

# Information Report

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Service Area	Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
Date	Friday, February 2, 2024
Subject	<b>2024 City of Guelph Proposed Submission to the Federal Pre-Budget Consultation</b>

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## Executive Summary

### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on the City's proposed submission to the federal pre-budget consultation process.

### Key Findings

The proposed submission to the federal pre-budget consultation process contains five (5) strategic requests of the province which aim to address key needs of the City as identified through cross-departmental engagement. The federal pre-budget consultation process is currently open and closes on February 9, 2024.

### Strategic Plan Alignment

The proposed submission is aligned with the City's Strategic Plan – Future Guelph and addresses key priorities under the City Building, Environment, and People and Economy themes of the Strategic Plan.

### Future Guelph Theme

Foundations

### Future Guelph Objectives

Foundations: Advocate for our city

### Financial Implications

None.

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## Report

The Department of Finance is currently seeking public input in advance of the 2024 federal budget which is expected to be tabled in March 2024. The federal pre-budget consultation process is currently open and closes on February 9, 2024. This process is an opportunity for organizations like the City of Guelph to provide direct input into federal budget-related decision making. Participation helps shape how the federal government prioritizes investments and is therefore important to ensure that the federal government is aware of Guelph's local priorities and fiscal needs.

Staff's proposed submission to the federal consultation process is attached to this Information Report and is in alignment with the City's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. The submission contains five (5) strategic requests of the federal government which aim to address key priorities of the City in 2024:

1. A request for the federal government to develop a new Municipal Growth Framework to provide municipalities with the revenue tools necessary to tackle the multi-faceted challenges facing our community.
2. A request for the federal government to extend green infrastructure funding opportunities to projects in the early stages of planning to provide municipalities with more confidence in budgeting for major green infrastructure projects.
3. A request for the federal government to prioritize creating stronger collaboration between municipalities and Indigenous governments, and provide support and guidance to municipalities with respect to Indigenous engagement.
4. A request for the federal government to consider a new intergovernmental funding program to support housing-enabling capital projects, including brownfield remediation.
5. A request to continue the flow of supplementary funding to Wellington County through the Reaching Home program to reflect the increased demand for supportive and emergency housing services in Guelph-Wellington.

This proposed submission would also inform any in-person or virtual budget engagement processes the City may participate in. More information on the consultation process can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/programs/consultations/2023/pre-budget-consultations-2024.html>

### **Financial Implications**

None.

### **Consultations**

The attached draft submission and priorities were developed through cross-departmental engagement.

### **Attachments**

Attachment-1: Draft 2024 City of Guelph Submission to the Federal Pre-Budget Consultation

### **Departmental Approval**

None.

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