

## 2012 Budget Update

# COMMITMENT 2 COMMUNITY

## Budget Cuts Announced to Community Services & Programs



A 9.8% cut was proposed to the Community Partnership Investment Program (CPIP), which provides funding to various community services, health programs, housing supports and arts & culture programs. The 2012 budget contains over \$88 million in cuts to programs that address the inequities faced by children, seniors and other vulnerable Torontonians.

### A 10% Budget Cut to CPIP Means:

- A total of **\$1,720,000 would be cut from community services, which is the equivalent to a reduction of approximately 83 programs/ projects, as well as 6,000 volunteer opportunities in 2012.** This cut would impact non-profit organizations funded through CPIP's Findhelp Toronto, Graffiti Transformation, Access & Equity and Human Rights, Community Safety Investment, Service Development Program, Youth Led initiatives, Community Festivals, Major and Minor Recreation programs.
- A total of **\$634,000 would be cut from Public Health programs** – this reduction would be equivalent to 58 fewer student nutrition programs (impacting 14,049 children and youth), eliminating the Global AIDS initiative and 2-3 fewer citywide HIV/AIDS programs, and 3 fewer Drug Prevention projects.
- **A total of \$250,000 would be cut from Shelter, Support & Housing Administration**, which is equivalent to a reduction of 2 investment projects and less training to housing help workers and drop-in workers. *For the complete breakdown of the cuts to CPIP, please visit [www.commitment2community.org](http://www.commitment2community.org)*

### Other cuts to community services include:

- The elimination of the Hardship Fund in June 2012 – sign the petition now!  
<http://togethertoronto.ca/campaigns/hardshipfund/>
- elimination of priority recreation centres (no more free registered programs for children and youth in priority centres)
- cuts to arenas, increase in recreation facility permit costs, increases in user fees for recreation
- closure of three emergency shelters (Birchmount, Downsview Dells and Bellwoods)
- closure of some wading pools, outdoor pools, elimination of programming at some school board pools and shared use schools
- closure of visitor cafeterias in long term care homes
- 10 cent TTC fare increase with cuts to 56 bus & 6 streetcar routes as of January 8
- no more Wheel Trans service for dialysis patients
- cuts to library hours, purchase of library materials

For a complete list of budget cuts, visit [www.commitment2community.org](http://www.commitment2community.org). You can also learn more about the proposed budget & sign up to receive updates from City Budget Watch 2012 at [www.socialplanningtoronto.org](http://www.socialplanningtoronto.org)

## Concerned about Cuts to Community Programs? TAKE ACTION!



**Depute to City Councillors on December 7 & 8, 2011 from 9:30am to 9:30 pm** at City Hall about how the proposed 2012 Budget will impact city residents. Participate in the Public Hearings on the budget and speak out about the value of programs delivered through city funding. Prepare to speak for 2-5 minutes on the value of the programs you have benefited from & tell your story.

**In order to speak, you must register before December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm;** email [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca) or call [416-392-7340](tel:416-392-7340).

### *Deputing Tips:*

- When you register to depute, ask what number you are on the list so it's easier to coordinate your schedule.
- Learn how to depute using the step by step guide here: <http://commitment2community.org/?p=237>
- Want more background on what's proposed in the 2012 budget? Attend a community budget event! See below.
- Background info on how previous budget shortfalls have been addressed without major service reductions can be found in this report: <http://www.policyalternatives.ca/publications/reports/countdown-zero>
- Your time may be cut down from the standard 5 minutes - plan to deliver your key points in 2-5 minutes.
- Track what number the deputations are at on December 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> by clicking on Budget Committee here: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyList.do?function=prepareDisplayDBList>

## KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

### ***City Budget Timeline:***

**November 28, 2011** – 2012 Operating & Capital Budget Launch - Will show areas of reduced spending.

**December 7 & 8, 2011** – Public Hearings – make a deputation about the impact of budget cuts/changes. City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Committee Room 1, 9:30am–9:30pm. **Register by Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm:** [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca) or 416-392-7340.

**December 9 & 13, 2011** – Budget Committee wrap up of Operating and Capital Budget

**January 9, 2012** – Final Wrap Up.

**January 12, 2012** – Executive Committee's final review of the Operating and Capital Budget.

**January 17-19, 2012** – City Council will debate and vote on the proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

### ***Community Budget Events:***

**November 29, 2011** – Rexdale Civic Engagement Group City Budget Forum. 5:30-8 PM, Albion Library, 1515 Albion Rd.

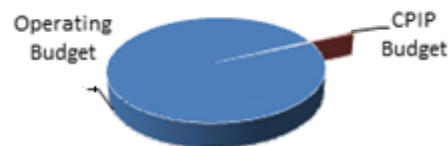
**November 30, 2011** – South Etobicoke Social Welfare Reform Committee City Budget Forum. 5:30-8pm, Assembly Hall, Kipling Ave & Lake Shore Blvd W.

**December 1, 2011** – Social Planning Toronto Member Forum on the City's 2012 Operating Budget. 9:30 AM-12 PM, YWCA Elm Centre, 87 Elm Street Register: <http://2012citybudgetforum.eventbrite.com/>

**December 3, 2011** – Respect Scarborough - Public Forum on Budget Impacts. 1-4PM, Don Montgomery Community Centre, 2467 Eglinton Ave E. (Kennedy Station) [www.facebook.com/RespectScarborough](http://www.facebook.com/RespectScarborough)

## What is the Community Partnership and Investment Program?

Through the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP), the City of Toronto provides funding to community groups, organizations and business associations to carry out a wide range of local services and events in every corner of our city. Funding allocated in 2011 was \$43.5 million, or about 1/200th (0.5%) of the city's entire operating budget. CPIP contributes to the enhancement of the quality of life of residents in the City of Toronto, through community capacity-building and service delivery. Each service area within CPIP is linked to the City's Strategic Plan, and addresses specific Council Priorities.



