



Council Report

For the Meeting of June 25, 2015

To: Governance and Priorities Committee **Date:** June 16, 2015
From: Susanne Thompson, Director of Finance
Katie Hamilton, Director of Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning
Subject: 2014 Annual Report

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present the 2014 annual report. The public are invited to provide comment and ask questions about the 2014 annual report at the Council meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2015.

The Community Charter requires municipalities to produce an annual municipal report. The annual municipal report must be prepared before June 30, and include the following:

- the municipality's audited annual financial statements for the previous year;
- a list of the permissive tax exemptions provided by council, and for each exemption, the amount of property tax that would have been imposed during the previous year if the exemption had not been granted;
- a report on the municipality's services and operations for the previous year;
- a progress report on the performance of the municipality with respect to established objectives and measures;
- a statement of objectives and measures that will be used as the basis for determining the municipality's performance during the current year and following year; and
- the details of any declarations of disqualification made against individual council members during the previous year.

In addition to noting the key highlights of the past year, this year's annual report uses infographics to outline specific projects and initiatives, as well as breadth of services offered by department. It is presented in a visual format to provide greater public accessibility and ease of reference. This is informed by positive feedback received by residents with regards to making City services and initiatives more meaningful and easier to understand.

The 2015 annual report will report on progress made towards objectives outlined in the 2015-2018 strategic plan, including 2015 completed actions, outcomes and measures for each objective. This approach is consistent with the integration of key strategic planning and financial processes underway within the organization, and is consistent with requirements within the Community Charter.

Recommendation

That Council receive this report for information.


Respectfully submitted


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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:


June 19, 2015

List of Attachments:

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