



# Two key concerns from budget perspective:

# 1. Setting strategic priorities

Council has trouble focusing on the big picture, fixing citywide problems

# 2. Monitoring the "ABCs"

Agencies, boards, commissions, and corporations require greater oversight

# City of Toronto Strategic Plan

# **Integrated Planning Framework**



# Strategic Actions for 2013-2018

#### **City Building**

- 1. Implement Smart Urban Growth Strategies
- Invest in Culture
- 3. Develop a Long-term Transportation Plan and Policies

#### **Economic Vitality**

- 4. Increase Employment Opportunities
- Accelerate Economic Growth

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

- 6. Support Environmental Sustainability
- 7. Develop a Long-term Solid Waste Management Strategy

#### **Social Development**

- 8. Support Affordable Housing
- 9. Strengthen Neighbourhoods
- 10. Enhance the City's Quality of Life
- 11. Advance Toronto's Motto 'Diversity our Strength'
- 12. Improve Emergency Response and Prevention

#### **Good Governance**

- 13. Open Government by Design
- 14. Engage the Public
- 15. Strengthen Public Service Governance
- 16. Strengthen Intergovernmental Relationships
- 17. Enhance the City's Capacity to Serve Toronto's Diversity
- 18. Develop and Implement a Workforce Plan
- 19. Improve Customer Service
- 20. Enhance Performance Measurement
- 21. Improve Organizational Excellence
- 22. Implement Shared Services

#### **Fiscal Sustainability**

- 23. Update the Long-term Fiscal Plan
- 24. Improve Service and Financial Planning
- 25. Ensure State of Good Repair for Infrastructure
- 26. Finance the City's Growth

## **SET STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

# Recommendation 1: Annual Mayor's Address

The Mayor should deliver an annual Mayor's Address to Council in early Spring that lays out his or her strategic priorities and public commitments for the coming year and remaining term of Council.

# Recommendation 2: Start of Term Budget Consultations

At the start of every Council term following an election, City staff should conduct large-scale public consultations on the City's long-term service priorities to confirm Council's strategic direction for the four-year term.



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## Recommendation 3: New Budget Sequence

The preliminary budget should be presented to the Mayor and Executive Committee first, then referred to Budget Committee, to ensure consistency between the Mayor's public priorities, as well as start of term budget consultations, and the final budget presented to Council.

## Recommendation 4: Require Financial Offsets

Any motion (or amendment) tabled at Council that generates a financial impact, but does not identify a specific in-year offset, should be automatically referred to Budget Committee in order to ensure that Council decisions are consistent with previously adopted financial plans.



## **MONITOR THE ABCS**

# Recommendation 5: Rolling ABC Review

City staff should conduct an annual, rolling review of local agencies, boards, corporations, and commissions to ensure that each organization's operations are aligned with the City's strategic priorities.

