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**Barrie's 2018 Budget: Share what's important to you**

(Barrie, ON) It's budget time in Barrie, which means it's time for residents to share what's important to them through the Budget Allocator tool. Residents can choose how to increase, decrease or maintain budget spending for seven major services and leave comments about their choices.

The Budget Allocator includes a sample of the 60+ services and programs provided by the City of Barrie, which range from public transit, curbside collection, and fire and emergency service to roads, parks, recreation and more. Through this tool, residents can learn more about each service area and how budgeting changes can impact service delivery.

The Budget Allocator is open until January 14, 2018. Results and comments will be shared with Council during the 2018 Business Plan & Budget deliberations, which will help provide insight into the public's priorities. The budget is scheduled to be approved on January 29, 2018 (subject to change based on Council's discussions).

To share your feedback, visit 'Budget Allocator' at [barrie.ca/budget](http://barrie.ca/budget).

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