2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budget

November 13, 2024



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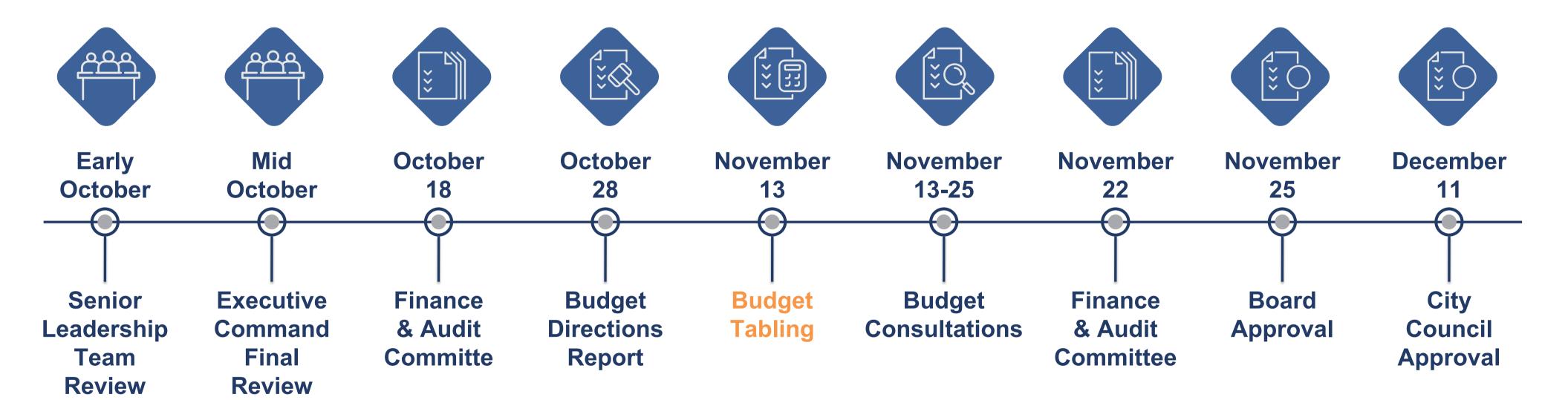




Budget Development



Budget Timeline





PSB Budget Directions

That the Ottawa Police Service:

Prepare the 2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets based on the following:

No less than a 2.9% tax increase; and

Expected assessment growth of 1.5%

Approve the 2025 budget review and approval timetable



Budget Recommendations

That the Ottawa Police Services Board:

Receive and table the Ottawa Police Service 2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budget.

Approve the Ottawa Police Service 2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budget at the Board meeting on November 25th, 2024.

Approve the delegation of authority to the Chief of Police to execute and administer the 2025 Fleet Replacement Program, up to a maximum of \$5.4M.

Approve the delegation of authority to the Chief of Police to execute and administer the 2025 Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) Program, up to a maximum of \$1.9M

Approve the reduction of the budget of capital order 903447 South Facility by \$6M of pay as you go funding and return those funds to the general reserve.

Approve the closure of capital order 907491 Elgin Refit and return f\$10,354,976 of pay as you go funding to the general reserve.

Approve the refinancing of \$7,771,192 contained in capital order 903447 South Facility from pay as you go financing to debt.



Budget Approach

- Guided by a comprehensive consultation effort and operational insights
- Designed to deliver on Board's Strategic Plan and build public trust
- Addresses current and future needs of policing with staged investments
- > Prioritizes long-term Operational Stability
- Customizes community policing to address local needs
- Advances equity and human rights



Budget Consultation

- Consultation aligned with the CSPA to reflect community voices in the 2025 budget.
- Engaged stakeholders (community/ members) to better understand policing needs.
- Feedback gathered using a multi-faceted approach; data collected used to inform public safety priorities and resource allocation.





Budget Consultation

- Leadership Connections: Ongoing engagement from the Chief and Command through personalized discussions with Councillors, residents, and stakeholders.
- Community-Centric Engagement: Fulsome outreach involving meetings, dialogues, and surveys.

