

Regina, November 17, 2011
News Release

City of Regina announces proposed budgets for 2012

The City of Regina's proposed 2012 capital and operating budgets and the Water & Sewer Utility budget are now available and will be tabled at City Council on November 21.

"The proposed 2012 budgets continue to build on what we've accomplished with our previous budgets," said Mayor Pat Fiacco. "We are taking care of our infrastructure needs, investing in responsible growth, and targeting investments that build a healthy and safe community for all residents."

To meet the proposed capital and operating budgets, the Administration recommends a 3.9 per cent increase in the mill rate for 2012. For the average taxpayer, a 3.9 per cent increase means an additional \$4.36 in municipal taxes each month, or \$52 a year. With this increase, the City of Regina's combined operating and capital budget will be \$375.7 million.

Highlights from the proposed capital and operating budgets include:

- \$64.6 M for Regina Police Services operations (City Administration estimate)
- \$43.6 M for Fire & Protective Services operations
- \$31 M in repairs and maintenance for roads, bridges and alleys
- \$12.9 M in managing waste and moving forward with Waste Plan Regina, the city's new waste management program that will include curb-side recycling and other enhancements
- \$9.4 M in maintaining and upgrading transit, fire and civic vehicles
- \$9.1 M in new road construction
- \$6.1 M in growth costs, which includes adding utility connections and roads for new developments as well as moving forward with Design Regina, the City's official community plan

NEWS RELEASE

The proposed 2012 Water & Sewer Utility budget is not funded through the mill rate. The budget proposes \$65.8 million in infrastructure upgrades for the city's water, sewer and drainage systems and \$60.6 M for operations.

The proposed 2012 budgets and any amendments will be approved at City Council on December 12.

The complete budget documents will be posted on Regina.ca. Residents are encouraged to provide their feedback.

- 30 -

For further information, please contact:

Desirae Bernreuther
Media Relations Consultant
306.777.7486