STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 201
Councillor Wyatt inquired if there would be a Council Seminar scheduled on the morning of March 3, 2015, prior to the media briefing and tabling of the Budget at the special meeting of the Executive Policy Committee (EPC).

Councillor Morantz replied that a Council Seminar would be scheduled from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on the third day of March, 2015.

Councillor Wyatt requested clarification that Council would be considering both the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets and suggested that the media lock down and EPC meeting be pushed back to allow for questions.

Councillor Morantz indicated that the 2015 Budget schedule could not be changed and noted the time constraint in bringing forward a budget after an election. He further indicated that the 2016 Budget timeline would be much different.

Councillor Mayes referenced the December 17, 2013 Special Meeting of Council to consider the 2014 Capital Budget and 2015 to 2019 Five-Year Forecast and the 2014 – 2016 Preliminary Operating Budget and inquired if Council will be voting on the 2015 Capital and Operating Budget on the same day the Police Board Budget was voted on.

Councillor Morantz responded and advised that this was his first budget cycle and he was not familiar with the entire process and deferred the question until after the Council Seminar.

Councillor Eadie requested the Excel spreadsheets that he usually receives for the Operating and Capital Budgets were provided to him in a timely fashion; to which Councillor Morantz replied in the affirmative.