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TORONTO'S CITY BUDGET FOR 1945

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WHAT PAYMENTS WERE TO BE MADE FOR SERVICES OF PERSONS, WHAT SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WERE TO BE PURCHASED, WHAT DEBT CHARGES WERE TO BE PAID, AND WHAT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES WERE TO BE MADE OUT OF CURRENT FUNDS — TAXES, MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES, AND PROVINCIAL SUBVENTIONS OR GRANTS.

A	Salaries, Wages, and other payments for personal services.....	\$21,394,759
B	Other expense (supplies, equipment, services other than personal, etc.).....	8,631,296
C	Debt Charges:	
	Interest.....	2,030,055
	Debt Retirement.....	4,063,217
		<u>6,093,272</u>
D	Capital Outlay out of Current Revenue (Separate School Board).....	15,702
	TOTAL.....	<u><u>\$36,135,029</u></u>

CITY OF TORONTO

1945 BUDGET

Estimated Current Expenditures out of Taxation, Provincial Subventions or Grants, Surpluses, Credits, Other General Revenues for 1945, 1944, 1943, 1942, 1941, 1932 and 1930 Analyzed according to the Chief Objects of Expenditures entering into the Cost of the General Functions of the Municipal Government.

OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	TOTAL							PER CAPITA						
	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1932	1930	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1932	1930
Salaries, Wages and Other Payments for Personal Services.....	\$21,394,759	\$20,436,511	\$19,262,552	\$18,321,616	\$18,238,793	\$18,852,387	\$18,076,871	\$31.46	\$30.19	\$28.57	\$27.38	\$27.81	\$30.08	\$29.08
Other Expenses.....	8,631,296	7,729,058	7,947,282	7,709,632	7,503,512	11,181,919	9,976,278	12.70	11.42	11.78	11.52	11.45	17.85	16.05
Debt Services.....	6,093,272	6,723,242	6,837,939	8,181,229	9,130,125	7,355,757	6,662,214	8.96	9.93	10.14	12.23	13.92	11.74	10.72
(a) Interest.....	2,030,055	2,318,734	2,472,615	2,734,564	3,038,458	4,139,629	3,888,667	2.99	3.43	3.67	4.09	4.63	6.61	6.26
(b) Debt Retirement.....	4,063,217	4,404,508	4,365,324	5,446,665	6,091,667	3,216,128	2,773,547	5.97	6.50	6.47	8.14	9.29	5.13	4.46
Capital Outlay*.....	15,702*	79,440*				182,539	491,414	.02	.12				.29	.79
Total Expenditure.....	\$36,135,029	\$34,968,251	\$34,047,773	\$34,212,477	\$34,872,430	\$37,572,602	\$35,206,777	\$53.14	\$51.66	\$50.49	\$51.13	\$53.18	\$59.96	\$56.64
Population (Actual).....	680,000	676,887	674,285	669,130	655,751	626,674	621,596							

*In the 1930 City Budget the greater part of capital outlay out of current funds was for the police signal system. Since 1932 the Budget has not provided for capital expenditures from current revenues, but the City's debt has been steadily reduced. The capital outlay figures in the 1944 and 1945 estimated expenditure are from the estimates of the Separate School Board.

COMMENTS

- For 13 years, with one exception, the amount in the budget for salaries and other payments for personal services was \$18,000,000 and some fraction thereof. It varied between \$18,077,000 and \$18,322,000. (See W.P. No. 281, August 31st, 1943). In 1943 it passed the \$19,000,000 mark and the 1945 budget provided for over \$21½ millions for this item. (Of this amount 9½ millions are estimated school salaries.) This is \$31.46 (est.) for every man, woman and child in Canada or about \$120 for every family. Certainly the City, outside entirely of the T.T.C. and the Hydro is a large employer of labour of many varieties. It is encouraging to note that a personnel department has been established and a beginning has been made on the amalgamation of departments. What these two departures may mean depends not on by-laws but on how they actually function in practice. The proper constitution of the City Council itself is of basic importance. If the City Council the legislative branch is ineffectively organized, how can we expect fundamental reorganization of the permanent Executive Branch?
- Other expense, which includes supplies, equipment and upkeep in general, increased by only \$900,000 (approximately). It is the largest since 1933, when appropriations for the items included in other

expense amounted to \$13,417,669 as against \$8,631,296 in 1945. (See W.P. 281, August 31st, 1943). Appropriations for these items in the years immediately following can hardly be avoided.

