

# 2016/17 Annual Report Overview

Presentation to HRM Council

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### **Halifax Water Board**

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### Context

- 2017 marks the tenth anniversary for Halifax Water as a "One Water" utility [responsibility from source to tap and back to the source again]
- 2007 Transfer of Wastewater and Stormwater Assets from HRM was based on recognition that the services were underfunded, out of compliance with regulations, and not aligned with cost causation principles



### **A Decade of Progress**

- By next year, all wastewater treatment facilities will be in compliance with regulations [completion of Aerotech WWTF in spring 2019].
- Formal Cost of Service Manual in place [last revision in 2017] with all rate structures aligned with cost causation principles.
- Depreciation schedules set up for wastewater and stormwater assets [basis of capital funds for asset renewal].
- Regional Development Charge in place [Growth pays for Growth].
- Water service investments kept pace [guided by NSERC Industrial Research Chair through Dalhousie University].
- Consistent high customer satisfaction [annual surveys through CRA].
- Utility is not there yet in terms of sustainability; significant gaps in infrastructure funding [particularly for wastewater assets].



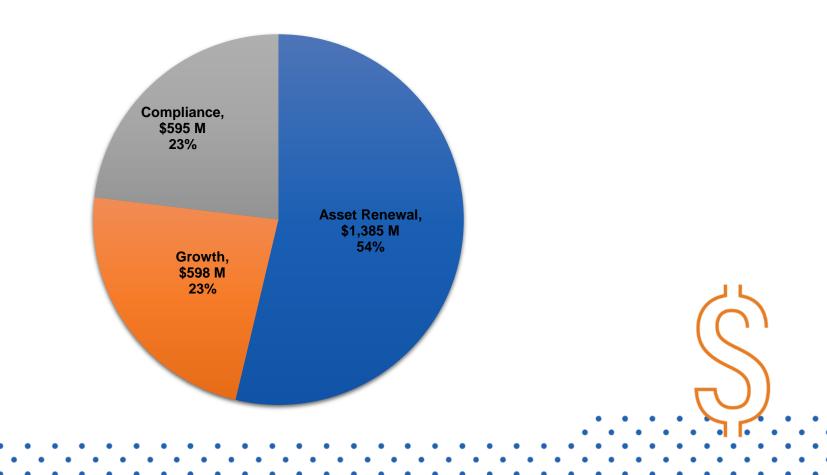
### Path to Sustainability

- As a regulated utility, Halifax Water must recover its capital and operating costs in conformance with the Public Utilities Act of Nova Scotia.
- Halifax Water must renew aging water and wastewater infrastructure, achieve compliance with regulations and facilitate growth.
- The 2012 Integrated Resource Plan indicated investments over 30 years in the order of \$2.6 Billion [net present value].



## 2012 Integrated Resource Plan Total \$2,579 Million [30-Year NPV]

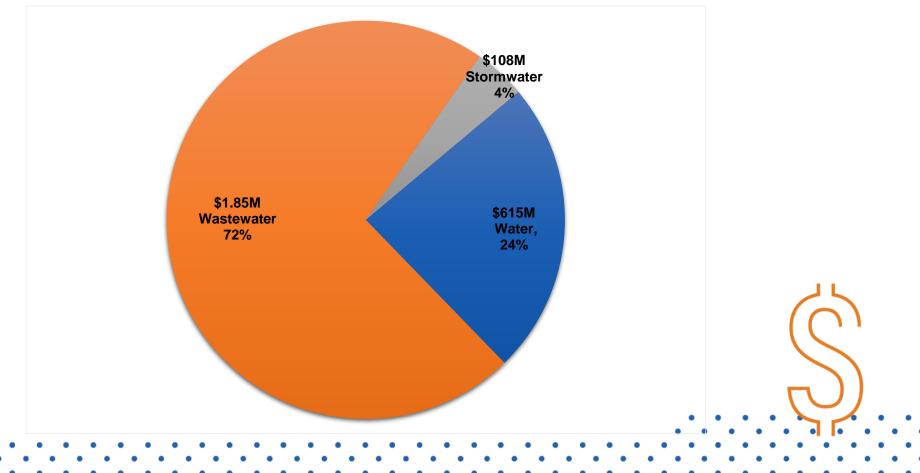
IRP 30-year Project Driver Allocation





## 2012 Integrated Resource Plan Total \$2,579 Million [30-Year NPV]

#### IRP 30-year Asset Category Allocation





### **Major Initiatives in 2016/17**

- Aerotech Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion [\$21 Million]
- MacDonald Bridge Main Replacement [\$7.5 Million]
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure Upgrade [\$25 Million]
- Implementation of Operations Maintenance Management System in partnership with HRM [CityWorks]



