

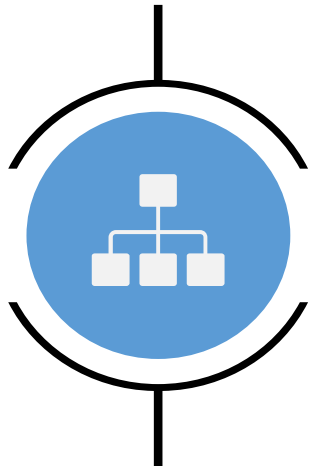
Strong Mayor Powers: The Budget Process

January 10, 2024
City Council



Budget Process to Date

Nov 1



**ABCs presented
draft budget**

Nov 22



**City Staff
presented draft
budget**

Late Nov/Early Dec



**Public engagement and
workshops for Councillors**

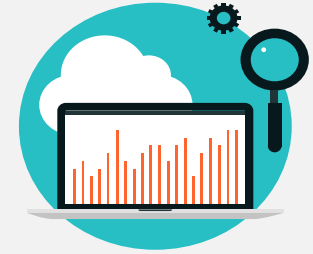
Presenting the Budget

LEGISLATION



- The **Mayor shall prepare and present** a budget to Council before Feb. 1
- The **Mayor must provide** the proposed budget to each Member of Council and the Clerk, and make the proposed budget available to the public

IN PRACTICE



- Agenda was published on Jan. 3
- The agenda officially presented the Mayor's proposed Budgets

Amending the Budget

AMENDMENT PERIOD

January 3, 2024 – February 1, 2024 (30 days)

COUNCIL (BUDGET) MEETINGS

- Council (Budget) meetings on Mon Jan. 22 and Weds Jan. 31 to discuss amendments
- Feb. 1 held to continue Jan. 31 agenda if not complete by curfew
- Meetings will be cancelled if no amendments are submitted for the agenda

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

- Councillors must submit amendments to be published on the agenda:
 - Due Mon **Jan. 15 by 4 p.m.** for Jan. 22 meeting
 - Due Weds **Jan. 24 by 4 p.m.** for Jan. 31 meeting
- Each amendment will be considered individually

BUDGET ADOPTION

- If **no** amendments are approved the budget is **deemed adopted** on **February 1, 2024**
- There is no motion to approve the budget (as presented or amended)



Vetoing Amendments

VETO PERIOD

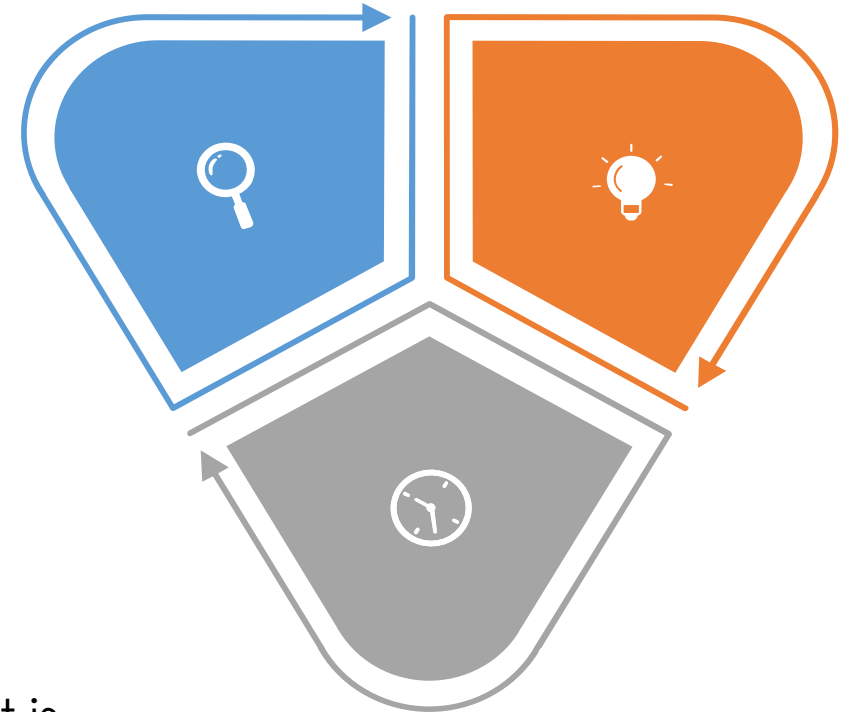
February 2 – 11, 2024 (10 days)

COMMUNICATING A VETO

- Veto document would need to specify which amendment(s) are being vetoed
- Circulated to each Member of Council and the Clerk
- Posted at www.stcatharines.ca/Council

BUDGET ADOPTION

- There is no motion to approve the budget
- If the Mayor **does not** exercise a veto power, the budget is **deemed adopted** with each of the amendments approved by Council on **February 11, 2024**



Overriding a Veto

OVERRIDE PERIOD

February 12 - 26, 2024 (15 days)

COUNCIL OVERRIDES

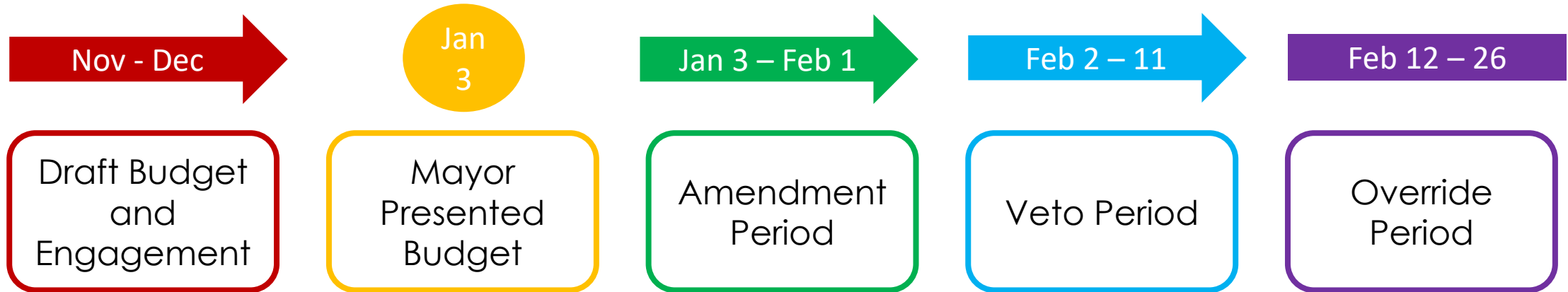
- Override would be considered at the Regular Council Meeting on Mon Feb. 26
- Councillors to submit notice of override to staff by **Feb. 22 at Noon**
- Override will be included on the republished Agenda

BUDGET ADOPTION

- If **two-thirds (9)** of the Members of Council vote to override a veto, the budget is **deemed adopted** with that amendment
- If Council does not approve an override, the budget is **deemed adopted** without the amendment on **Feb. 26, 2024**



Timeline Overview



Reminders for Amendments:

- Councillors must submit amendments so that they can be included on the agenda:
 - Due **Mon Jan. 15 by 4 p.m.** for Jan. 22 meeting
 - Due **Weds Jan. 24 by 4 p.m.** for Jan. 31 meeting
- Submit to staff via email
- Agendas will be published 5 days in advance
- Council will vote on each amendment separately