Inclusive Data Collection: Thorough information gathering from a wide range of perspectives across various languages and platforms.

➤ Data-Driven Insights: Explored diverse needs of wards, operational pressures and policing benchmarks.



What We Heard

- Trust and confidence are improving but results aren't uniform across the City.
- Increasing concerns about crime and disorder in the community.
- The community wants better service, but increasing workload—both in volume and complexity—has affected OPS' overall performance.
- Citizens want a greater focus on community policing and crime prevention.

In 2024:

80% of citizens have a moderate or higher level of trust in OPS (2023: 76%)

56% of citizens perceive that the **amount of crime** has **increased** in the past 5 years.

In the last 5 years:

Crime rate: **▲** 4.3%

Service Time: ▲ 23%

P4 Response Times: ▲82%*

Clearance rate: **▼**5% to 29%



^{*}Average response time, P4 accounts for two thirds of all calls.

Strategic Direction

The Board's Strategic Direction approved in November 2023 were:

- Enhance Community Safety
- Build Trust Through Strong Partnerships
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strengthen Our Commitment to Human Rights
- Advance and Support a Resilient, Thriving Membership



Strategic Direction 2027

A trusted partner in building an inclusive, equitable and safe Ottawa

Enhance Community Safety

- Develop a community policing model that is (more) responsive to unique geographical and community priorities.
- Work with partners to deliver alternative responses that address root causes of crime and disorder, in alignment with the City's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.
- Modernize the use of technology and data to enhance community safety, operations and equity.

Build Trust Through Strong Partnerships

- Work with community partners to support effective service delivery and promote better outcomes.
- Engage with the community and act on feedback, inspired by proven solutions and successful best practices.
- Improve communication and openness around our people, activities and processes.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion - Strengthen our Commitment to Human Rights

- Deliver culturally sensitive services that address varied member and community concerns.
- Build trust in all communities, with a focus on Indigenous, 2SLGBTQQIA+, Black, faith-based, and additional racialized and marginalized communities through a commitment to mutually developed solutions.
- Support diversity and inclusion within the workforce by respecting the individual skills and experiences of every employee and providing equitable access to opportunities.
- Continue to evolve our culture through best practices, measurements and inclusive internal processes.

Advance & Support a Resilient Thriving Membership

- Stabilize the workforce by appropriately staffing the Service.
- Invest in OPS member wellness.
- Cultivate a workplace where Members feel valued and morale is high.



Strategic Direction

29 projects aligned with Strategic Direction 2027

1 project funded by Federal Government

Enhance Community Safety

- District Revitalization Project
- Implementation of CSPA
- Next Generation 9-1-1
- Cybersecurity Strategy
- > Enterprise Asset Mgt.
- Data Optimization Project
- Safer Streets Initiative
- Fleet Service Delivery
- Parliamentary Precinct (Fed)
- Mounted Patrol Unit (Prov)
- Market Safe (Prov)
- > CORE (Prov)
- Alternative Mental Health Supports (Prov)

Building **Trust** Through Strong Partnerships

- Better Relationship Management
- Community Safety and Well-Being Framework
- Virtual Victim Reporting
- Military Veterans and First Responders Program
- Body Worn Camera

5 projects funded by Provincial Government

Advance and **Support** a Resilient Thriving Membership

- Staff Stabilization Plan
- South Facility Project
- Safe Workplace Program
- Parade Formation Framework
- Wellness Program
- Employee Central (SAP) Modernization
- FSP Updates
- Alternative Staffing-Special Constables (Prov)

EDI – **Strengthen** our Commitment to Human Rights

- Drive2 Strategy
- > Use of Force Review:
- Race and Equity Data Strategy









- Population: 4th largest city: 1M+ residents; 419K households
- Diversity: 1/3 Ottawa residents identify as visible minorities
- **Education**: Highly educated population, 37% higher than the Ontario average
- ➤ Income: Household income is 16% higher than the Ontario median. Nearly 9% of households are under the low-income measurement and growing.
- **Geography:** Rural, Suburban, Urban