CPIP Funding	Benefits of CPIP
Access, Equity and Human Rights, provides money to groups working on issues related to “race relations, gender equity, literacy, disability, sexual orientation, and Aboriginal affairs”	CPIP makes Toronto the kind of city that we all want to live in. CPIP funded programs make our city a community by offering us spaces to meet our neighbours, learn from one another and play together, making our city:
Community Safety, for groups that work to prevent violence in priority neighbourhoods	<i>Safer:</i> Through supporting a variety of youth programs, safe walk home programs for women, community safety initiatives
Community Recreation, for groups “providing activities that address gaps in available services provided by city recreation services”	<i>Healthier:</i> Supporting sexual education, harm-reduction, community food programs, farmers markets, health care and mental health services for homeless people, self-help groups, as well as recreation programs and wellness workshops for seniors
Community Festivals and Special Events	<i>Vibrant:</i> Through community art projects, festivals, music programs that support the talents of our diverse communities and neighbourhoods
Community Service Partnership grants, for groups working to improve access to services “that improve social outcomes for vulnerable, marginalized and high-risk communities.”	<i>More Equitable:</i> Providing free tax clinics, drop-ins, summer camp, march break programs for children and youth, affordable access to community spaces and housing placement supports for women fleeing violence
AIDS Prevention Community Investment	
Drug Prevention Community Investment	<i>Prosperous:</i> Resourcing BIAS, youth employment, newcomer employment and supports, computer training and literacy

**CPIP-Funded Programs Include:** Seniors recreation, community/neighbourhood mediation, community safety initiatives (resident planning and preparedness), children’s literacy, arts and recreation programs, youth leadership development, youth drop-ins, youth summer employment projects, swimming lessons, free or low-cost access to meeting and program spaces in the community, adult drop-ins, volunteer recruitment and support, HIV/AIDS education & street outreach, summer camp, march and winter break programs for children and youth, access to mental health services for homeless people, meals for homeless people, drug awareness work & much more.

**CPIP by the Numbers** CPIP is a relatively small amount of money that has a huge impact on our city. Although it makes up less than 0.5% (\$43.5 million) of the City’s overall budget, **CPIP brings back ten times this amount in community investments** (\$430 million) from other stakeholders, including provincial and federal governments, business and individual donations, participant fees, earned income and Foundation contributions.

These funds create **at least 2,000 jobs** in local neighbourhoods, and mobilize over **90,000 volunteers** to support funded activities with **over 1 million volunteer hours** and contribute to building healthy and inclusive communities. Other Canadian cities like Calgary (\$66.72), Winnipeg (\$45.20), and Ottawa (\$40.73) spend a greater portion of their budget and far more per capita than Toronto (\$17.7) on investing in community grants

## OTHER WAYS TO TAKE ACTION:

1. **Call or write to your City Councillor** and express your concerns about the impacts of cutting programs and services in your community. Contact info for all 44 City Councillors & the Mayor are on the reverse. To find out who your councillor is, enter your address here: <http://app.toronto.ca/im/council/councillors.jsp>
2. **Start or join a C2C Ward Team** in your community! C2C is working to support communities across Toronto to get organized in their wards. It's a great way to share concerns, build strength in your community, and ensure that your voice is heard at City Hall. Contact [c2c@socialplanningtoronto.org](mailto:c2c@socialplanningtoronto.org) for more information.

There are many groups working hard to maintain and expand Toronto's services and programs. Learn more by visiting their websites and get involved in their work:

- One Toronto – [www.onetoronto.ca](http://www.onetoronto.ca)
- Tenants for Social Housing - <http://tenantsforsocialhousing.com/>
- TTC Riders - <http://www.ttcriders.ca/>

3. **Join the C2C Mailing list** here <http://commitment2community.org/?p=44>. Speak to your friends, family & colleagues about what is at stake. Encourage them to get involved in C2C and speak up for our city!

### ***About the Commitment to Community Campaign***

C2C is supporting a citywide mobilization to protect Toronto residents against cuts to vital city services. We are providing information to community members about what is happening at City Hall and encouraging all residents to email, phone or meet with their local councillor; get involved in community-led groups in their home wards; make deputations to city councillors and speak up for our city!

Mayor Rob Ford promised that his campaign to respect taxpayers would not mean cuts to services. "I will assure you that services will not be cut...guaranteed." (Toronto Star, October 8, 2010). We intend to make sure that the mayor and City Council keep this promise.

#### Campaign Goals:

- 1) Stop cuts to funding for community services. We want to ensure that the City of Toronto does not cut vital programs that make this a fairer more equitable city for Torontonians. This means that we must work to prioritize stopping cuts to services that will disproportionately hurt Torontonians with low-incomes. Ultimately we need to secure that we have 23 votes at Council to protect the \$45 million in CPIP and the \$1 billion worth of grants the city currently transfers to not for profits organizations. (More precisely, our campaign is focused on protecting the \$20 million part of CPIP that focuses on community services).
- 2) Build a strong citywide network that can mobilize to defend public services across Toronto (beginning with the fight to save the CPIP grants). We are working to establish resident groups in all 44 wards in Toronto.

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