

Fiscal Responsibility and Smart Spending

- Decreased residential and commercial mil rates by .5 and decreased water tax rates
- Achieved \$13 M in savings through a comprehensive program review
- Established Organizational Performance and Strategy for effectiveness
- \$1 M in new fees through moderate increases in parking, recreation and construction
- Reviewed and reassessed management fees for regional services, netting \$1 M
- Reduced overall operation budget by 2.58%



Snow Clearing Accessibility and Inclusion

- Continued investment in sidewalk clearing: Dedicated crew on 3 shifts
- Year-round investment in trail grooming in City parks
- Continue to support the Local Immigration Partnership, with the ANC
- Inclusion services for recreation and leisure programs



Infrastructure Transit and Active Transportation

- Metrobus subsidy, 63.8%, amongst the highest in Canada
- Paratransit realigned to Metrobus for improved services to clients
- Discounted fares for seniors, children and pass purchases
- Bike Task Force continues to review active transportation opportunities
- Full City transportation budget: \$49 M, excluding capital investments



Arts, Culture and Place

- Continued collaboration with the arts community through the Arts Advisory Committee
- Investment in arts and culture : \$10 per resident
- Ongoing initiatives to engage with students through orientation and collaboration with post-secondary schools



Business Friendly and Downtown

- Temporary development incentive: 20% reduction in fees
- Ongoing collaboration through the City Business Roundtable, the Downtown Advisory Committee and support to Destination St. John's
- Policies to reduce the impact of the vacancy allowance



Affordability

- Continued commitment to developing affordable housing through the Housing Catalyst Fund
- Ongoing consultation with the accessibility and inclusion community to protect the most vulnerable
- Support for those with financial needs to participate in recreation and community programming through R.E.A.L.



Automated Garbage, Cleanliness, Environment

- Commitment to purchase new vehicles and develop a program in 2017
- Reinvestment in a 10-week litter crew
- New downtown beautification crew: \$58,000
- Continued commitment and investment in recycling, composting and other environmentally-friendly initiatives, such as the tree planting program



Addressing Public Priorities

During our budget engagement process this year, a number of key themes emerged.

Budget 2017 addresses many of these key priorities directly, and other concerns will be explored as we move forward.