Between 2019 to 2023 demands for service have been growing



Dispatched Calls

2023: **191,550 6%**

*YTD 2024: 128,500



Service Time Hours

2023: **369,200 ^ 23%**

*YTD 2024: 291,500



Police reports

2023: **102,000 • 4%**

*YTD 2024: 82,500



Response Times

Priority Level

▼8% 7 minutes

2 **15**% 14 minutes

3 ▲ 100% 47 minutes

4 **82%** 110 minutes

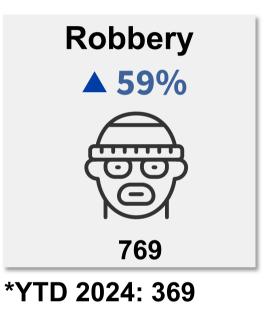
Response times are slowing



The volume of crime is up 12% between 2019 and 2023 to 48,000 offences.

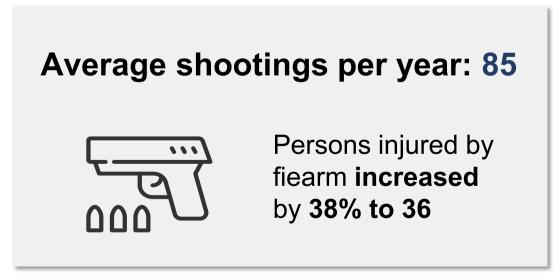
*YTD 2024: 21



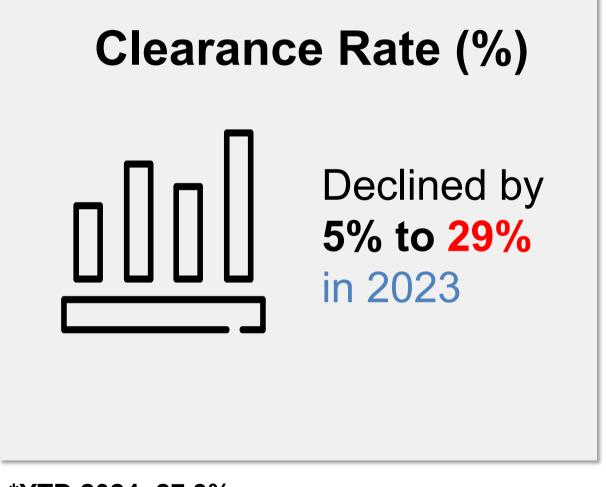












*YTD 2024: 27.3%

Crime Severity Index

Largest 12 municipalities by population in Ontario:

6th lowest

Violent Crime Severity Index

Largest 12 municipalities by population in Ontario:

3rd lowest

Weighted Clearance Rate

Largest 12 municipalities by population in Ontario:

3rd lowest

Officers per Population

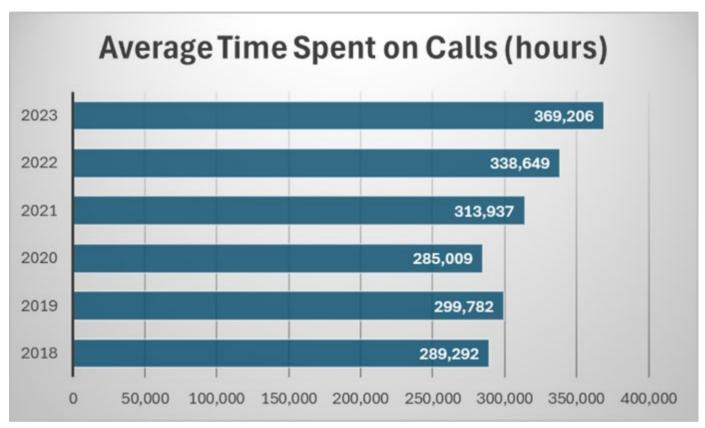
Largest 12 municipalities by population in Ontario:

5th lowest



Sources: 1. Statistics Canada Table: 35-10-0188-01 (formerly CANSIM 252-0085). Release date: 2024-07-25. Crime severity index and weighted clearance rates, police services in Ontario. 2. Statistics Canada Table: 35-10-0026-01 (formerly CANSIM 252-0052). Release date: 2024-07-25. Crime severity index and weighted clearance rates, Canada, provinces, territories and Census Metropolitan Areas. 35-10-0077-01 (formerly CANSIM 254-0004). Release date: 2024-03-26. Crime severity index and weighted clearance rates, police services in Ontario. Police personnel and selected crime statistics, municipal police services.