- Since 1939, in which year the war started, (See W.P. 281, August 31st, 1943) estimated salaries, wages and other payments for personal services have increased \$2,557,611 or 13.6%, Other expenses (supplies, equipment, general upkeep etc.) have decreased \$ 507,683 or 5.6% and debt charges have decreased..... \$3,856,218 or 38.8%.

The percentage of the total estimated expenditure allotted under these three heads for the two years compared, are respectively:—

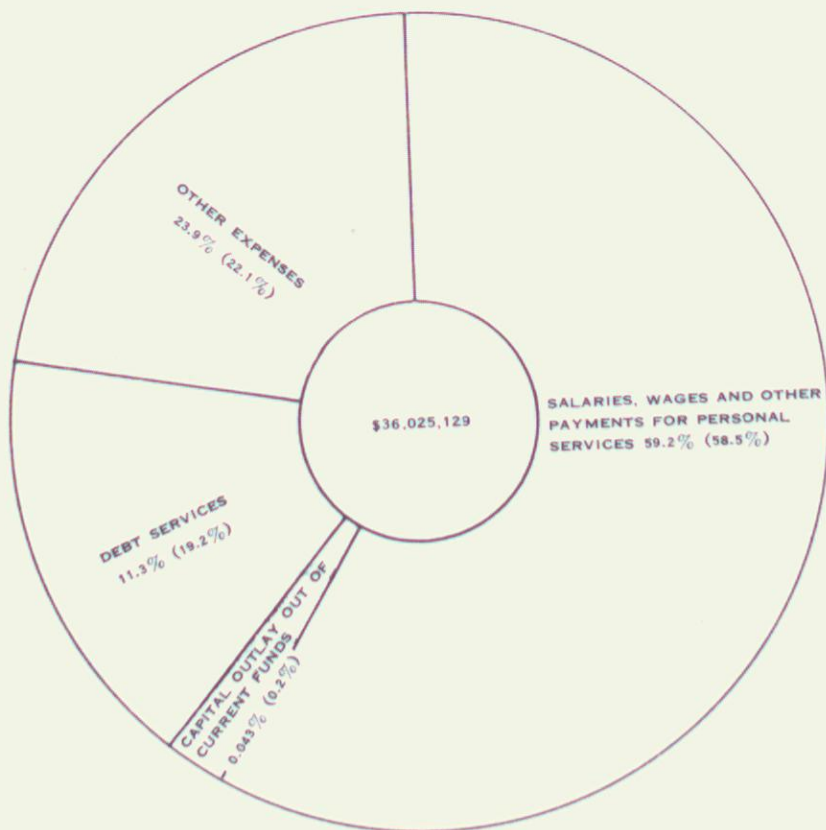
Percent of total est. exp. devoted to	1945	1939
Salaries, wages and other payments for Personal Service.....	59.2	49.7
Other Expenses.....	23.9	24.1
Debt Charges.....	16.86	26.2
Capital Outlay.....	.04	—

QUERIES

1. Is there any Civic business which affects more directly the well-being of every family in Toronto than the preparation of the annual budget?
2. Is there any day in the year when the heads of families have any more direct contact with the Civic business?
3. Is there any good reason why the forthcoming Civic budget for 1946, should not be discussed concretely before the people who are to provide the revenue and elect the persons who will determine and administer the 1946 budget?

If the answers to these three questions are "No", to ensure that the people who pay the bills shall have a chance to discuss a tentative civic budget for 1946, why is not something tangible done? Who or what is stopping it?

WHAT THE CITY'S 1945 ESTIMATED REVENUE WAS TO BE SPENT ON:—



(The figures in brackets are those for the 1944 budget).