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# Trinity Spadina

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Adam Vaughan | Toronto City Councillor

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Dear Ward 20 residents & businesses,

I wrote to you in December to let you know that the new Mayor has produced a schedule for the development and review of the City's budget that is shorter and faster than any budget process in our City's life.

The new mayor has already reduced the City's revenue options by eliminating the Vehicle Registration Tax and promising to sustain last year's property tax rates. This will make for some tough choices regarding service delivery.

I believe that Council needs to hear from you – residents and business operators – about your priorities in order to make the best decisions. However, there will be no public deputations at Committee or Council. None of the public consultations planned will be in or near downtown Toronto.

Please come out to the closest public forum to have your say:

## **Toronto City Council, Budget Committee – Public Consultation**

**Date:** Wednesday January 19, 2011  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** East York Civic Centre, Council Chamber  
850 Coxwell Ave, NW corner of Coxwell and Mortimer

### **To get there on Public Transit:**

Take the subway to Coxwell, then the O'Connor bus #70 north on Coxwell.

### **If you wish to make a deputation:**

Please notify the City Clerk, Budget Committee, by calling 416-392-1032 or 416-397-7768, or e-mail [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca) no later than 12 p.m. on January 18, 2011.

There will be a 5 minute time limit for each presentation.

### **To submit written comments:**

Write to the Budget Sub-Committee, c/o Merle MacDonald of the City Clerk's office. You can email [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca) or fax 416-392-1879.

There are also sessions in North York, Scarborough and Etobicoke-York. Details can be found on the City's website: <http://www.toronto.ca/budget2011/ads.htm>



You are invited to:

## **A Downtown Budget Information Session**

Co-hosted by Councillors Kristyn Wong-Tam, Pam McConnell & Adam Vaughan

**Date:** Saturday January 22, 2011

**Time:** 2 – 4 pm

**Location:** City Hall, Council Chambers  
100 Queen Street West

The City's Budgets for Operating and Capital expenses were released yesterday. Service cuts are proposed that I am worried about. They include:

- Closing of the Urban Affairs Library at Metro Hall
- Elimination of free recreation programs for low-income people
- Elimination of evening and night service on 40 + transit routes, Including buses on Dupont, Davenport & Harbord
- Changes to EMS staffing protocols that would eliminate overtime work
- Limits on the new BIAs and funding for streetscape improvements

Detailed information about the proposed budget is available on the City of Toronto's website at <http://www.toronto.ca/budget2011/index.htm>

**Mark your calendar and come out to learn more about how the 2011 Budget will impact our local neighbourhoods and services. Everyone is welcome.**

RSVP to [councillor\\_vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca) or call 416 392-4044.