and Economic Vitality Reserve Fund and considered at the Budget Committee of the Whole ("BCW") meeting on November 25, 2024;

The 2025 Operating Budget is summarized in Appendix "A" of staff report SRCFS.24.058 (attached hereto) considered at the Budget Committee of the Whole meeting on November 25, 2024, and further detailed in the "Draft 2025 Budget Book"<sup>1</sup> published on the City's website on November 5, 2024 (hereby incorporated into this decision by reference).

2. A 2025 Senior Tax Assistance Grant increase to \$445;
3. A 2025 Capital Asset Sustainability Levy budget increase of \$2,023,100 and total fee levy of \$12,925,200;
4. As required by Ontario Regulation 284/09, Municipal Act 2001, the compliance report of expenses excluded from the 2025 Draft Operating Budget, as attached to Appendix "C" of staff report SRCFS.24.058; and

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<sup>1</sup> "Draft 2025 Budget Book" available on the City's website:

<https://www.richmondhill.ca/en/shared-content/resources/Budget/2024-1105-2025-Draft-Budget-v2.pdf>

5. The Reserve and Reserve Fund allocations to the Operating Budget of \$9,239,900 and allocations from the Operating Budget of \$23,480,900, which includes the following:
  - a) Items as summarized in Appendix “D” of staff report SRCFS.24.058 – 2025 Draft Operating Budget and considered at the Budget Committee of the Whole (“BCW”) meeting on November 25, 2024;
  - b) A \$100,000 increase from the Community Enhancement and Economic Vitality Reserve Fund as outlined in staff report SRCS.24.19 – Community and Cultural Grant Program and Community Enhancement and Economic Vitality Reserve Fund and considered at the Budget Committee of the Whole (“BCW”) meeting on November 25, 2024; and
  - c) A \$25,000 increase from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to support the planned Investment Attraction Mission to Hannover Messe as outlined in staff report SRCM.24.14 – Economic Development Mission to Hannover Messe and considered at the Budget Committee of the Whole (“BCW”) meeting on November 25, 2024.

Dated at Richmond Hill, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

Original signed in the Office of the Clerk

David West

Mayor