## Continued transition ... continuing



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Budget 2019-2022



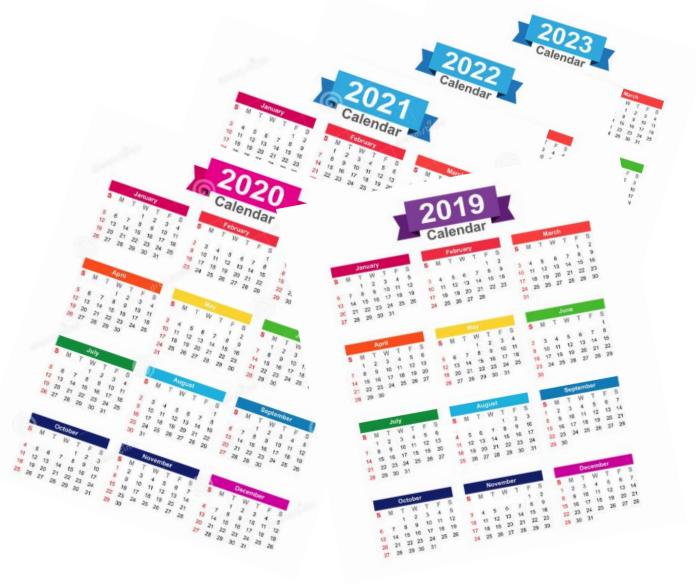
# Objective

### **Formal Objective**

- ❖ Approval of Budget 2019 Operating and Capital
- Endorsement of the proposed 2020-2022 Operating and 2020-2023 Capital

### **Informal Objectives**

- Greater certainty
- Clear line of sight





# Proposed timelines and topics

Date	Discussion	
October 29	2018 Base Budget Refresh	
October 31 and November 2	2019-2022 Base Budget	
November 5, 9, 16	2019-2023 Capital Budget	
November 26, 29	2019-2022 Operating Initiatives	
December 4, 6	Aggregate Review	

## Ten days in total



# What's new this year?

- ➤ Modernized MGA
  - Four-year Operating
  - Five-year Capital
- > Recovering economy
- > Increasing social complexity
- ➤ Home ownership rules
- ➤ Climbing interest rates



# We are managing those things under our control and preparing for those that are not

- > The further out we project, the less certainty exists
  - Built in flexibility for Council policy or strategic initiatives
- > Addressed uncertainty in Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding
- > Focus on what is important
  - Strategic Plan
  - Corporate Business Plan
  - Department Business Plans
- > Evidence-based environment



# Weighing the evidence

- ➤ Priority-based budgeting (PBB)
  - Quartiles
- > Financial Realities
  - Reserve balances
  - Debt capacity
- ➤ Strathcona County Online Opinion Panel (SCOOP)
- ➤ County Connect

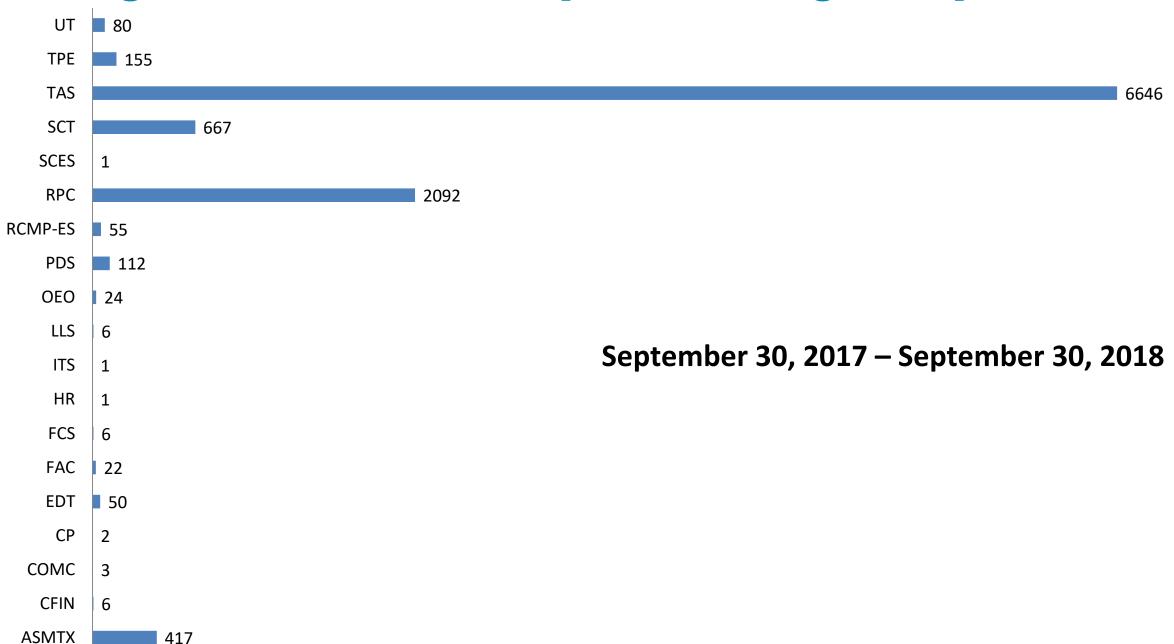


## Evidence-based decisions

Year	County Connect total requests	Average requests per month
2015	3,456	494
2016	9,530	794
2017	10,970	914
2018	Tracking for 11,400	948



