

City Budget 2011

The City of Toronto's 2011 budget is made up of four separate budgets totalling just over \$13 billion*:

- the Operating Budget
- the Capital Budget
- the Toronto Water budget
- the Solid Waste Management budget

By law, the City must balance its budget each year which means that the amount the City spends must be the same as the amount it receives from all of its funding sources. The City of Toronto has one of the lowest residential property taxes in Ontario and the City has a more ways to raise revenues than other municipalities in Ontario.

Operating Budget - Most of the City's day-to-day services are paid for from the City's **Operating Budget**. This Budget pays for salaries and expenses such as rent, fuel, electricity and equipment. The money for the Operating Budget mostly comes from property taxes, other levels of government and user fees (see Fig. 1 below). By law, the City is not allowed to borrow money or take on debt to pay for the Operating Budget. The City's 2011 Operating Budget is \$9.383 billion*.

Capital Budget - The City's **Capital Budget** pays for building and maintaining roads, buying buses and subways and major equipment and building major facilities (see Fig. 2 below). Major projects are funded through property taxes, money from other levels of government, development fees and by borrowing. The City plans its ten-year Capital Budget and Plan ahead of time, because many projects need more than a year to complete, but it still needs to be balanced every year. The City's 2011 Capital Budget is \$2.016 billion*, and is part of a ten-year Capital Budget Plan of \$12.755 billion*.

Toronto Water Budget - The City's **Water Budget** pays for treating and delivering residential water, wastewater and stormwater services in Toronto. Unlike the City's Operating and Capital Budgets, the Toronto Water Budget is paid for by user fees. City Council decides what the user fees cost Torontonians each year. The Toronto Water Budget has an operating budget which pays for day-to-day operations and a capital budget that pays for major water projects and buying equipment. In 2011, the Toronto Water Budget is \$1.381 billion gross (\$821 million operating budget; \$560 million capital budget).

Solid Waste Management Budget - The **Solid Waste Management Budget** pays for collecting, disposing and managing all of the City's garbage, recycling and organics (green box) services. The Solid Waste Management Budget is paid for by user fees. City Council decides what the user fees will cost Torontonians each year. The Solid Waste Management Budget has an operating budget which pays for day-to-day operations and a capital budget for major projects and buying equipment. In 2011, the Solid Waste Management Budget is \$441 million gross (\$343 million operating budget; \$98 million capital budget).

* All figures are "gross" budget totals which includes spending that is paid for from all of the City's sources of money like property taxes, user fees, borrowed funds or from other levels of government. The City's "net" budget only includes spending that is paid for by the City's property tax.

Fig. 1: City of Toronto 2011 Operating Budget Funding Sources

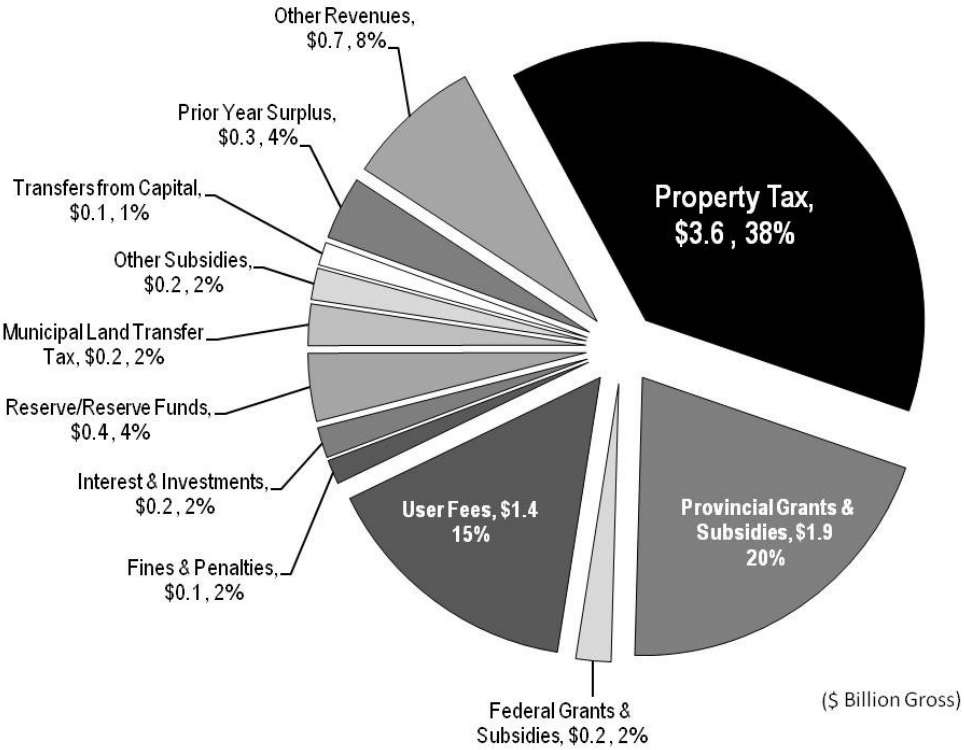
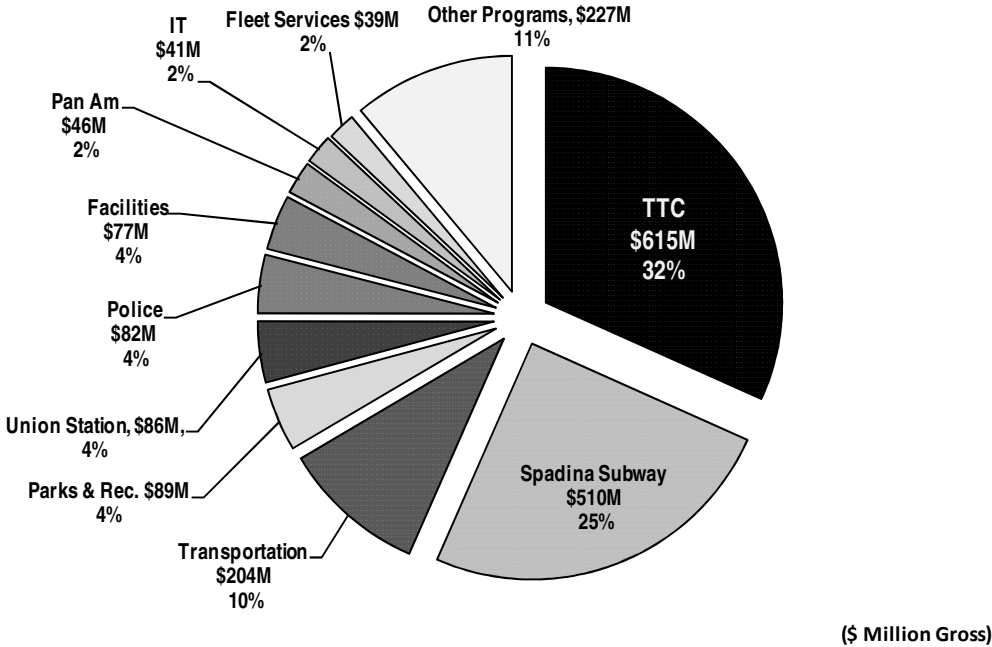


Fig. 2: City of Toronto 2011 Capital Budget Spending



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