

# 2004 CURRENT BUDGET

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## PUBLIC INPUT SESSION I

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## Public Input

- P Ward 1 T. M. Davies Community Centre
- P Ward 2 Centre Lionel E. Lalonde Centre
- P Ward 3 Valley East Citizen Service Centre
- P Ward 4 Garson Arena
- P Ward 5 Lockerby Composite School Auditorium
- P Ward 6 Tom Davies Square

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Public Input Overview  
Presentation by staff which highlighted:

- P Provincial / National trends
- P Update on the long term financial plan
- P Levels of discretionary spending
- P Efficiencies and service improvements
- P BMA municipal competitiveness study

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## Public Input

Public input was sought in the following topics:

- P Should those who use service, pay for the service?
- P What level of municipal service do you expect?  
Should any services be reduced or eliminated?
- P Would you support a tax increase to maintain existing service levels?
- P Should the City borrow for infrastructure needs?
- P What service would you like to see improved or added?

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## Public Input

|             |     |
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| P Attendees | 200 |
| P Speakers  | 101 |
| P E-mails   | 6   |

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## Public Input Major Concerns:

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| P Concerned about maintaining recreation facilities (closures)           | 15 |
| P Concerns over personal use of City vehicles                            | 14 |
| P Borrowing to improve infrastructure (roads)<br>7 in favour / 4 opposed | 11 |
| P Reduce the proposed tax increase<br>(inflation - 8%)                   | 10 |

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## Public Input Major Concerns Continued:

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| P Look at efficiencies in the system                  | 10 |
| P Request for funding from outside social agencies    | 7  |
| P Dispose of excess properties                        | 6  |
| P Encourage in-migration / keep our young people here | 6  |

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## Public Input Other Concerns:

- P Introduce a spay and neuter program
- P Lobby senior levels of government for additional funding
- P In favour of user fees rather than tax increases
- P Perceive management at City being top heavy
- P Co-ordination of water, wastewater and road repairs
- P Provide financial assistance to non-municipal community centres

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## PUBLIC INPUT SESSION II February - March

- P Ward 1 - February 16, 2004  
Caruso Club - Lower Hall Boardroom
- P Ward 2 - February 17, 2004  
Dowling Citizens Service Centre
- P Ward 3 - February 18, 2004  
Centennial Arena Hall
- P Ward 4 - February 23, 2004  
Capreol Arena Hall
- P Ward 5 - March 1, 2004  
St. Benedict's Catholic Secondary School (tentative)
- P Ward 6 - March 6, 2004  
Tom Davies Square