

# **COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REVIEW PROCESS**

Council

**January 31, 2019** 

York Region

#### **Committee of the Whole February 14, 2019**

Community and Health Services **Environmental Services Transportation Services** York Region Rapid Transit Corporation

# **February 21, 2019**

York Regional Police **Conservation Authorities** YorkNet

# Committee of the Whole



Corporate Management, Financial Initiatives, Court Services and Other









## A MULTI-YEAR BUDGET TO FUND PRIORITIES

- The budget provides the resources to deliver Council's priorities
- A multi-year budget improves fiscal discipline and clarity around future tax levy needs, and provides service delivery partners with better information to develop their programs
- The budget development process includes a rigorous review of all programs and spending to identify efficiencies

# SAVINGS CAN BE GENERATED IN THREE WAYS

# Category 1: Efficiencies

 Through the budget development process, several efficiencies of about \$4.5M were identified and incorporated in the budget Category 2: Service Level Adjustments

• The budget includes service level adjustments to transit routes and snow removal operations, resulting in savings of \$1.5M and \$0.4M, respectively

Category 3: Increased Risk Tolerance

> Examples could include less reserve contributions and lower contingencies

# **FUNDING PRIORITIES**

#### **Core Services**

Children's Services

**Court Services** 

**Economic Development** 

Forestry

**Housing Services** 

Long-Term Care

Paramedic Services

**Planning** 

Police Services

Public Health

Regional Roads

Social Assistance

Transit

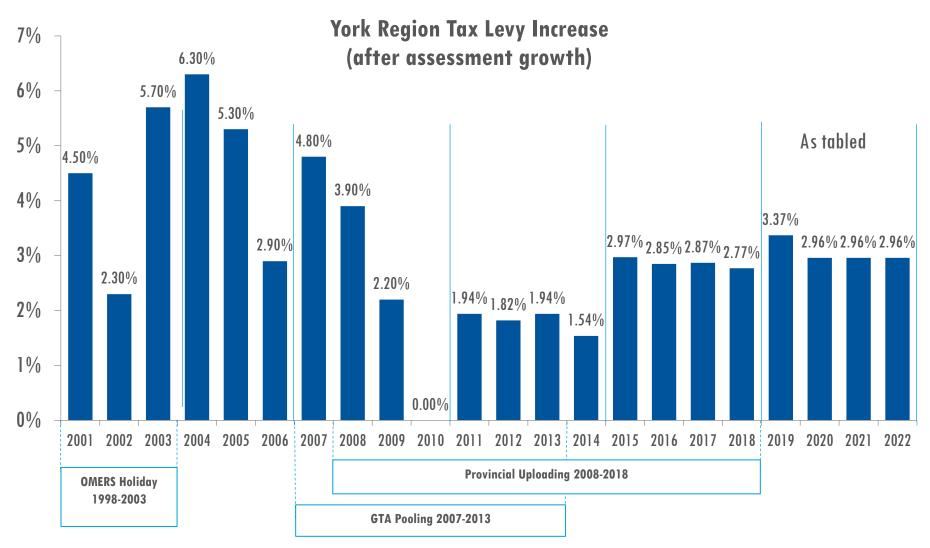
Waste Management

Water

#### Other funded initiatives...



# HISTORICAL TAX LEVY INCREASES



# STAFFING COSTS ARE 34% OF THE 2019 GROSS BUDGET

Fees, Charges & Other Reserves \$128 5.5% **Grants & Subsidies** S399M 17.1% **Development Charge Reserve** Draws \$248M 10.6% User Rates (Transit, Water & Wastewater) \$431M 18.4% Tax Levy \$1,132M 48.4%

