



Toronto Youth Cabinet

Building a Better Budget Process in Toronto

IMFG and SPPG

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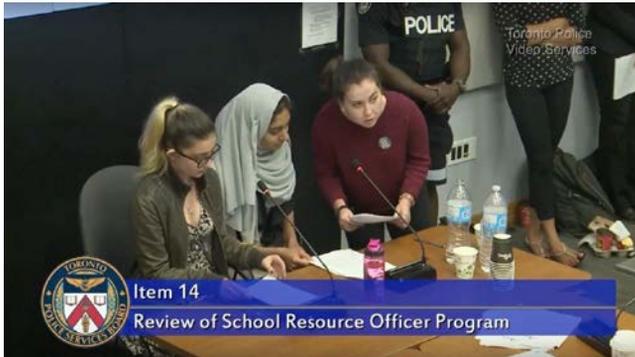


What is the Toronto Youth Cabinet?



- Established by City Council in 1998
 - The City's official youth advisory body
 - By youth, for youth
 - Promotes youth involvement in policy development
 - Advocates on youth issues
 - Working groups for various areas
 - Open, monthly Cabinet meetings at City Hall
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Advocacy



- Financial literacy
- Removal of School Resource Officers
- Housing
- Youth unemployment
- Transit
- Newcomer youth
- And more!



Budget Working Group



- City of Toronto's Participatory Budgeting Pilot Project
- 2017 and 2018 city budgets

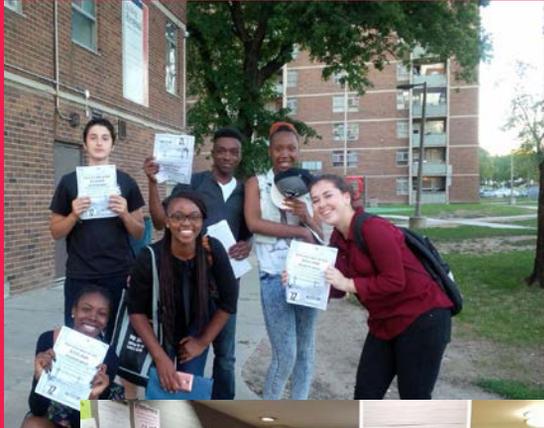




City of Toronto's Participatory Budgeting Pilot Project

- *Ward 33*
- *Oakridge*
- *Rustic*

- Worked with City of Toronto staff to conduct youth-friendly outreach
- Hosted youth-only workshops and town halls on the project to brainstorm ideas
- Empowered youth leaders to own PB
- Youth ideas made it onto the ballot and were eventually voted for





2018 City Budget

- 100,000 households waiting for social housing
- 1 in 4 children live in poverty (1 in 3 in some parts of the city)
- Waitlists for affordable recreation have grown by 62% to 189,000

- “Kicking the can down the road”
- Growing inequality
- \$66M in unfunded promises (adopted strategies)
- *Who will this city and its budgets be affordable for if we continue down this road?*

