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WELLAND COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR YOUR VOICE

Welland, ON – The proposed 2015 tax supported operating and proposed 2015-2024 tax supported capital budgets are in the process of deliberation, and The City of Welland is bringing citizens into the conversation. As the municipality continues its transparent and engaging approach to administration, staff and council encourage residents to take interest and advantage of the opportunity to provide feedback.

Interim City Manager, Janette Loveys Smith feels that plenty can be gained from gathering public opinion. “A healthy city has engaged citizens,” said Loveys Smith. The Interim City Manager hopes to educate and inform Welland stakeholders about the budget process, and the choices and challenges that council has before them.

Municipal budgeting is never an easy process for any municipality. Council has been working through the lengthy process since January. City staff and council encourage citizens to take the opportunity to present to council during the Tuesday, March 3, Council Meeting. Steve Zorbas, General Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer will initially deliver a presentation to council during the meeting, and then turn the platform over to the public for presentations. Budget Chair, Councillor David McLeod, looks forward to receiving input from constituents. “Citizen engagement allows council to hear the concerns from the public and further take those concerns into consideration during the budgeting process,” said McLeod.

The budgeting process will continue until council approval on March 24, 2015. The public is invited to deliver presentations to Welland City Council regarding the 2015 Operating and 2015-2024 Capital Budgets. For further information on the 2015 Operating Budget 2015-2024 Capital Budget and Forecast, visit www.welland.ca or obtain a hard copy from the Finance Department at City Hall, 60 East Main Street, Welland.

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