

Town of Whitby Backgrounder

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2020 Budget Target Report

The Town of Whitby delivers programs and services to the community, including fire and emergency services, road and winter maintenance, libraries, recreation programs and parks. As such, the following capital investments are included in the proposed 2020 Budget Target Report:

- parks (\$10.1M), recreation (\$12.5M) and active transportation (\$7.9M);
- roads and stormwater (\$35.9M);
- fire and emergency services (\$0.8M);
- facilities (\$2.4M);
- communications and technology (\$5.8M);
- parking (\$3.7M); and,
- library (\$1.4M).

The proposed 2020 Budget Target is focused on:

- continuing to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Town's day-to-day program and service delivery;
- planning for future growth, including the proposed construction of a new North Whitby Sports Complex and major east-west roadway through south Brooklin (the Mid Arterial Roadway);
- improving existing road infrastructure through the resurfacing of 21 lane kilometres of road in Downtown Whitby and other areas of the community;
- enhancing the way residents, businesses and community groups are engaged in the municipal decision-making process through the launch of the Town's community engagement framework;
- supporting Whitby as an active community through the development of nearly six new hectares of parkland, five playground replacements and eight kilometres of new or rehabilitated trails;
- reducing local traffic congestion by building walkable, cycling-friendly neighbourhoods through land-use planning and more than 18 kilometres of new sidewalk and multi-use paths;
- ensuring the resiliency of our community in the face of future climate change impacts through the development of a Climate Change Plan;
- improving and streamlining the Town's customer service through the creation of a new Customer Service Strategy;
- supporting local jobs and innovation through the development of a new Economic Development Strategy; and,
- continuing to realize the economic, cultural and social potential of Whitby's downtowns, waterfront, green spaces and major attractions.

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