City of Mississauga Corporate Report



Date: January 29, 2021

- To: Chair and Members of General Committee
- From: Gary Kent, CPA, CGA, ICD.D, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer

Originator's files:

Meeting date: February 10, 2021

Subject

2021 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission

Recommendation

- That the report entitled '2021 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission", including Appendix 1, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, dated January 29, 2021, be approved for submission to the Ministry of Finance, Province of Ontario for the Province's 2021 Budget deliberations.
- 2. That the Mayor be directed to forward the approved submission with this report to the Minister of Finance, the local MPPs and MPs, Ontario's Big City Mayors (LUMCO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Background

Municipalities across Ontario are encouraged to provide written submissions regarding the upcoming Ontario 2021 Budget. The City of Mississauga has forwarded similar pre-budget submissions in past years, and this is a good opportunity to articulate the needs of the City to the Provincial Government. The deadline for Provincial Budget Consultation submissions is February 12, 2021.

Comments

Through 2021 budget consultations, the Province of Ontario is seeking public input on various issues, including ideas on how to continue to support families, workers and businesses during COVID-19, while positioning the province for a strong economic recovery.

In alignment with the City's COVID-19 Recovery Framework, the City of Mississauga has organized its 14 recommendations by our relevant recovery pillars: Financial, Community and Economic. The 2021 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission, attached as Appendix 1, includes detailed information on each recommendation and priority area.

The Pre-Budget Submission will form the foundation of our government advocacy efforts in 2021 as it sets out Council's and our City's advocacy priorities. The recommendations contained within this document will be used as a basis for meetings with politicians and staff within government, including at the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Association of Municipalities of Ontario conferences. Staff will continue to monitor progress on each recommendation and report back to Council through analysis of the federal and provincial budgets, as well as government announcements.

Financial Impact

There would be a positive financial impact for the City of Mississauga if any actions outlined in Appendix 1 were to be included in the 2021 Provincial Budget.

Conclusion

The City of Mississauga appreciates the opportunity to provide the Ministry of Finance with information and suggestions for the upcoming Ontario 2021 Budget. All of the items outlined in the attached submission are of importance to the city and would have a positive impact on funding vital infrastructure, creating local jobs and stimulating the economy.

Attachments

Appendix 1: 2021 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission

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