

Arts, Culture and Events Venues 2020/2021 Business Plan and Budget

ISSUE

City Council approval is required in order to set the Operating and Capital Business Plan and Budget for 2020 and 2021. The figures in this report are stated as 2020 and 2021 respectively, unless otherwise noted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line Operating Budget for 2020 totalling \$8,473,500 in expenditures be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line Operating Plan for 2021 totalling \$8,697,600 in expenditures be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2020 Capital Budget totalling \$353,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda; and
4. That the 2021 Capital Plan totalling \$732,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

BACKGROUND

The 2020/2021 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget (Preliminary Budget) was released on October 30, 2019.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line Operating Budget

The Preliminary Budget includes a total of \$8,473,500 and \$9,697,600 in expenditures for the Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line. It is important to note that this amount includes only the City of Saskatoon's contribution to TCU Place, SaskTel Centre and Remai Modern. Appendices 1 to 3 are the board-approved budgets for each of these entities in their entirety. Increases of \$224,200 (2.7%) and \$224,100 (2.6%) are projected, mainly due to the following:

- A continued phase-in of \$100,000 in each of 2020 and 2021 towards the Civic Building Comprehensive Maintenance (CBCM) Reserve for future repairs and maintenance to the Remai Modern facility. The current phase-in target is approximately \$1.0 million per year. If approved, these increases would bring the annual contribution to \$609,000 by 2021.
- An increase of \$100,000 in each of 2020 and 2021 to the general subsidy provided to the Remai Modern to accommodate programming and other expenditures that are not offset by self-generated revenue. This would increase the general subsidy to \$4.3 million by 2021.

This business line is fully supported by the property tax and is estimated to provide \$8,473,500 and \$8,697,600 in total funding, which is a \$224,200 (2.7%) and \$224,100 (2.6%) increase over the prior years.

IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are included in this report. There are no legal, social, or environmental implications.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the Preliminary Budget, the Administration will finalize the Approved Business Plan and Budget to be released in 2020.

APPENDICES

1. TCU Place Board Approved Budget
2. SaskTel Centre Board Approved Budget
3. Remai Modern Board Approved Budget

REPORT APPROVAL

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