## County Connect requests by department





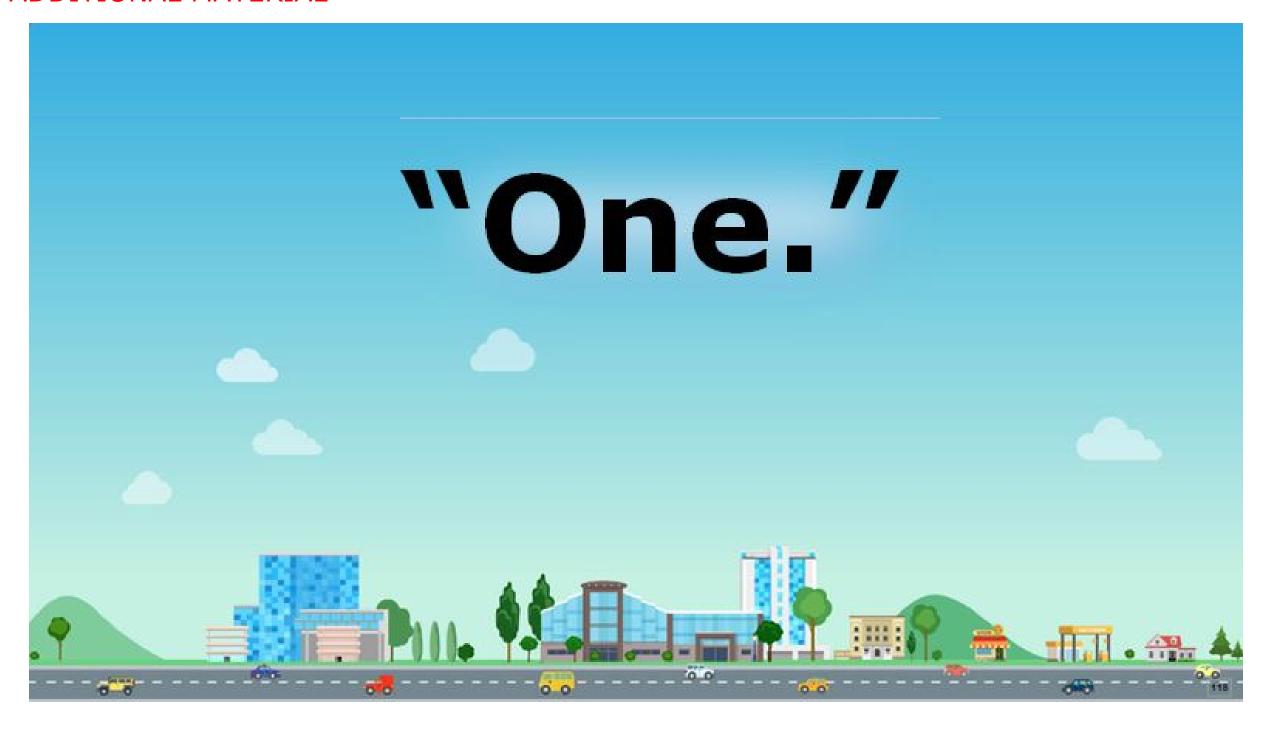
# Two-stage business planning process

We created a two-step process for business cases

❖ Phase 1: High-level

❖ Phase 2: Detailed







# Enter the Senior Leadership Team...





## Phase 2: Detailed business cases

- ➤ Detailed business cases allowed all proposed initiatives to be assessed on a level playing field
- > Each one was evaluated with an enterprise lens
- > Capacity was the primary focus

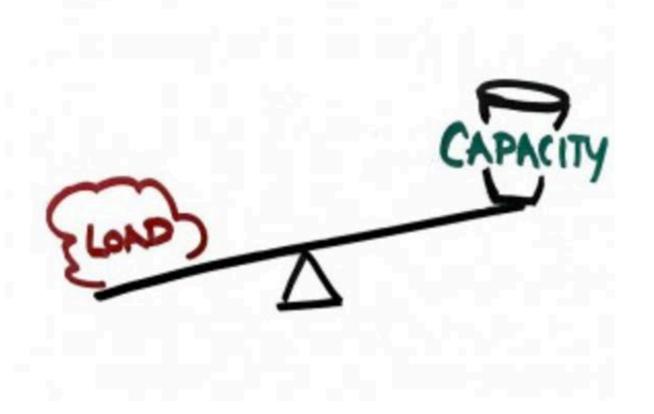


# Capacity

Evidence shows that we needed to examine our capacity

- > Surpluses
- Carry-overs

We've come a LONG way ...





## **Themes**

Themes of the upcoming Budget and Business Planning cycle:

- ➤ Linking the 2018 Base Budget to the Base for 2019 and beyond
- ➤ Addressing internal resource gaps
- > Proposed 5-year Capital plan that requires no new debt



# Municipal Operating and Capital





# Projected tax rate impacts





# Questions?

