

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Audit Committee
Comité de la vérification
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**and Council
et au Conseil
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Ward: CITY WIDE / À L'ÉCHELLE DE LA VILLE File Number: ACS2015-CMR-AUD-0001

**SUBJECT: 2015 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET – AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

**OBJET: BUDGETS PRÉLIMINAIRES DE FONCTIONNEMENT ET
D'IMMOBILISATIONS DE 2015 – COMITÉ DE VÉRIFICATION**

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Audit Committee consider the relevant portions of the draft 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets and forward its recommendations to Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, for consideration at the meeting to be held 11 March 2015.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de vérification examine les sections pertinentes des Budgets préliminaires d'immobilisations et de fonctionnement de 2015 et qu'il présente ses recommandations au Conseil, siégeant à titre de Comité plénier, aux fins d'examen lors de sa réunion prévue du 11 mars 2015.

BACKGROUND

City Council, on December 10, 2014, approved the 2015 Budget Process and Timetable for developing and approving the 2015 budget, indicating that the individual Committees, Boards and Commission would hold meetings to listen to public delegations, review their respective budgets and make recommendations to Council. At that time, Council also approved that the City's 2015 draft tax supported operating and capital budgets would be tabled with Council at its regularly scheduled meeting of February 4, 2015. The tax supported draft budget would be tabled along with the draft budgets for services that report to either a Commission or Board, namely Police, Transit, Public Health and Library services.

DISCUSSION

The 2015 Audit Committee Draft Operating and Capital Budget is now before the Committee for the purpose of hearing from public delegations and to consider and make recommendations to Council.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will review and make recommendations on those portions of the budget with Rural Implications.

CONSULTATION

This meeting was advertised in *Le Droit* and City-wide *EMC* community newspapers, and public delegations will be received by the Committee. As well, there will be four

multi-ward bilingual budget consultation meetings held between February 9 - 12, in advance of Council's consideration of the Budget to be held on March 11, 2015.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

This is a city-wide report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to implementing the recommendations in the report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The budget is in alignment with the Council approved Comprehensive Asset Management Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications are identified in the 2015 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets, as well as in the City Treasurer's Transmittal Report dated February 4, 2015 and entitled "2015 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets - Tax and Rate Supported", tabled with Council on February 4, 2015.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with the consideration of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with the report recommendation.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As noted in the Treasurer's transmittal report, the budget recommendations support the 2011-14 Term of Council priorities, and in particular, GP1 ("Improve the public's confidence in and satisfaction with the way Council works"), and FS2 ("Maintain and enhance the City's financial position"). The 2015-2018 Term of Council Priorities report will be considered by Standing Committees and Transit Commission in June and will then rise to Council for final approval.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

City Treasurer's report (ACS2015-CMR-FIN-0005) dated February 4, 2015, entitled 2015 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets – Tax and Rate Supported Programs – English and French (issued previously to all Members of Council and held on file with the City Clerk)

DISPOSITION

The Committee Coordinator will forward the Committee's recommendations to Council for consideration at the meeting of March 11, 2015. Budgets will be amended as per Council deliberation and adoption.