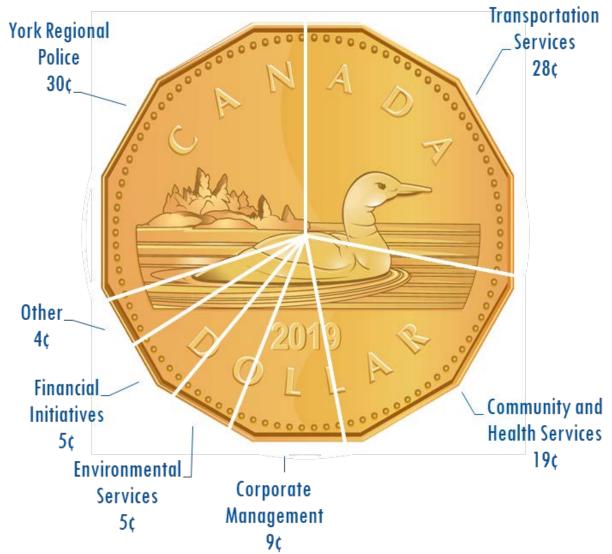
**General Expenses & Occupancy** \$186M 8.0% **Debt Servicing Costs** \$270M 11.5% **Contribution to Reserves** \$467M 20.0% **Program Costs & Contracted** Services \$611M 26.2% Salaries & Benefits \$803M 34.3%

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Balanced funding and spending \$2.3 Billion

\*As tabled on January 31, 2019

# OPERATING BUDGET: HOW THE TAX DOLLAR IS SPENT

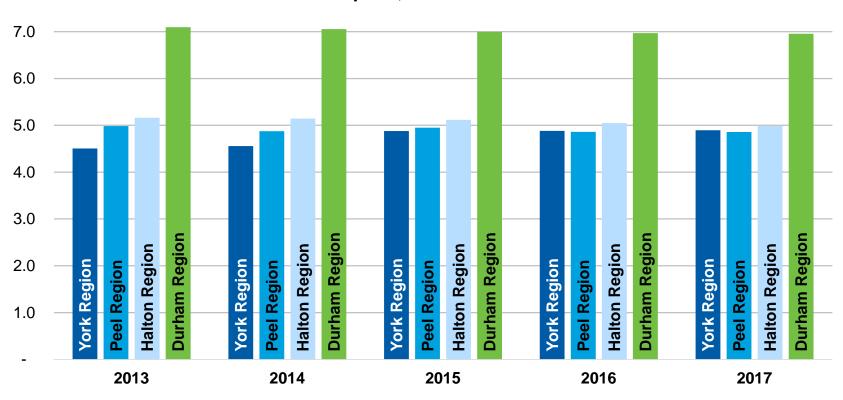




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# STAFFING GROWTH HAS BEEN MODERATED

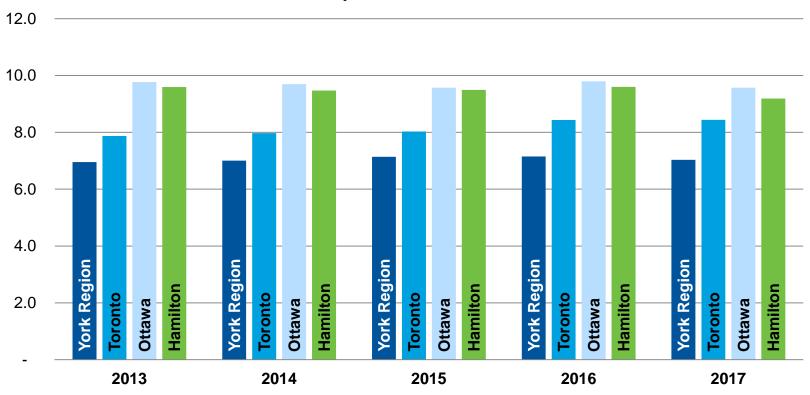
York, Peel, Halton and Durham Regional Governments FTEs per 1,000 Residents



Source: Financial Information Returns filed with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

# STAFFING COMPARISON WITH SINGLE TIER MUNICIPALITIES

York (including area municipalities), Toronto, Ottawa, and Hamilton FTEs per 1,000 Residents



Note: Figures exclude Police staff. Figures sourced from municipal budget information and Statistics Canada

### SENIOR GOVERNMENT POLICY DECISIONS AFFECT REGIONAL BUDGET

- Legalization of recreational Cannabis
- Transfer of prosecutions under Part III of the Provincial Offences Act
- Reductions in funding, for example for household hazardous and electronic waste disposal
- Cancellation of cap and trade impacting:
  - Social housing retrofit and improvement programs
  - The electric bus program in York Region Transit
- Uncertainty around previously announced doubling of Provincial Gas Tax revenues
- Introduction of Federal carbon tax effective April 1, 2019

