

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Planning Committee consider the relevant portions of the draft 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets and forward its recommendations to Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, for consideration at the meeting to be held 28 November 2012.**

Chair Hume introduced this item and spoke briefly to the City's development accomplishments to date, to its future targets, and to the importance of adhering to the priorities the City has set for communities and for the ongoing need to clarify remaining confusion with respect to development applications and neighbourhood design. Mr. John Moser, General Manager, PGM, then spoke to a brief PowerPoint slide presentation (held on file with the City Clerk) to outline the Planning Committee's portion of the 2013 City Budget. Ms. Janice Burelle, Administrator, Housing Services, Community and Social Services Department (CSS), was also in attendance to speak to the Capital and Operating Resource requirements of the CSS Housing Services portion of the Budget.

Questions to staff centred on impacts of cuts to Provincial funding; measures in place to ensure that targets are achievable; and on operational efficiencies.

The Committee heard from the following public delegations:

- Mr. Marty White\*, President, and Ms. Deborah Mohr-Caldwell\*, Past President, National Capital Heavy Construction Association, speaking to the need to ensure that the City invests appropriately in roads infrastructure, and;
- Ms. Lynne Browne\*, Executive Director, Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa, referred to a prepared statement and asked the Committee to ensure that the City maintain essential services to low-income residents that would otherwise be eliminated due to provincial government service reductions and cutbacks.

*[ \* All individuals marked with an asterisk either provided their comments in writing or by email; all such comments are held on file with the City Clerk. ]*

Following discussions, the Committee "CARRIED" the report recommendation encompassing the Planning Committee 2013 Draft Operating and Capital Budget, as presented.