



2020 to 2023 Business Plan

Service: Legal Services

\$0.04

Cost per day for the average rate payer (2020 to 2023)

0.47%

Percentage of the 2020 to 2023 City of London Net Property Tax Supported Budget

Who we are:

- Legal Services consists of a full service in-house legal counsel that advises the City on matters of law, acts as a solicitor for the City in matters of law and acts as counsel for the City in a wide variety of administrative, civil and criminal proceedings.

What we do:

- Premium quality, responsive and cost effective legal services ensure that the interests of the City are protected.
- Legal Services supports the City's core values and supports Civic Administration so they can continue to provide valuable public services.

Why we do it:

- **Essential** - Effective legal representation and counsel is essential to the City's ability to deliver services.

The following table provides an overview of the budget for this service:

Budget Summary (\$000's)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020 to 2023 TOTAL
Gross Operating Expenditures	\$3,247	\$3,264	\$3,273	\$3,282	\$13,066
Other Revenues	-\$80	-\$81	-\$82	-\$84	-\$327
Net Tax Levy Supported Operating Budget	\$3,167	\$3,183	\$3,191	\$3,198	\$12,739
Total Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's)	20	20	20	20	N/A

Reflects 2020 to 2023 Council Approved Budget - January 12, 2021.

The following section provides an overview of the key activities the service plans to undertake from 2020 to 2023 to implement the Corporation's 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan, as well as an overview of the risks and challenges the service is anticipated to experience during this period:

Service Highlights 2020 to 2023

- Our focus is on delivering high quality and timely advice to the Council and Service Areas, and capably representing the Corporation in Court and Tribunal Proceedings.

Risks and Challenges Anticipated in 2020 to 2023

- Download of Part 3 Provincial Offence prosecutions; succession planning; volume of real estate activity related to Rapid Transit; transition to digital documents for Court and Tribunal Proceedings; Construction Act arbitration and prompt payment requirements; French Language Services.

The service directly supports the following components of the Corporation's 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan:

Leading in Public Service

The City of London is a leader in public service as an employer, a steward of public funds and an innovator of service.

Expected Result: Enhance the ability to respond to new and emerging technologies and best practices.

Strategy:

- Deliver and maintain innovative digital solutions to increase efficiency and effectiveness across the Corporation. (LPS-29)

Metric	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
75% paperless trials (Provincial Offences Court).	40%	75%	75%	75%	75%
50% of disclosure requests available electronically (Provincial Offences Court).	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%

Other reference information:

- Continued emphasis on reduction of costs pertaining to use of outside counsel.

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