

NIAGARA REGION BUDGET

2020

INTRODUCTION TO

THE 2020 LEVY

November 21st, 2019



Purpose of Levy Overview Presentation

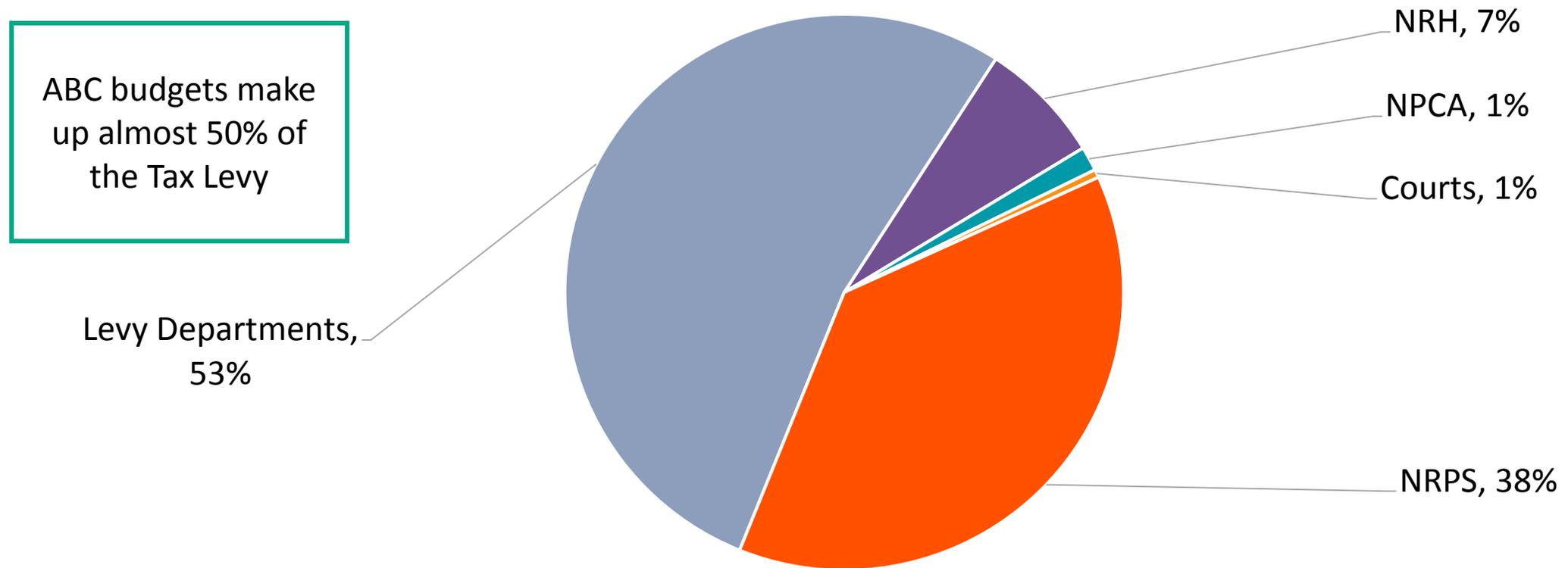
- To provide context for how the ABCs budget requests fit in to the total 2020 tax levy
- To provide timely update and understanding of the consolidated General Levy budget
- To provide opportunity for questions to be addressed to the respective ABC representatives presenting this evening

Levy Budget

- Levy budget includes:
 - Regional departments
 - ABCs (NRPS, NRH, NPCA and Court Services)
 - excludes Water, Wastewater, and Waste Management
- The 2019 Tax Levy was \$365.7 million,
 - 2% of the Levy is \$7.3 million
- The ABCs comprise 47% of the Tax Levy

