



Council Report

For the Meeting of June 23, 2016

To: Council **Date:** June 15, 2015
From: Susanne Thompson, Director of Finance
Katie Hamilton, Director of Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning
Subject: 2015 Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the 2015 annual report. The report has been available for public review for the past two weeks and the public are invited to provide comment and ask questions about the report at the Council meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2016.

The Community Charter requires municipalities to produce an annual report each year. The report must be prepared before June 30, and includes audited financial statements, permissive tax exemptions, a report on services, operations, progress towards established objectives and measures, and objectives and measures that will be used in the current and following year.

The 2015 Annual Report presents progress and achievements for the year organized by strategic objective, rather than by departmental responsibility. This approach is consistent with an objective based approach being applied to City processes, and ensures that achievements for the year are aligned with Council objectives. This approach also continues to break down departmental silos by demonstrating progress as a whole throughout the organization, working in integrated inter-departmental teams.

The cover of the 2015 Annual Report is a photo from the first "Car Free Day" to be held in the City of Victoria, where the main artery into downtown, Douglas Street, was closed to vehicle traffic and replaced with grass and activities for the community to enjoy. Tremendously popular, the day was symbolic of a number of initiatives within the City's new strategic plan: it required innovative leadership and an empowered community, was premised on placemaking and a piloting approach, it engaged thousands, and raised awareness of how streets can be used and enjoyed differently than just for traditional motor vehicle traffic.

The City of Victoria Annual Report has received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 11 consecutive years.

Respectfully submitted,



Susanne Thompson
Director of Finance



Katie Hamilton
Director of Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager: _____



Date: June 17, 2016

List of Attachments

- 2015 Annual Report