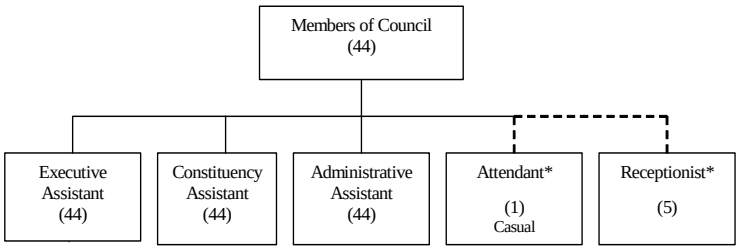
City Council

The Government of the City of Toronto champions the economic, social and environmental vitality of the city. The City strives to provide high quality and affordable services that respond to the needs of our communities and invests in infrastructure to support city building. The City is a leader in identifying issues of importance and in finding creative ways of responding to them.

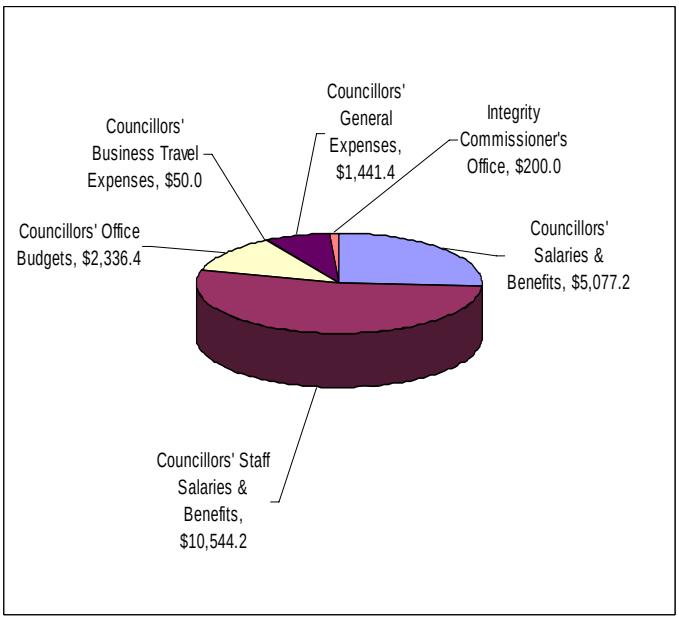
Program Profile



*Reports to Manager, Council Services

2007 Recommended Operating Budget by Service

Total = $19,649.2 (Gross)



2007 Key Strategic Directions and Priorities

The City of Toronto Council sets corporate strategic direction, priorities and policies; authorizes the raising of revenues and approves the expenditures of funds for the provision of services in the City. The Council program provides the administrative and other resources that Councillors require to carry out their duties.

2006 Key Accomplishments

- Supported 65 different decision bodies with 382 meetings with 519 meeting agendas.
- Processed almost 10,000 items (e.g., staff reports and Notices of Motions) during 1,203 in-session hours of meetings.
- Adopted 1,108 by-laws
- Provided 161,000 notices to persons about meetings and agenda items.
- Received 3,239 speakers to Council's committees
- Processed 1,231 applications for citizen appointments to 118 positions on 19 City boards (2007).
- The Secretariat provides services from 4 locations: City Hall, Scarborough Civic Centre, North York Civic Centre and Etobicoke Civic Centre.
- All City divisions and most City agencies directly interact with the Secretariat as part of the City's decision-making process.
- Internet access to Council and Committee schedules, agendas, decisions, reports and minutes
- Web-streaming of Council meetings through arrangement with Rogers TV.

2008 / 2009 Outlook

It is anticipated that service levels provided to constituents will remain at current levels throughout 2008 & 2009

Program Objectives for 2007

Continue to provide high quality affordable services to our community, with public participation, while maintaining a system of responsible and accountable governance and to develop the City of Toronto to make it a more desirable place for the community to live in.

The City Council's Objectives are guided by the following principles:

Advocacy:	We are advocates on behalf of our city's needs with other orders of government
Community Participation:	We facilitate active community involvement in all aspects of civic life, both locally and city-wide
Equity:	We respond to and support diverse needs and interests and work to achieve social justice
Effectiveness:	We set and accomplish objectives, pursue innovative approaches, safeguard public assets and make efficient use of our resources
Leadership:	We plan for change and take a leadership role on issues of importance to the City