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**ONTARIO ADOPTS BALANCED BUDGET OF $544 MILLION**

The Ontario City Council on Tuesday adopted an operationally balanced budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 of approximately $544 million.

In addressing the negative revenue impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council focused on balancing public safety services, infrastructure investments, and quality-of-life services. Overall, the budget represents a year-over-year reduction of $38 million.

“COVID-19 has severely impacted several of the City’s key revenue streams, but through careful expense management and an aggressive economic development strategy, we will be able to continue to provide our residents and businesses with the high level of services they’ve come to expect,” said Mayor Paul Leon.

Among highlights of the 2020-2021 budget:

* The Ontario Police Department ($94.5 million) and the Ontario Fire Department ($64.7 million) will both maintain their current high service levels.
* $15.9 million is being budgeted for quality-of-life services, including parks and recreation programs, mentoring and youth activities, classes for all members of the family, and enrichment opportunities through the City’s libraries and the Ontario Museum of History & Art.
* $162.5 million is being invested in the City’s infrastructure, ensuring smooth and safe streets, clean drinking water, efficient sewer systems and integrated waste services.

Despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic, Ontario’s aggressive approach to economic and community development continues to pay off. New developments are occurring at key locations around the City, from the Historic Euclid Avenue Renaissance to mixed-use development in the Arena District to the creation of new jobs in the 18 million square feetof industrial and logistics space being developed in South Ontario.

In addition, Ontario International Airport continues to develop as a major logistics and goods movement hub and has seen its already robust cargo business grow by more than 20% during the pandemic.

For more information go to: [https://www.ontarioca.gov](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ontarioca.gov%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0xbW_diDbQw4zk2N65jMbLouRaZ_0qH6Uo7nYFMLyXncdTvcEQD-ZNwW0&h=AT3RmsqLpPUHzY2ApN6XN8EPf0GCpqrJ-KS6ffFwuLlG7KKpGhMgLlLe4yU_J_D0xRCu3l1EkkhjyWKqGdAMxR1hUHaSzdQqpZCYl5kC6rFv01BuAQniULzT_N0YPTM3Z010zVWcp0ZJQHrNYNstLSw6A7B3GIWuWOA3poBVCl8FfbC_xqXRyNSbGWU5Yg0X3gJVO29ISByHDb-yB-MzWi_Zn3nGM-lUMujuAeIcbNgCQRex0Up7WHIIVSM-QfvbBLDOjhIRODY_DU2ZBiXyRbbiVXCAQ-0AyMijp1N7SxheT_EU0DD8wRCemrAH0nVYf97R-Xv0nTR7E84cp-MvvKjWzv3b1sVp8Q0EhRRloW0xzrfHoFbPgJm_6jsQOgawMOGJ9pvIWFRc819mJ3sbBKvNTr8zL16fZjtDKkaQJ71YXVmbpdE9jdpQBoNzI02SGXiVenTtfyvp_tEgbbpTQizuS9Rc_SoxYbGSqZJ0wWf5jjzUWzs23NBatg6cYJC9AJJYnFREPojgZwQr1fLT4jLlqXzjZ5ShjhmGnKy3zwrlcMhMmyloXXh0UgDP6kamgtk90N0m_wOwfS9gxBVdoFblJTFn2vxOSNNWZ2bkqjnaphacZ6SxSTawVth_BDAkjTXK)

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The City of Ontario *Elevates* the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as a gateway to Southern California. With major freeways, rail transportation and International Airport, Ontario offers the rest of the world to be a part of a culturally diverse community with rich history that is well positioned for quality development and economic sustainability for its 177,000 residents.  Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Toyota Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov) or call (909) 395-2000.