

Good day all:

The City of Saskatoon has released the **Preliminary Budget and Business Plan for 2012**. The proposal from the Civic Administration calls for a 4.71% increase in municipal property taxes, which will generate an additional \$6.42 million for the City of Saskatoon. This works out to an average increase of \$70 per household annually, or **\$5.83 per month**.

The drivers of the proposed 4.71% property tax increase are:

- 3.02% - Saskatoon Police Service
- 1.39% - Capital Levies
- 0.73% - Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services
- -0.44% - Civic Services

Council will debate the budget proposal December 6-8 to determine whether to approve the budget, reduce it, or send it back to Administration for revision.

Though I wish to thank the Administration for an excellent job preparing the Budget and Business Plan for 2012, my goal is to reduce the increase even further.

- Randy Donauer  
City Councillor  
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For more details on the 2012 Preliminary budget and Business Plan click the link below to the City's website...

<http://www.saskatoon.ca/DEPARTMENTS/Corporate%20Services/Office%20of%20the%20Finance%20Branch/Pages/FinancialReports.aspx>

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