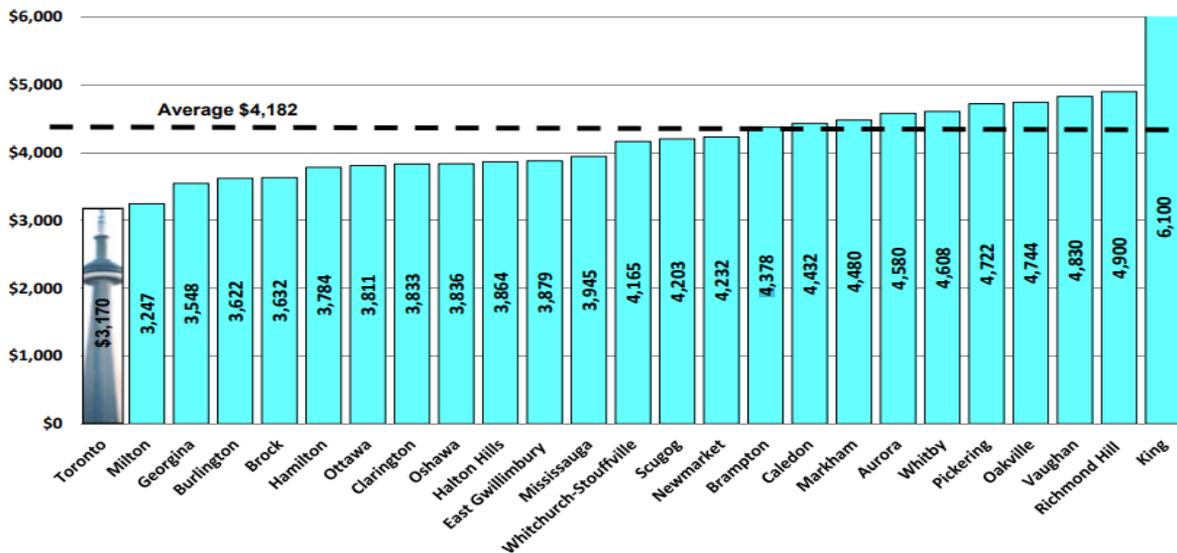




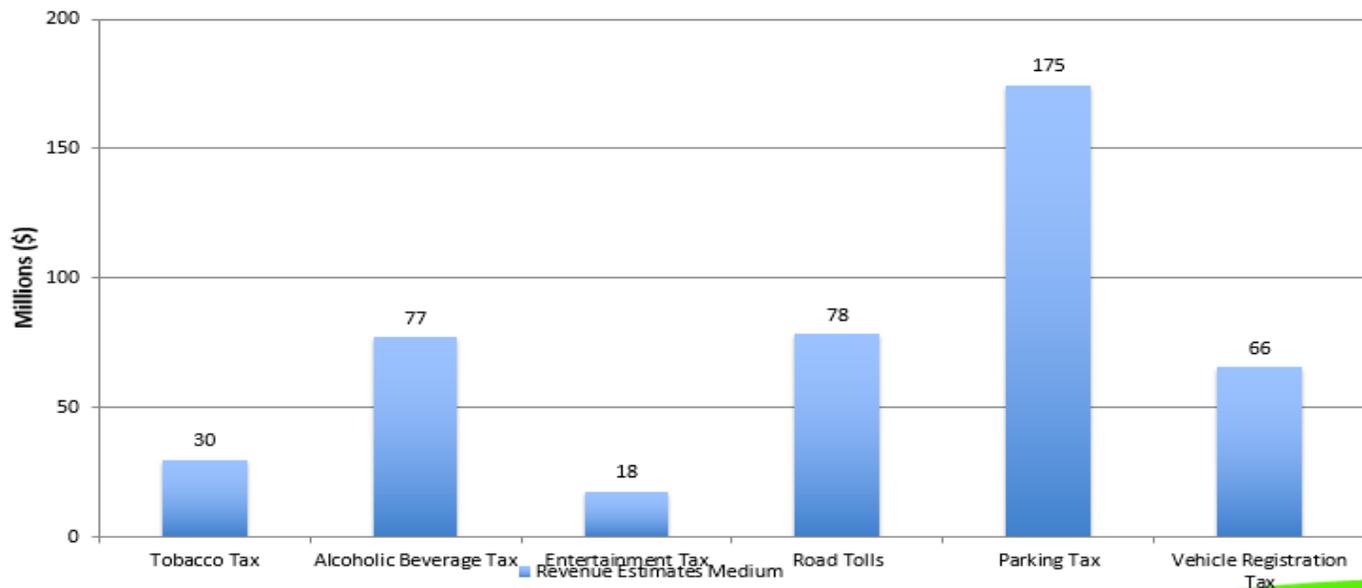
Another budget is possible!

- A Long-Term Financial Plan!
- “Flip” our backwards budget process
- More, earlier budget consultation

COMPARISON OF 2015 AVERAGE PROPERTY TAXES GTHA MUNIS & OTTAWA - \$1,000 LESS THAN AVERAGE



How much they could raise



Thank you!

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