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### 2011 Budget Options Process

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### Recommendation

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### Purpose

The purpose of this report to the Finance Committee is to provide a Summary of the 2011 Budget Option Process.

### Public Input Session

On January 31, 2011 a Public Input Session was held to allow citizens the opportunity to share their views regarding the 2011 Budget. Written submissions were accepted until February 2, 2011. In an effort to promote the green initiative this year, all detailed presentations, written submissions, minutes and the public input log are available on the City's website [www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca](http://www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca) or on elinks. There is a direct link to the 2011 Budget, and the 2011 budget page has a separate link on the right hand side for Public Input.

### Budget Options and Voting Process

A copy of the Public Input Log and the Budget Options submitted, summarized by the following categories: Council Referrals, Council/Committee Resolution and Public Submissions, will be distributed on March 7, 2011. The Finance Committee will be undertaking a preliminary yes-no vote for these options on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. The options that receive majority vote, will proceed for further review and discussion on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

In addition, any departmental options will be presented on March 28, 2011. Transit Options are being vetted by the Transit Committee, and the approved options will be presented on March 28, 2011 for Council consideration. Staff will be on hand during the Finance Meetings of March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 28, 2011 to answer questions regarding the budget options.

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On March 28<sup>th</sup>, the Finance Committee will be asked to vote on the options presented to determine their priority ranking and establish a funding cut-off line. Staff will return to the Finance Committee Meeting on March 29, 2011 with options to fund the Council priorities and the tax levy impacts, at which time the Committee can finalize the 2011 Budget enhancements and 2011 Budget.

## **Conclusion**

The budget option enhancements received from the Public, Council referral and Council resolution have been prepared for Council's consideration. Preliminary voting will take place on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and final voting on March 28, 2011.