Toward Fiscal Sustainability

Your Municipal Property Tax at Work



Municipal Services per \$1,000 in property taxes:

The City of Greater Sudbury's municipal budget rests on building blocks for fiscal sustainability: revenues to match expenses, capital renewal, preservation of municipal services, and moderate levels of property taxation.

For 2012, approximately \$1 million in fiscal sustainability initiatives have been incorporated into the budget to reduce the municipal tax levy or provide a source of capital funding.

Municipal roads, bridges, culverts and sidewalks: end-to-end, the 3,560 lane kilometres which make up the City of Greater Sudbury's road network would be equivalent to a single lane highway covering the distance to the U.S.-Mexican border in El Paso, Texas. (\$238)

Greater Sudbury Police Service: providing quality service and policing in partnership with the community. **(\$181)**

Emergency Medical Services/Fire/Emergency Preparedness: includes approximately 147 full and part-time paramedics, approximately 113 career firefighters, 350 volunteer firefighters and two staff members dedicated to Emergency Preparedness. (\$131)

Health and Social Services: includes support for Pioneer Manor, affordable housing services, social assistance, support for 5,076 licensed child care spaces, employment support services, shelters and homelessness initiatives. **(\$122)**

Citizen and Leisure Services: Citizen services include responsibility for 13 public libraries, seven Citizen Service Centres, an average 1,700 calls per day 3-1-1 service, four museums and 23 cemeteries. Leisure services include 14 community arenas, five indoor pools, seven supervised beaches, three ski hills, 54 outdoor rinks, five fitness centres, 137 playgrounds/ tot lots, 60 baseball fields, 92 soccer fields, 81 tennis courts, 16 basketball courts, 34 passive/linear parks and 210 km of trails. (\$116)

Growth and Development: includes tourism, physician recruitment, arts and culture, business development, youth strategy, by-law and compliance, real estate matters and community/strategic/environmental planning services and initiatives. **(\$54)**

Administrative Services: oversees and manages a variety of administrative and legislative functions, provides support to Council and includes the Auditor General's Office. **(\$53)**

Greater Sudbury Transit and Handi-Transit: provides transportation to approximately 5 million passengers, covering a total distance of more than 3.4 million kilometers, each year. (\$47)

Garbage and recycling: includes responsibility for transfer/ landfill sites, weekly garbage, recycling, organics, leaf/yard waste collection, household hazardous waste disposal and litter abatement initiatives. (\$35)

Other outside boards: includes Nickel District Conservation Authority and Sudbury and District Health Unit. (\$23)

2012 Budget Highlights

With a focus on public safety, sustainable infrastructure, community building, environmental sustainability, economic growth, seniors' care and improvements in residents' quality of life, some of the highlights of the 2012 municipal budget include:

- Road improvements on Errington Avenue,
 Garson-Coniston Road, Niemi Road, M.R. 4,
 M.R. 80, Brady-Douglas Streets and Loach's Road
- Physician recruitment
- Emergency shelter funding
- Public safety initiatives including upgrades for fire services and 9-1-1 communications
- An increase to the elderly tax credit rebate for the 2012 tax year

2012 **OPERATING** Budget:

\$486 million

Dedicated to day-to-day operations, including programs and services in more than 30 diverse sectors such as policing, public health, recycling and leisure programs.

2012 **CAPITAL** Budget:

\$96 million

Dedicated to one-time expenditures and projects such as road construction, recreation facilities, building upgrades and retrofits, equipment renewal and replacements. Of the \$96 million, almost \$37 million is dedicated to road capital investments.

For information about your Municipal Property Assessment contact:

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, 1730 Regent Street, Suite 1, Sudbury, ON P3E 3Z8 **Telephone: 1-866-296-6722 www.mpac.ca**

Final due dates for all property classes: June 5, 2012 and July 5, 2012

If you are an owner of both residential and non-residential properties, you will receive separate tax bills.