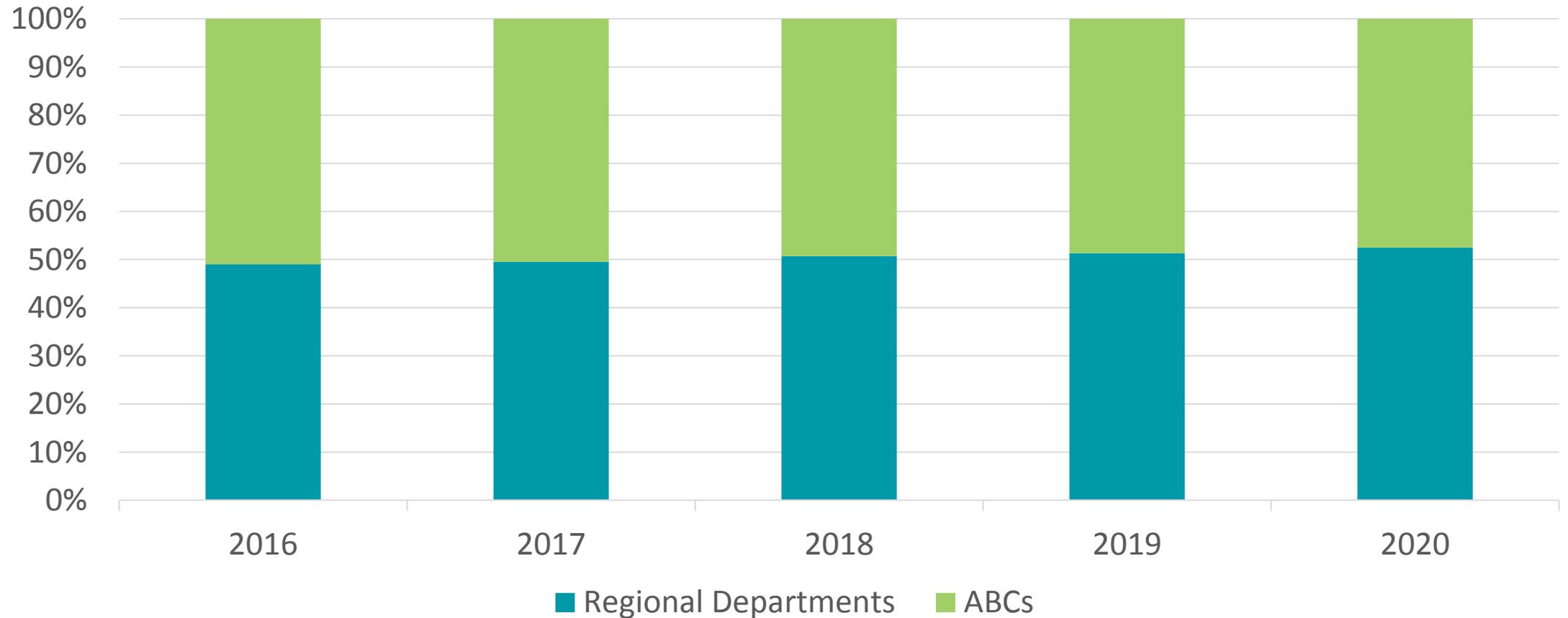
Consolidated Levy Budget

2019 Levy Distribution



ABC as Percentage of Tax Levy

Levy distribution between Departments and ABCs relatively consistent



General Levy Operating Budget

Direction Based on Budget Planning

	\$	Yr/yr %	% Levy
Departments	3.7	2.0%	1.0%
ABCs	3.6	2.0%	1.0%
Subtotal	7.3	2.0%	2.0%
Net Revenue Pressure (Provincial download)	2.1		0.6%
Capital Financing (Long-term Care Debt)	5.6		1.5%
New and Enhanced Services	0.5		0.1%
Costs of Growth (including Niagara Regional Transit)	6.7		1.8%
Assessment Growth			(1.4%)
Subtotal of Changes	14.9		2.7%
Net Taxpayer Impact	22.3		4.7%

Pressures previously reported with at 2.7% in additional to 2% base direction

General Levy Operating Budget

Status as at November 21, 2019

	\$	Yr/yr %	% Levy
Base Department Increase	3.7	2.0%	1.0%
Net Revenue Pressure/download	2.1		0.6%
Capital Financing Long-term Care Debt	5.6		1.5%
New and Enhanced Services	0.5		0.1%
Costs of Growth (including NRT)	6.7		1.8%
Assessment Growth			(1.4%)
Subtotal of Regional Departments	18.7	10.0%	3.7%
NRPS	7.7	5.3%	2.1%
NPCA	0.3	5.9%	0.1%
NRH	0.6	2.0%	0.2%
Courts	(0.1)	(21.5%)	(0.0%)
Subtotal of ABCs	8.5	4.7%	2.3%
Total Budget Increase	27.1		6.0%

Region estimating 1.0% on base plus 2.7% pressures for total of 3.7%

ABCs proposing 2.3% increase in the levy

NRPS

Summary of Budget Submitted

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Base Budget	138.4M	144.3M	152.3M	TBD
Program Changes	-	3.1M	4.1M	
Budget Request before Deferrals	138.4M	147.4M	156.3M	TBD
Percentage Change Required		6.5%	6.6%	
2019 ¼ year deferral of 22 FTEs	-	(0.7M)	-	
2020 ½ year deferral of 40 FTEs	-	-	(1.9M)	1.9M
Budget Request after Deferrals	138.4M	146.7M	154.5M	TBD
Budget Increase		8.3M	7.7M	1.9M
Percentage Change Submitted		6.0%	5.3%	1.3%

2% increase for 2020 is \$2.9M compared to request of \$7.7M

NPCA

Summary of Budget Submitted

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Base Budget	7.1M	7.6M	7.1M	4.9M
Percentage Change		6.5%	1.8%	(10.2%)
Download of programs to Niagara Region		(0.6M)		
Reduction of Special Levy for debt charges and land acquisition			(1.6M)	
Capital Budget Special Levy Increase				0.9M
Budget Request after Reductions	7.1M	7.0M	5.5M	5.8M
Budget Increase		(0.2M)	(1.5M)	0.3M
Percentage Change		(2.2%)	(21.4%)	5.9%

2% increase for 2020 is \$0.1M compared to request of \$0.3M

Court Services and NRH

Summary of Budget Submitted

- NRH budget submission is a 2.0% increase
- Court Services budget submission is less than 2% increase
 - Courts generate a net revenue for the General Levy
 - 2020 net revenue is \$130 thousand greater than 2019 net revenue



Questions?

