The Youth Cabinet letter, signed by budget lead Riley Peterson and executive director Tom Gleason, notes Toronto remains the child poverty capital of Canada.

"The question becomes, if you protect the things that were specifically, literally, in the poverty reduction strategy but in addition to that you're going to add another 2.6 per cent cut to the city's budget, what other programs will be cut," said Meagher, executive director of advocacy group Social Planning Toronto.

In an emailed statement, the mayor's office outlined more than $100 million in poverty reduction initiatives the city said, noting some savings for 2017 have already been found that will not impact services.

"Bottom line is we have to pay for the services we deliver, and what the mayor has done is asked each and every person who works in the city to look for savings," said Meagher, adding that those savings have not yet been found.

Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee have all written to Tory and council.

The last time council had the politically-charged debate over what are called "revenue tools," they ultimately didn't.

A staff report on possible new taxes and fees council could use to balance future budgets will be released on Thursday.

"We've been kicking the can down the road for a long time. We are running out of road," Meagher asked. "We've been hearing about the end of the road for a long time as well."

"The advisory group letters say council must not put off the decision on how to raise new revenues this time around," said Meagher. "Options include taxes on alcohol and tobacco, on commercial parking spaces or reintroducing the vehicle registration fee."

"The new legislation aims to tackle 21st-century tobacco use by retooling the existing tobacco law as the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act."