

Citizen Control of the Citizen's Business

TORONTO'S CITIZENS CAN CONTROL TORONTO'S AFFAIRS ONLY
THROUGH FREQUENT, PROMPT, ACCURATE AND PERTINENT INFOR-
MATION WITH REGARD TO TORONTO'S BUSINESS.

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The 1929 City Budget

STORY No. 1

The equivalent of departmental and special expenditures and of tax and general revenues in mills on the assessment, school or general.

The total gross revenue for appropriation in 1929 is \$33,009,077.25. Deducting governmental educational subventions, etc., and reserves for deferred expenditure, the total net general revenue from which the civic appropriations are made, is \$32,106,832—the total appearing herein and in the City Estimates.

CITY OF TORONTO
Revenue, corresponding Mill Rate, etc.
1929 - 1928
(Based on official estimates for each year)

PURPOSE	Amount of Levy		Mill Rate		Assessment Basis	
	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928
A.—TAXATION						
Education in schools—						
Public school supporters.....	\$9,346,896	\$ 8,659,643	10.20	9.90	\$916,362,396	\$874,711,455
Separate school supporters.....	737,081	684,087	14.45	14.25	51,009,041	48,006,117
Total schools.....	10,083,977	9,343,730	21.30	21.90	967,371,437	922,717,572
General purposes.....	19,105,613	18,685,988			896,977,126	853,241,469
All purposes (gross).....	29,189,590	28,029,718	31.50 P.	31.80 P.		
			35.75 S.	36.15 S.		
Less reserve for taxes uncollectable, etc.....	608,660	605,672	.68	.71		
Total net taxation.....	28,580,930	27,424,046				
B.—REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXATION						
SOURCE						
Surplus available for appropriation.....	\$1,218,181	\$ 810,388	1.36	.95		
General appropriation withdrawn.....	20,573	51,990	.02	.06		
General revenue.....	1,296,500	1,238,400	1.45	1.45		
Waterworks surplus.....	990,648	760,772	1.10	.90		
Total revenue other than taxation.....	3,525,902	2,861,550	3.93	3.36		
Total revenue (including net taxation).....	32,106,832	30,285,596	34.75 P.	34.45 P.		
			39.00 S.	38.80 S.		

The mill rate has gone down for both Public and Separate School supporters. If all revenue had to be raised by taxation, it would have gone up slightly.

P.—Public School Supporters. S.—Separate School Supporters.

CITY OF TORONTO
The equivalent of expenditures in mills on the assessment
(Based on official estimates for each year)

Service	Amount of Expenditures		Equivalent in Mills	
	1929	1928	1929	1928
Education in schools				
Industrial.....	\$ 12,727	\$ 12,723	.013	.014
Secondary—				
Technical.....	921,082	758,571	.952	.823
Commercial.....	576,377	510,001	.596	.554
Collegiate.....	1,342,723	1,244,469	1.388	1.350
Elementary—				
Public.....	6,642,536	6,251,408	7.249	7.148
Separate.....	586,604	552,070	11.500	11.500
Total school expenditures.....	\$10,082,049	\$9,329,242	10.20* 14.45**	9.90* 14.25**
General—				
Telephone exchange.....	\$ 7,900	\$ 7,000	.009	.008
Court of Revision.....	4,000	7,500	.004	.009
City Relief Office.....	18,917	15,128	.021	.018
Audit Department.....	40,750	30,350	.046	.036
Special grants.....	104,887	78,146	.117	.091
Law Department.....	97,920	82,770	.107	.097
City Council.....	104,337	76,903	.116	.090
Unemployment Relief.....	125,000	100,000	.139	.117
Architect's Department.....	165,803	160,109	.186	.187
City Clerk's Department.....	183,370	149,586	.204	.175
Courts, inquests, etc.....	232,860	198,550	.260	.233
Mothers' Allowance Com.....	242,000	210,000	.270	.246
Assessment Department.....	311,505	308,022	.347	.361
Treasury Department.....	361,060	331,836	.403	.388
Public Libraries.....	405,114	383,925	.452	.450
Items at large.....	883,845	586,834	.985	.688
Hospitals and homes.....	960,793	804,536	1.071	.943
Health Department.....	1,150,430	1,080,370	1.282	1.266
Property Department.....	1,227,439	1,228,008	1.368	1.439
Parks Department.....	1,265,806	1,173,296	1.411	1.375
Works Department.....	1,298,290	1,368,243	1.447	1.604
Street Cleaning Dept.....	1,919,260	1,847,581	2.140	2.165
Police Department.....	2,927,824	2,257,490	3.264	2.646
Fire Department.....	2,510,833	2,593,909	2.799	3.040
Undistributed debt charges.....	4,172,456	4,400,819	4.652	5.158
Total Departmental Exp.....	\$20,722,399	\$19,480,911	23.100	22.83
Deficits of Special Services				
Housing.....	\$ 17,350	\$ 13,995	.019	.016
Abattoir.....	40,171	41,170	.045	.048
Royal Winter Fair.....	87,568	73,044	.098	.084
Island Ferry.....	50,000	82,600	.056	.095
Can. National Ex.....	70,890	102,967	.079	.120
Radials.....	350,000	430,000	.390	.504
Harbour Com.....	686,405	731,667	.765	.857
Total Deficit of Spec. Serv.....	\$1,302,384	\$1,475,443	1.452	1.72
Total General Expenditure.....	\$22,024,783	\$20,956,354	24.552	24.55
Total Expenditure.....	\$32,106,832	\$30,285,596	34.75* or 39.00**	34.45* or 38.80**

*Public School Supporters.

**Separate School Supporters.

COMMENT

1. The mill rate for technical schools, commercial high schools, colleges and public schools increased in 1929 over 1928.
2. The mill rate for departmental expenditures increased in 1929 over 1928.
3. The mill rate for deficits on special services decreased in 1929 below 1928.
4. There were increases in the mill rate for the following services and departments:
City Relief Office, Special Grants, Audit Department, Law Department, City Council, City Clerk's Department, Courts, Inquests, etc., Mothers' Allowance Commission, Treasury Department, Hospitals and Homes, Health Department, Parks Department and Police Department.
5. There were decreases in the mill rate in the following:
Court of Revision, Assessment Department, Works Department, Street Cleaning Department and the Fire Department.
6. There was also a noteworthy decrease in the mill rate for undistributed debt charges from 1.72 M. to 1.45 M.

These figures cannot fail to convey a clear impression of the great importance that the City of Toronto has reached as a centre where people work and live.

The most important question before the citizens of Toronto at the present time is "How can Toronto continue to grow and at the same time preserve or improve the conditions of work and the amenities of life."

Only long, consistent and intelligent planning can make this possible. Can Toronto afford even for a short time to be without an "Advisory City Planning Commission" with adequate powers of inquiry and study?