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TORONTO'S CIVIC BUDGET

FOR 1946

Being Proposed Current Expenditure out of Anticipated Revenues
From All Sources.

Story No. 2

What estimated revenues of \$39,841,362 are expected to buy in services.

Estimated Current Expenditures for the Years 1930, 1933, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, Analyzed by Cost of Main Functions to be Met out of Taxation and Revenue other than Taxation.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BY MAIN FUNCTIONS	TOTAL						% OF TOTAL		PER CAPITA					
	1946	1945	1944	1943	1933	1930	1946	1945	1946	1945	1944	1943	1933	1930
General Government.....	\$ 4,792,813	\$ 4,461,347	\$ 4,391,174	\$ 3,897,171	\$ 4,800,260	\$ 3,637,223	12.03%	12.18%	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.54	\$ 6.49	\$ 5.78	\$ 7.70	\$ 5.85
Protection Persons and Property.....	6,387,860	5,347,896	5,234,722	5,100,106	5,730,269	6,218,191	16.03%	14.60%	9.32	7.84	7.73	7.56	9.19	10.00
Health and Sanitation.....	5,651,490	4,841,618	4,485,064	4,245,700	3,773,605	4,011,583	14.19%	13.21%	8.25	7.10	6.63	6.30	6.05	6.45
Highways.....	2,508,137	2,313,364	2,330,690	2,321,184	2,497,217	3,530,684	6.29%	6.31%	3.66	3.39	3.44	3.44	4.00	5.68
Education*.....	14,205,159	14,097,999	13,209,885	12,799,982	12,316,402	11,865,987	35.66%	38.48%	20.74	20.67	19.52	18.98	19.75	19.09
Recreation.....	1,757,328	1,479,737	1,477,834	1,454,953	1,576,220	1,923,013	4.41%	4.04%	2.56	2.17	2.18	2.16	2.53	3.10
Welfare, Charities and Corrections (in- cluding Direct Government Grants for Direct Unemployment Relief)†.....	3,600,525	3,216,342	3,390,303	3,714,557	9,292,624	2,531,344	9.04%	8.78%	5.25	4.73	5.01	5.51	14.90	4.07
Special Grants.....	46,062	40,605	32,973	32,443	31,968	35,950	.11%	.11%	.07	.06	.05	.05	.05	.06
Deficits on Special Services.....	891,988	837,851	895,606	999,327	1,916,739	1,541,332	2.24%	2.29%	1.30	1.23	1.32	1.48	3.07	2.48
General Deficit from Previous Year.....	(Surplus)	(Surplus)	(Surplus)	(Surplus)	(Deficit)	(Surplus)			(Surplus)	(Surplus)	(Surplus)	(Surplus)	(Deficit)	(Surplus)
Total Expenditure.....	\$39,841,362	\$36,636,759	\$35,448,251	\$34,565,423	\$43,193,632	\$35,295,307	100.00%	100.00%	\$ 58.15	\$ 53.73	\$ 52.37	\$ 51.26	\$ 69.26	\$ 56.78
Population (Actual).....	685,000 (Estimated)	681,802	676,887	674,285	623,562	621,596								

*Current expenditures out of revenue from all sources, as with all main functions. Includes Public Schools, Separate Schools, Collegiate Institutes.
 †Figures revised to include Government Grants, Unemployment Relief; 1946—\$557,000, 1945—\$501,730, 1944—\$480,000, 1943—\$517,650, 1933—\$4,286,142, 1930—\$88,530.

COMMENT

1. The estimated cost of General Government, "overhead" and undistributed items, is \$1,150,000 more than in 1930. Even on a per capita basis it is over 19% more than in 1930. Expressed in percentage of the total estimated expenditure, it is slightly lower than in 1945.
2. The estimated cost of Protection of Persons and Property has recovered from its war slump and is now slightly higher than in 1930. On the per capita basis it is even yet lower than in 1930.
3. The estimated cost of Health and Sanitation has also recovered from the low point in 1933, both on the basis of percentage of the total expenditure and on the per capita basis, and has gone forward to new levels. It is now over \$1,600,000 greater than in 1930.
4. Education has continued its upward swing. Since 1930 it has increased almost 20%. On the per capita basis, however, it has increased only a little over 8.6%. Increased government grants from revenues collected partly from Toronto's citizens has altered the

incidence of the taxation for schools, but, of course, have not affected the costs.

5. Estimated expenditure on Welfare, Charities and Corrections while still immensely lower than in 1930 has again turned upward.
6. While there is some increase in the estimated expenditure on Recreation, it is still far below the 1930 level.
7. The proposed expenditure on highways is lower than the corresponding figure in the 1930 budget and actually forms a smaller percentage of the total estimated expenditure than in 1945. The figures, however, are not entirely comparable on account of changes in administration. Shall we not have to do better than this if we are to regain for our city its former reputation for good pavements and smooth sidewalks? No doubt we shall do so finally when the tax rate, as it undoubtedly will, begins to soar.

CITIZEN COOPERATION CAN CUT COSTS AND HELP CITY SERVICES TO PRODUCE BETTER RESULTS.

The effect of Citizen Cooperation in civic house keeping can already be clearly observed. The Department of Street Cleaning has solicited and obtained this cooperation and is using on its vehicles such slogans as:

- (1) "Do your part to keep Toronto clean and tidy."
- (2) "Use proper covered metal garbage and ash containers."
- (3) "Do not litter the streets, Use Containers."
- (4) "This truck helps keep Toronto clean, Won't you help too?"
- (5) "Help us keep Toronto clean."
- (6) "This City is our City, Yours and Mine. Help keep it clean."

On street litter cans, the legends are:

- "Do not litter the streets. Deposit waste here."
 "Curb your spit. Do not spit on the sidewalk."

These slogans will be altered periodically in order to keep the appeals fresh. The Department is to be commended for its forward looking policy.

Being a clean city helps civic morale.

The reputation of being a clean city is worth dollars and cents.

All other operating and protective departments welcome and need citizen cooperation.

WHAT THE CITY'S 1946 ESTIMATED REVENUE IS TO BE SPENT FOR

(The figures in brackets are those of preceding year).

