

**EXTRACT OF DRAFT
MINUTES 32
7 MAY 2013**

**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU
PROCÈS-VERBAL 32
LE 7 MAI 2013**

2014 BUDGET GUIDELINE

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CITY WIDE

Mayor Watson introduced a motion to add this item to the Agenda for consideration.

MOTION FED 32/01

Moved by Mayor J. Watson

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa is about to start the 2014 budget process with the receipt of the Budget Process and Timetable report at the June meeting of the Finance and Economic Development Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Finance and Economic Development Committee approve the addition of this item for consideration by the Committee at today's meeting, pursuant to section 84(3) of the procedure by-law.

CARRIED

At this juncture, Mayor Watson introduced a motion with respect to 2014 Budget guideline and spoke to it briefly, noting that the local rate of inflation was below 2% and, with staff scheduled to bring forward a report next month on the 2014 Budget process and timelines, now was a good time to provide the guideline and direction contained in his motion. Committee then proceeded to vote on the item.

MOTION FED 32/02

Moved by Mayor J. Watson

WHEREAS this term of Council has promoted a culture of fiscal responsibility at City Hall by establishing budget envelopes as part of the Budget Process and Timetable report; and

WHEREAS Council established a term of Council budget guideline in 2010 that limited any tax increase to no more than 2.5%; and

WHEREAS the City adopted budgets from 2011 to 2013 that resulted in tax increases of 2.45%, 2.39% and 2.09% respectively; and

WHEREAS the increase in the consumer price index has been running at below 2%;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend that Council approve that the 2014 budget guideline be amended so that the 2014 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets be developed to result in a recommended tax increase of less than 2%; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council communicate this direction to the Boards of Police Services, Library and Health for their information and consideration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be considered at the May 8, 2013 City Council meeting.

CARRIED