

City of Auburn

FY 15/16 Budget Questions

1. What is the mil rate allocation to the current solid waste system and to the current recycling system?

Answer: Our current system has weekly collection of solid waste and a twice a month collection of recycling:

FY 15 Costs:

Collection	\$430,291 or \$0.22 of the mil rate
Disposal	\$217,500 or \$0.15 of the mil rate
Recycling	\$98,000 or \$0.05 of the mil rate

FY 16 Proposed Costs:

Collection	\$441,048 or \$0.22 of the mil rate
Disposal	\$307,500 or \$0.19 of the mil rate
Recycling	\$102,000 or \$0.05 of the mil rate

2. What will the mil rate be under the proposed automated solid waste and recycling system?

Answer: Please note these are just quotes based on the automated program being proposed and the traditional cost figure below is an estimate on what the costs would be if we went out to bid today for an every week curbside collection of both recycling and solid waste.

Automated year 1 cost would be	\$680, 576 or \$0.34 of the mil rate
Traditional year 1 cost would be	\$822,016 or \$0.41 of the mil rate

3. What are Norway Savings Bank Arena staff doing to promote the use of one floor this summer? Please provide the timeline when ice will be taken out and what staff is doing to utilize this space.

Maybe there is a chance that we could put together some type of a promotion working with the city and with some contractors, maybe something with the mall businesses, again some type of a promotion...

There are some other possibilities that we could rent a couple of weekends maybe more, looking at possibly a gun show, boat show, car show, and maybe some type of a music concert...

Answer: We plan to ice-out rink #1 (concrete floor) on April 17th and put the ice back in on June 17th. This leaves us roughly 2 months to do necessary repairs and maintenance that may be needed. The arena staff developed a variety of potential applications for the concrete floor. They ranged from tennis, lacrosse,

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baseball, and soccer. With the athletic nature of these applications and the approval of the Ingersol repurposing, and our budget shortfall for FY15, we did not feel it would be in the best interest of the arena and the city to invest on the materials needed to make these opportunities possible.

We are open to the potential of hosting an event like a boat show or auto show. We have spoken with L.A. Harley Davidson to gauge their interest in doing something of this nature in the future. We would also like to work with city management to develop the contacts necessary to bring these types of events in during April and May.

4. Please provide the breakdown of when public skate sessions are offered at the Arena. How are you calculating the \$20,000 revenue figure in the budget? Does Arena Management have plans to expand Public Skate opportunities?

Answer: Fy15 offerings were held on Wednesdays and Sundays with some additional holiday and school vacation offerings. Based on providing 100 offerings per year with an average of \$300.00 per session, we developed an estimated \$30,000 in revenue. We are planning on increasing offerings during school vacations and teacher workshop days in an effort to increase the budget line. We have already added a Friday night public skate session for the month of April and the summer months. Currently, our year to date total on Public Skate revenue is \$21,170. We have also attached our public skate deposits for this current year.

5. Under Repairs you have ground repairs and maintenance at \$20,000, why and what's the breakdown?

Answer: Ground repairs cover our snowplowing and any unforeseen repairs that may arise. Our winter snowplowing for this past year was estimated at \$15,000 and the remaining \$5,000 budgeted for any additional issues. We would also like to improve on our landscaping esthetics.

6. Under supplies you have Operating Supplies at \$10,000, why and what is the breakdown?

Answer: Operating supplies includes the ice paint (\$4,000), replacement rink shielding (glass) (\$1,500), board brushes (\$400), edger blades (\$100), and blade sharpening (\$4,000) round off this item line.

7. Under programs you have Coaches at \$10,000. What is this for? How many coaches? Please provide a breakdown.

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Answer: Each of our programs, Learn to Skate/ Play, skill development, youth training camps, requires ice coaches. This total was developed as a rough estimate as we cannot accurately gauge interest. The number of coaches will be based on enrollment numbers. We estimate our learn to skate coaches (6) for Spring and Summer for \$4,000 and our youth programs(8) at \$6,000. Again, this number has the possibility of fluctuating either up or down depending on enrollment.

8. Under Capital improvements you have Building at \$20,000, why? Please provide the breakdown.

Answer: This is an emergency fund for unforeseen long range repairs, upgrades, or expansion possibilities.

9. Under Capital Improvements you have Equipment at \$10,000. What is the new equipment and why?

Answer: The warranty period on the refrigeration plant has expired. With the vast amount of moving parts, we have to plan for potential failure and the possibility of replacement. For example, a new compressor in our system costs \$18,000. This does not include installation. We may also need a water quality treatment system to ensure the longevity of our equipment. With untreated water the cooling towers efficiency is reduced and the life expectancy is shortened significantly. We have spoken with a cooling expert that feels we have a significant need for such a system. With the amount of motors and pumps that this plant has, it is in our best interest to plan ahead for these to be replaced as well. The cube system is relatively new technology and the life expectancy is somewhat undetermined, only time will tell.

10. Can we invest some of our funds in some higher risk stocks that would give us a better payback?

Answer: The City has a very strict Investment Policy and the only things we can invest in are CDs and US Treasury Investments. The issue with these is that the funds are less liquid.

11. Is there investments where we make that would be safe and more profitable?

Answer: I will investigate other investments to see what the return rate is and see if any of our funds could be invested in them.

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12. Are we leasing any of the vehicles for the EMS program?

Answer: We have a Lease/Purchase agreement on the 3 ambulances. We signed a 5 year lease and in FY 15 we paid the first lease payment. At the end of the 5 years we will own the ambulances.

13. Did we purchase any vehicles for the program? If we purchased any of them could you please provide the cost of each one?

Answer: The total cost of the 3 ambulances was \$578,025. The prices were \$205,438, \$204,978 and \$172,609.

14. Are school resource officers included in this Police Department budget? If they are added into this Police Department structure, why does the school department pay for four of the school resource officers? It looks like to me in the Police Department's report there is \$199,855 is this the total cost? If we are paid from the school department why do we show this number?

If the school department is paying their share this number should this be reduced?

Answer: We need to show the expense and the revenue. The expense is in our salary line item and the payment from the school is in the revenue section. We are entering our third year and final year of the original MOU with the school department. They are paying 3% more this year however it does not cover the entire cost for SRO's.