

Attachment A: 2026 Discretionary General Operating Budget Line Items

Item Reference Number	Item	Reason/Impact	Budget Dollars	Potential Tax Impact
DIS 01	Incremental increase in transfer to Stabilization Reserve	For a number of large items that reoccur every few years funds are put into the financial stabilization reserve: OCP review, Elections, Transportation Master Plan, and others. An increase is needed to ensure sufficient funds are in the reserve when needed.	\$ 18,002	0.04%
DIS 02	Incremental increase in the transfer to reserve funds	Funding needed for future IT replacements, PCs, servers, network equipment (3% inflation & other cost pressures).	3,641	0.01%
DIS 03	Fee for service grant	As per August 19, 2024 Closed Council motion.	(20,000)	(0.04%)

Subtotal, net discretionary previous years' decisions/inflation

\$ 1,643 0.00%

DIS 04A	Transferred interest savings to Debt Reserve Fund (see savings below)	Part of debt strategy to fund Fire Hall #4 (consistent with FIN.42 policy: redirection of interest savings from matured debt MLC/Waterpark).	162,915	0.32%
DIS 04B	Savings from debt ending in 2025 (see transfer offset above)	See above	(162,915)	(0.32%)
DIS 05	Snow removal costs	Budget is insufficient based on recent historic activity in snow removal costs.	150,000	0.30%
DIS 06	Increase in number of hours for Paid-on-Call (POC) firefighters	Budget is insufficient based on recent historic activity caused from increased demand for service: POC \$60K Hall #1, POC \$15K for Hall #3	75,000	0.15%
DIS 07	Fee for Service grants	Mission Historic Society: needed for encompassing: archivist, branch mgrnr, program coordinator fuctions (all with one position). \$65K is expected to get a 0.75 FTE	65,000	0.13%

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DIS 08	Consultant costs for Planning	As a course of completing the tasks that we are expected to complete, staff need to engage consultants such as surveyor, appraisers, and engineers. This budget allows staff to engage those professions in a timely manner and allow the required process and workflow to continue. If this budget is not provided staff would either not be able to complete some tasks, or need to bring individual asks for funding to Council for each appraisal or survey that is needed. This approach would result in delays for the development community and increased workload on staff.	50,000	0.10%
DIS 09	Asphalt repairs	Budget is insufficient based on recent historic activity caused from asphalt material costs (inflationary). If this budget is not approved then staff will need to prioritize the repair requests with the resources available meaning that some repairs will not be remediated as promptly thereby increasing the city's liability to potential claims.	40,000	0.08%
DIS 10	Road markings	Pavement marking contractor costs continue to increase annually from inflation. Furthermore, new transportation related capital projects across the City are incorporating new pavement markings and an associated operating cost increase is required to maintain and replace them over their lifecycle.	25,000	0.05%

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DIS 11	Signal maintenance	Much of the City's signalized intersection infrastructure is aging and ending their useful life. This is leading to increased operational costs to repair and maintain signals infrastructure across the City. Further, new signals infrastructure, particularly flashing crosswalks, are being installed across the City that require increased operational costs to maintain and replace them over their lifecycle. Industry standards (IMSA - International Municipal Signal Association) for signal maintenance require more in depth testing of components, pedestrian activated buttons.	20,000	0.04%
DIS 12	Litter and roadside clean up	Budget is insufficient based on recent historic activity caused from illegal dumping and associated clean up costs, including unknown or potentially hazardous materials	20,000	0.04%
DIS 13	Detailed budget review - Development Services	Request to restore 2025 budget cuts from Development Services: consulting of \$7,080 / stationary of \$3,000. The expenditure demands are still present.	10,080	0.02%
DIS 14	Public works street decoration setup for holidays	To deal with additional scope of requests from Council directed activities above base budget. In other words, additional requests or asks for setup/takedown will be difficult to address with current budget funds.	10,000	0.02%
DIS 15	Building Bylaw update every 5 years	An addition to the Financial Stabilization Reserve is needed to fund the building bylaw updates that occur every. five years.	2,575	0.01%

Subtotal, net discretionary contractual, policy, and regulatory

\$ 467,655 0.93%

Total discretionary general operating inflation and contractual increases

\$ 469,298 0.93%