# HOW ADDITIONAL SAVINGS COULD BE ACHIEVED

# Category 1: Efficiencies

 Through the budget development process, several efficiencies of about \$4.5M were identified and incorporated in the budget Category 2: Service Level Adjustments



 About \$1.9M in service level adjustments in the budget

 Additional adjustments may be required to meet proposed tax levy increases in outlook years Category 3: Increased Risk Tolerance

- Reduction of \$4.44M in 2019, from:
- Elimination of cannabis reserve contribution (\$3.26M)
- Reduced corporate contingencies (\$1.18M)

# A REVISED BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

### Proposed tax levy increase tabled on January 31st:

Tax Levy Change (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Base	3.37	2.96	2.96	2.96
Infrastructure Acceleration Option	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total	4.37	3.96	3.96	3.96

#### Amended budget recommendation:

Tax Levy Change (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022		
Base	2.96					
Roads Acceleration Option	1.00	2.96% including Roads  Acceleration Option				
Total	3.96	, 100	γισουναιών ο μποιι			

## FISCAL IMPACTS AT A GLANCE

Outstanding 2018 debt

\$2.7B

New DC debt in the next 10 years

\$1.8B

Tax-levy debt in the next 10 years

\$0

Rate-supported debt in the next 10 years

\$0

Increase in reserves in the next 10 years

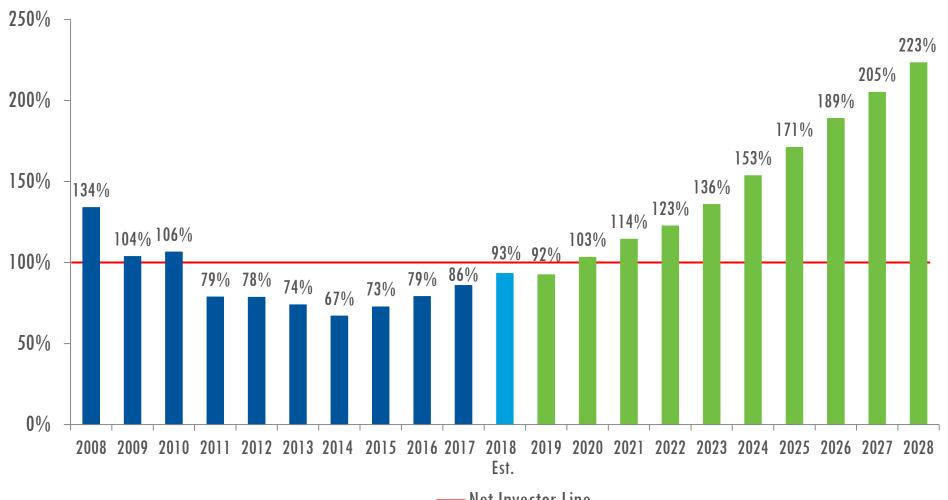
\$3.0B

Debt Management Plan compliant with the Province's ARL regulation

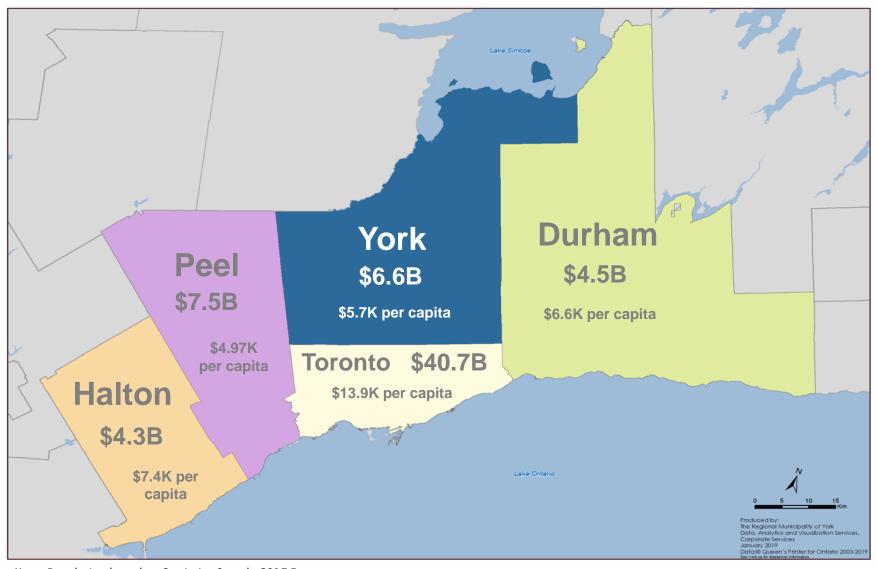


# THE REGION IS ON TRACK TO BECOME A NET INVESTOR BY 2020



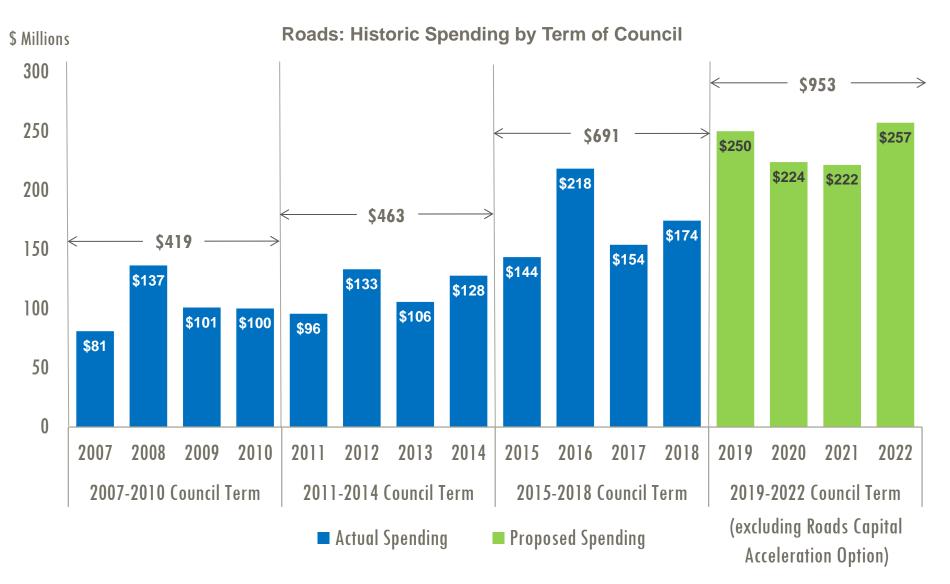


# COMPARING 10-YEAR CAPITAL PLANS IN THE GTA



Note: Population based on Statistics Canada 2017 Forecast.

# CAPITAL SPENDING ON ROADS CONTINUES TO GROW



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# SUGGESTED AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 2019 TO 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN AND 2019 TO 2022 REGIONAL BUDGET