2025 Budget Highlights



Highlights

District Policing

- A tailored model of policing that addresses the unique needs of urban, suburban and rural
- > Staff stabilization and growth (50)
 - Frontline, District, Intimate Partner Violence, Fraud, FIS, Training (CSPA), Special Events
- Absorption of known CSPA costs
- Anticipated salary and benefit costs for the OPA and SOA
- Advancement of the Facilities Strategic Plan



Highlights

Provincially and Federally funded new services, including:

- Parliamentary Precinct
- Alternative Mental Health Support Initiative
- Alternative Staffing Special Constable Initiative
- Community Outreach Response and Engagement
- Mounted Unit
- Byward Market Initiatives





Budget Proposal



Budget Proposal

	2025 Draft Budget
Budget increase	\$16.3 M
Net Operating Budget	\$388.7 M
Assessment Growth – 1.5% Payment in Lieu of Taxes Police Tax Rate increase – 2.9%	\$5.2 M \$1.0 M \$10.1 M
Estimated tax increase on average urban household	\$20
Estimated 2024 Police Costs for average urban household	\$717

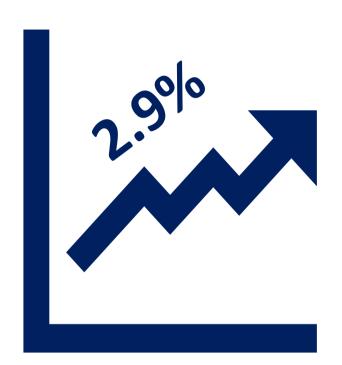


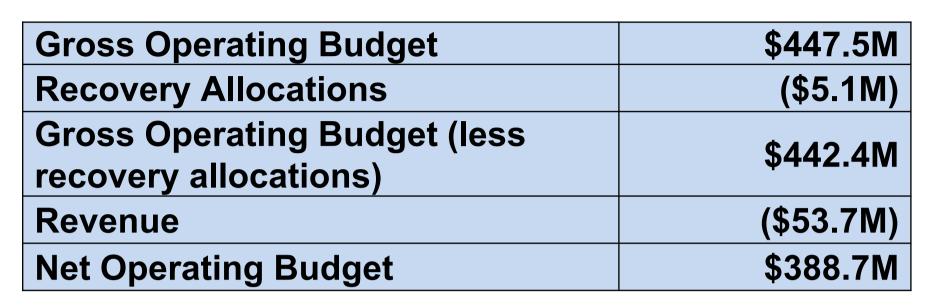
Draft Operating Budget

Budget Changes	(\$M)
Maintain services	\$ 20.1
Inflation & Negotiated Contract Settlements	
Staffing Stabilization Plan	
FTE Growth	8.1
50 additional resources	
New Services	(1.0)
Efficiencies	(9.0)
User fees and revenues	(1.9)
Budget increase	\$ 16.3
Funded by:	
Assessment Growth (1.5%)	\$ 5.2
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1.0
Police Tax Rate increase (\$)	\$ 10.1
Police Tax Rate increase (%)	2.9%

