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Shoemaker makes move to start budgeting now

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City council needs to start budgeting now for 2018 and should be looking at more ways to find efficiencies and cut spending, says Ward 3 Coun. Matthew Shoemaker.

The first-term councillor says he's hoping to get enough support to a motion he will raise in January, asking staff now to cut their budgets by one per cent for 2018.

That means, Shoemaker said, a whole percentage point less than the current budget that was approved earlier this month plus any anticipated cost of living increases that are normally factored into annual departmental budgets.

The motion will be seconded by Ward 5 Coun. Frank Fata.

"I believe budgeting is year round and we need to ask staff to start looking at this now so they can find more efficiencies in their own budget before the crunch time comes. Everyone knows you can't do these type of things on budget night," he told The Sault Star.