### **Major Initiatives in 2016/17**

- Revised Lead Service Line Replacement Program
- Application to NSUARB for Revised Stormwater Rate Structure [Incentives to Reduce Peak Flow and Tiered Rates for Residential Customers; Rates Decreased]
- Response to summer drought [lowest level recorded at Lake Major]

A Decade of One Water



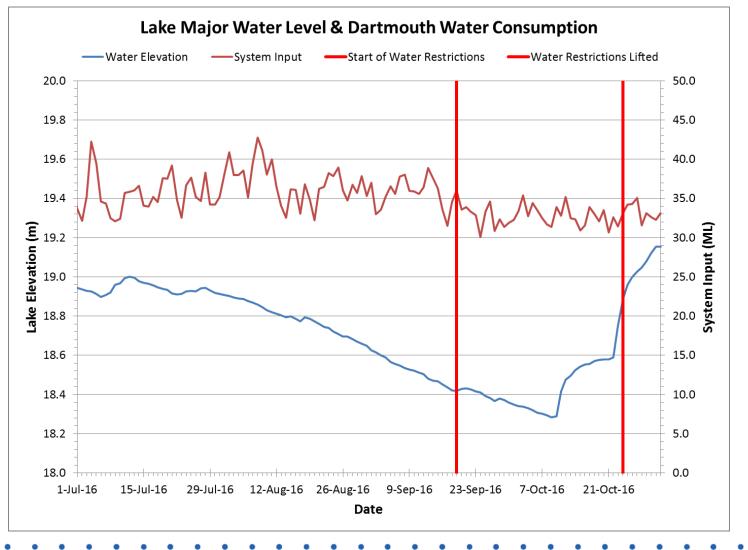
#### Lake Major Dam – Low Level September 14, 2016



#### A Decade of One Water



#### Lake Major Lake Levels Summer 2016



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#### Lake Major Dam – Normal Level October 21, 2016





## **Major Initiatives in 2016/17**

Focus on Asset Renewal with assistance through CWWF program:

- Northwest Arm Sewer Rehabilitation [\$23.3 Million]
- Sullivan's Pond Storm Sewer Replacement/Upgrade [\$11.7 Million]
- Halifax Peninsula Transmission Main Renewal [\$7.3 Million]
- Lake Major Dam Replacement [\$4.5 Million]
- Filter Media and Underdrain Replacement at J.D. Kline water supply plant – Pockwock Lake [\$9.8 Million]



### **2016/17 Audited Financial Results**

- Second set of IFRS financial statements
- Clean audit
- Surplus of \$8.9 Million [NSUARB Handbook]
- Addition of driveway and cross culverts to capital assets, valued at \$102 Million
- Continued positive financial results in 2018/19 [predict postponement of rate application until fall 2019]



#### Summarized Consolidated Operating Results [NSUARB Handbook]

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	Actual YTD 2016/17 '000	Actual YTD 2015/16 '000	¢ Change	% Change
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Operating Revenue	\$137,997	\$131,716	\$6,280	4.8%
Operating Expenses	\$97,839	\$96,238	\$1,601	1.7%
Operating Profit (Loss)	\$40,158	\$35,479	\$4,679	13.2%
Non Operating Revenue	\$3,322	\$3,370	(\$48)	-1.4%
Non Operating Expenditures	\$34,622	\$33,972	\$650	1.9%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$8,858	\$4,877	\$3,981	81.6%

	2016/17	2015/16	
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Water	\$3,731	\$1,136	
Wastewater	\$3,369	\$1,621	
Stormwater	\$1,759	\$2,120	
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$8,858	\$4,877	



### **Balance Sheet Highlights**

- Assets increased by 1.5% or \$19.7 Million compared to prior year, bringing total assets to \$1.29 Billion.
- Liabilities decreased by 1.5% or \$5.0 Million, bringing total liabilities to \$323.3 Million.
- Long term debt -5.8%
  - Total debt including the current portion, is \$226.0 Million
  - \$7.1 M in new debt was issued, repayments of \$21.2 Million
  - Debt service ratio is 21.7% [well below threshold of 35% approved by HRM Council]



### Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and blaze a trail