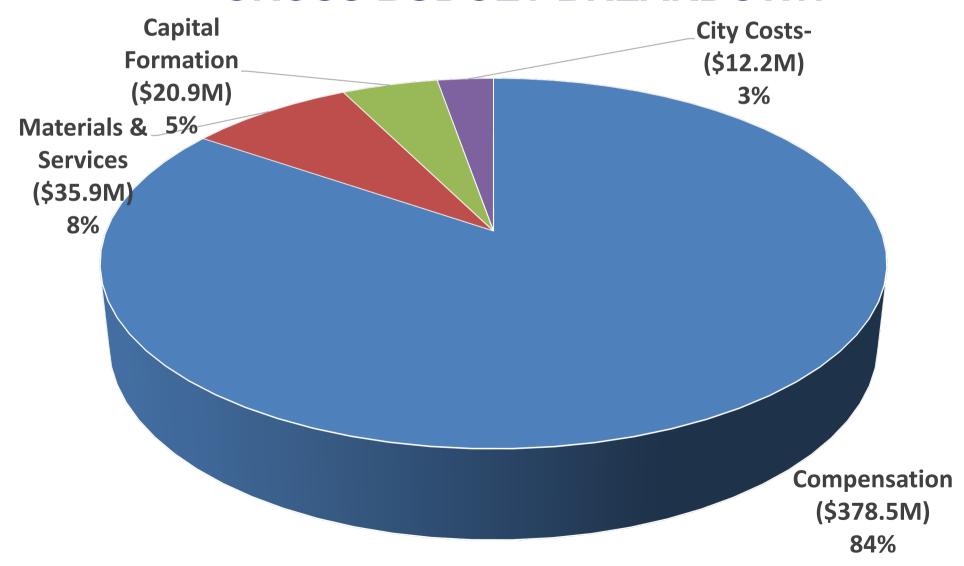


2025 Draft Operating Budget





GROSS BUDGET BREAKDOWN





Capital Budget

2025 Capital Budget

Capital Project	To Cost	
Renewal of Assets		
Fleet Program	\$	5.4
IT Infrastructure		2.3
Lifecycle of Specialized Assets		2.9
IT Telecommunication		3.0
Facility Lifecycle		2.8
Subtotal	\$	16.4
Growth & Strategic Initiatives		
Elgin Refit	\$	10.4
Growth		2.4
Facility & Security Initiatives		1.0
Subtotal	\$	13.8
Total	\$	30.2

2025 to 2034 Capital Budget Forecast

Category	Total cost (\$M)
Renewal of Assets	\$207.0
Growth	\$0.0
Strategic Initiatives	\$34.5
Total	\$241.5



