

## **2015 Financial Plan Overview**

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- Budget process
- Staff budget workshop results
- Cost pressures affecting 2015
- 2015 budget summary and highlights
- To come
  - Day 3: General Government (including funds, reserves and financing)
  - Day 4: Grants and budget deliberations



### **Budget process**

- Budget process commenced in August
- Training for new Planner budget tool conducted with staff in September
- Four budget workshops held with all managers Oct. 21, 22, 23 and 28
- Additional review conducted by leadership team on revenues
- Public budget meetings: Dec. 8, 10, 16, 17
- Budget bylaw to come forward in January for Council consideration



### Staff budget workshop

- Significant discussion to prioritize spending
- \$634,900 reduced from operating expenses
- \$199,000 increases to operating revenues
- \$833,900 total deficit reduction
- \$2.514 million reduced/deferred from capital budget



## **Cost pressures impacting budget**

- Electric rate increase 4.65% max FortisBC rate increase to the City, retail increase to be set by Council
- CUPE, IBEW negotiated settlements = \$246,000
- Additional investments in:
  - RCMP Contract \$188,000
  - Fire Department \$309,000
  - Economic Development \$393,000
  - Go Media \$125,000



### **2014 Budget Summary**

- Zero-based budgeting employed
- Annual \$3.088 million allocated to capital from Electric Utility
- Reallocations across departments to appropriate cost centres
- Net deficit reduced by \$833,900



### **2014 Budget Summary**

- General Government Day 3
  - Funds overview
  - Reserves overview
  - Financing overview
- Budget Deliberations Day 4
  - Community grant applications
  - Operating reductions/deferrals
  - Capital reductions/deferrals
  - Potential solutions



# **Questions?**