

Arts, Culture and Events Venues 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget

ISSUE

City Council approval is required in order to set the Operating and Capital Business Plan and Budget for 2024 and 2025. The figures in this report are stated as 2024 and 2025 respectively, unless otherwise noted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$9,873,100 in expenditures be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda; and
2. That the Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$10,155,600 in expenditures be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

BACKGROUND

At the [July 25, 2023](#), [August 15, 2023](#) and [August 31, 2023](#) Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) special budget meetings, GPC made numerous decisions that are now included in the 2024-2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Document. The details of these decisions and previous adjustments that impact this business line are included in Appendix 1. Through approval of the recommendations in this report, the adjustments directed by City Council for this Business Line as part of the Special budget meetings will be confirmed and implemented as part of the 2024/2025 Business Plan and Budget. If City Council wishes to adjust any of the previously directed changes, direction through a resolution would be required.

The 2024-2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget was released on November 9, 2023.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line Operating Budget

The Preliminary Budget includes a total of \$9,873,100 and \$10,155,600 in expenditures, in 2024 and 2025 respectively, for the Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line. It is important to note this amount includes only the City of Saskatoon's (City) contribution to TCU Place, SaskTel Centre and Remai Modern. Appendices 2 to 4 are the board-approved budgets for each of these entities in their entirety. Increases of \$175,700 (1.8%) and \$282,500 (2.9%) are projected, mainly due to the following:

- An increase of \$0 in 2024 and \$36,500 in 2025 towards the Civic Building Comprehensive Maintenance (CBCM) Reserve for future repairs and maintenance to the Remai Modern facility. If approved, this increase would bring the annual contribution to \$980,500 by 2025;
- An increase of \$39,800 and \$50,100 in anticipated utility costs and \$33,300 for facilities management in 2024 for Remai Modern;
- An increase of \$134,000 in 2024 and \$115,000 in 2025 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 \$4,723,000 by 2025;
- An increase of \$86,900 and \$48,100 towards the CBCM Reserve for future repairs and maintenance to the TCU Place facility. If approved, these increases would bring the annual contribution to \$1,293,800 by 2025; and
- An increase of \$70,900 and \$39,200 towards the CBCM Reserve for future repairs and maintenance to the SaskTel Centre facility. If approved, these increases would bring the annual contribution to \$1,055,100 by 2025.

Additional Options

At the August 31, 2023 GPC special meeting the [Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line](#) information was presented and is included as in Appendix 5. Within that report there were options for budget reductions that were not recommended by Administration but City Council could still choose to include these options within the 2024-2025 Budget. City Council prioritized these remaining options and the results of that prioritization were presented within Appendix 1 of [the 2024 and 2025 Prioritized Budget Options](#) report at the September 13, 2023 GPC meeting.

The available option for the Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line, totaling a yet to be determined amount, which could still be considered is listed in Table 1 below, including the number of votes for consideration from the September 13, 2023 meeting. Further information regarding each option can be found in Appendix 5.

Table 1 – Remaining Options

Option	2024 Reduction	2025 Reduction	Votes
2 - Operating Grant Changes	TBD	TBD	0

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are included in this report.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the Preliminary Budget, the Administration will finalize the Approved Business Plan and Budget to be released in 2024.

APPENDICES

1. Previous GPC Decisions
2. TCU Place Board Approved Budget
3. SaskTel Centre Board Approved Budget
4. Remai Modern Board Approved Budget
5. Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line – August 31, 2023

REPORT APPROVAL

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