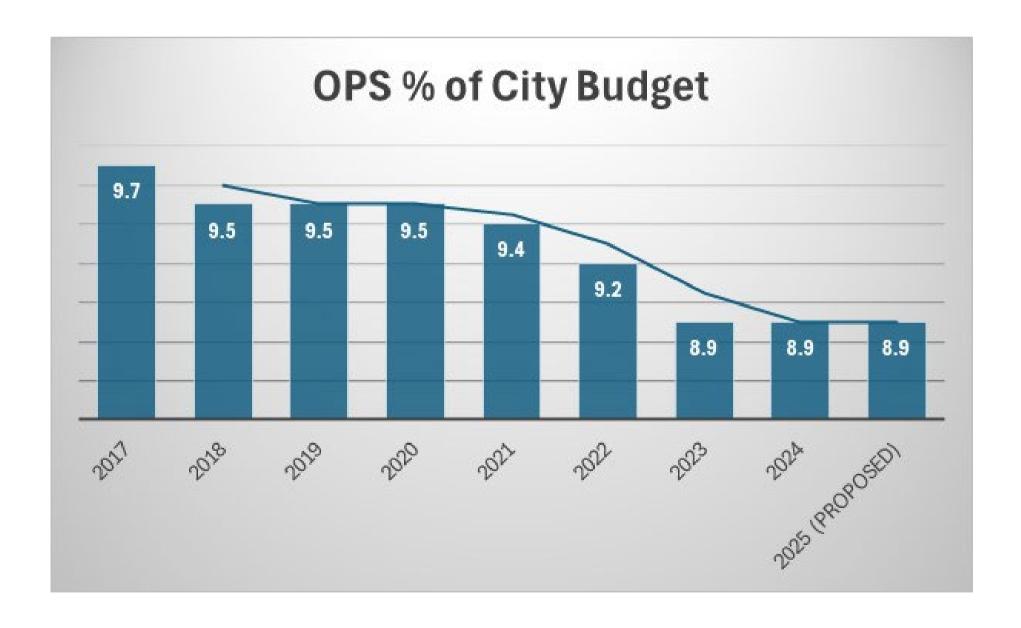
Forecast 2026 to 2028

Budget Changes (\$M)	Forecast 2026	Forecast 2027	Forecast 2028
Maintain services	\$ 32.7	\$ 23.7	\$ 22.2
FTE Growth	8.5	10.2	10.0
New Services	5.3	9.0	9.5
Efficiencies	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)
User fees and revenues	(1.3)	(1.3)	(0.3)
Operating Budget Increase	\$ 44.2	\$ 40.6	\$ 40.4
Assessment Growth (1.5%)	\$5.4	\$6.1	\$6.7
Police Tax Rate increase (\$)	\$38.8	\$34.5	\$33.7
Police Tax Rate increase (%)	10.6%	8.4%	7.5%



Efficiencies

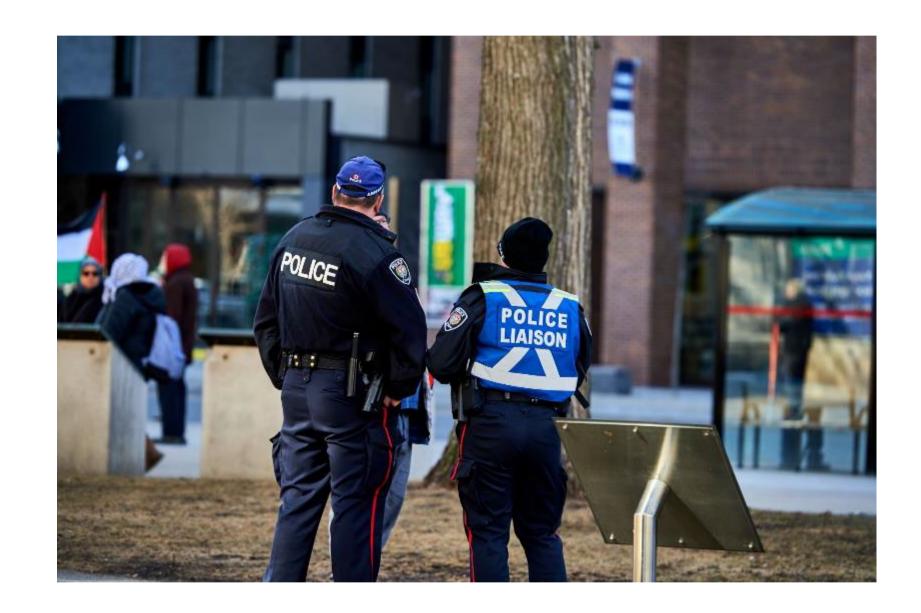
- Working with City colleagues on solutions, including efficiencies, to help address the cost curve of policing
- Areas of focus will include:
 - Fleet maintenance
 - Overtime usage
 - Travel
 - Civilianization and special constables
 - \$6M from the South Facility





Inherent Risks

- > Full cost of CSPA remains unknown
- Full cost implications of CBA negotiations remain unknown
- Dependence on overtime
 - OT costs, adequate and effective policing, service levels, member wellness
- Aggressive efficiency target accomplished through large pay as you go reduction to reserves that will need to be restored in future years
- > Reliance on temporary funding sources / solutions
 - > Provincial, federal, admin fees, grants
- Depletion of capital reserves, lifecycle deferrals (command post), and inability to absorb upcoming pressures (interim and long-term training facility solution, body worn cameras)







Next Steps



Community Feedback

We welcome and value opportunities for collaborative discussions that provide meaningful feedback on the OPS 2025 Budget

Engagement	Date
OPS Draft Budget Feedback Survey - https://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/who-we-are/budget.aspx	November 13 - 25
City Councillor Budget Briefings	Ongoing
Outreach initiatives with Indigenous, racialized, marginalized community stakeholders and diverse community groups	November 13 - 25
Finance and Audit Committee	November 22



Questions

