

Corporate Services Department

## **MANAGEMENT REPORT**

| Date:        | January 25, 2016  |
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| То:          | Stratford City Council  |
| From:        | André Morin, Director of Corporate Services   |
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| Attachments: | 2016 Budget Adjustments<br>Summary of 2016 Budget Recommendations<br>2016 Budget Summary<br>2016 Chart – Residential Tax Burden by Service<br>2016 Property Tax Impact Analysis with Residential Distribution Chart<br>2016 Tax Summary – by Property Class |

Title: 2016 Budget - Final

**Objective:** To provide a summary of the final 2016 Budget and Levy.

**Background:** At the January 11, 2016 Finance and Labour Relations Committee meeting, staff presented Committee with recommendations and options to reduce the 2016 Budget. Committee recommended several reduction options resulting in a final 2016 Net Budget Levy increase of 2.72%.

## Analysis:

The final 2016 property tax and levy implications are as follows:

- Total 2016 Municipal Tax Levy is \$53,385,938 (2015 was \$51,290,598, 2015 adjusted levy was \$51,973,608)
- > Net 2016 Tax Levy Increase is 2.72% (2015 Net Tax Levy Increase was 2.59%)
- > Total 2016 Municipal Tax Levy increase is 4.09% (2015 was 3.88%)
- > Average 2016 Residential Municipal property tax increase is 2.99%
- Average 2016 Residential Total property tax increase is 2.91% (including education rates)
- The average Residential tax bill will increase by approximately \$102.00 per year (based on average assessment of \$256,676)

Note: As 2016 Education rates have not yet been set by the Province, 2015 rates have been assumed for calculation purposes.

Attached are the following documents:

- 2016 Budget Adjustments
- Summary of 2016 Budget Recommendations
- 2016 Budget Summary
- 2016 Chart Residential Tax burden by Service
- 2016 Property Tax Impact Analysis with Residential Distribution Chart
- 2016 Tax Summary by Property Class

Financial Impact: Noted Above.

Staff Recommendations:

That the Finance and Labour Relations Committee Recommendations #1 - #43 be adopted.

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