- 2. Council approve the operating and capital budgets as follows:
  - a. The 2019 operating budget tabled on January 31, 2019 detailed in the 2019 to 2022 Budget book, as summarized in Attachment 2 as amended
    - i. to reduce the tax levy increase to 2.96%,
    - ii. with a further 1% increase for roads acceleration, for a total 2019 tax levy increase of 3.96%
- 3. Council approve endorse the 2020 to 2022 operating outlook tabled on January 31, 2019 detailed in the 2019 to 2022 Budget book, as summarized in Attachment 2 and amend the tax levy requirements to result in an annual tax levy increase of 2.96% from 2020 to 2022, including the 1% annual increase for roads acceleration.

## SUGGESTED AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS

### 2019 TO 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN AND 2019 TO 2022 REGIONAL BUDGET (CONT'D)

- 5. Council endorse the reconciliation of the 2019 Budget to the full accrual basis of accounting, as required under Ontario Regulation 284/09, as summarized in the Budget book and amended to reflect the changes to the operating budget noted in Recommendations 2.a. and 3
- 7. The final budget book be updated to reflect the changes noted in Recommendations 2.a, 3 and 5.

## SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

#### INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATION RESERVE OPTION

- Council approve the creation of the Infrastructure Acceleration
   Reserve Fund Roads Capital Acceleration Reserve to advance priority
   growth-related capital projects.
- 2. The reserve be funded by a 1% tax levy contribution in 2019, and future tax levy contributions of up to 1% per year between 2020-2022, conditional on the overall tax levy increase not exceeding 2.96% in any given year, from an additional 1% Infrastructure Acceleration levy for the years from 2019 to 2022, and the transfer of \$82.7 million from the Debt Reduction Reserve in 2022.