### **2015 RESERVE TRANSACTIONS**

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### Reserves

- Are a prudent business practice to:
  - Maintain and enhance financial strength
  - Provide for future funding
  - Provide stabilization for fluctuations in operating and capital requirements
  - Smooth market fluctuations
- Help achieve the Council Vision and Strategic Plan priorities.



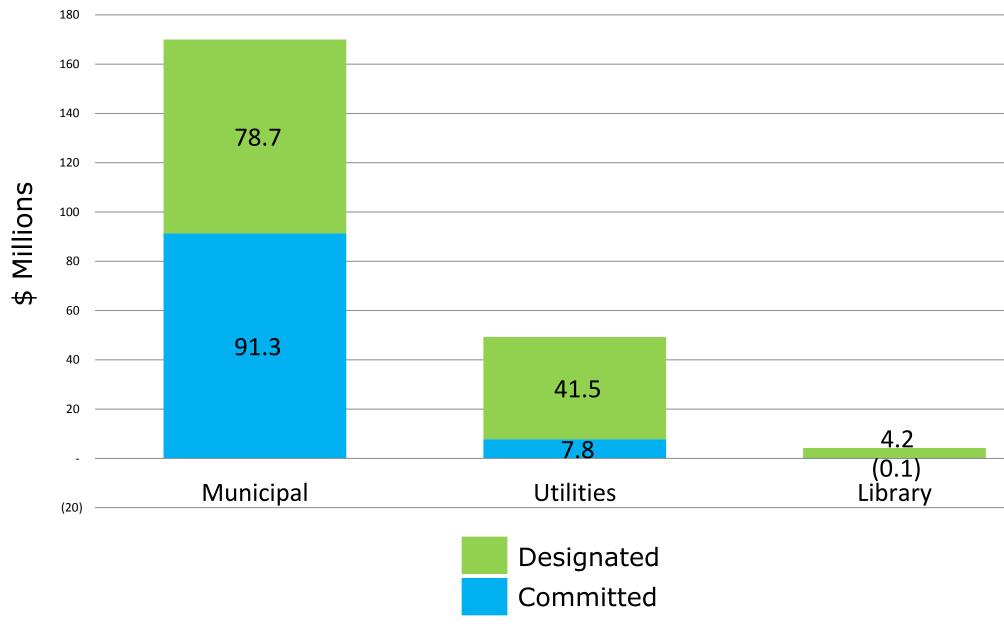
# **Reserve Balances**

- **Designated** = Funding designated to reserves for a specific purpose, which has not yet been approved by Council to be applied towards specific expenditures.
- **Committed** = Funding approved as per FIN-001-024: Financial Reserves policy to be applied towards specific expenditures.
- **Optimal Balance** = Where applicable, Reserves will require a minimum or maximum recommended balance for the Reserve. These recommendations will be a formula based on adequate levels to maintain services as determined by departments, endorsed by Executive Team, and approved by Council.



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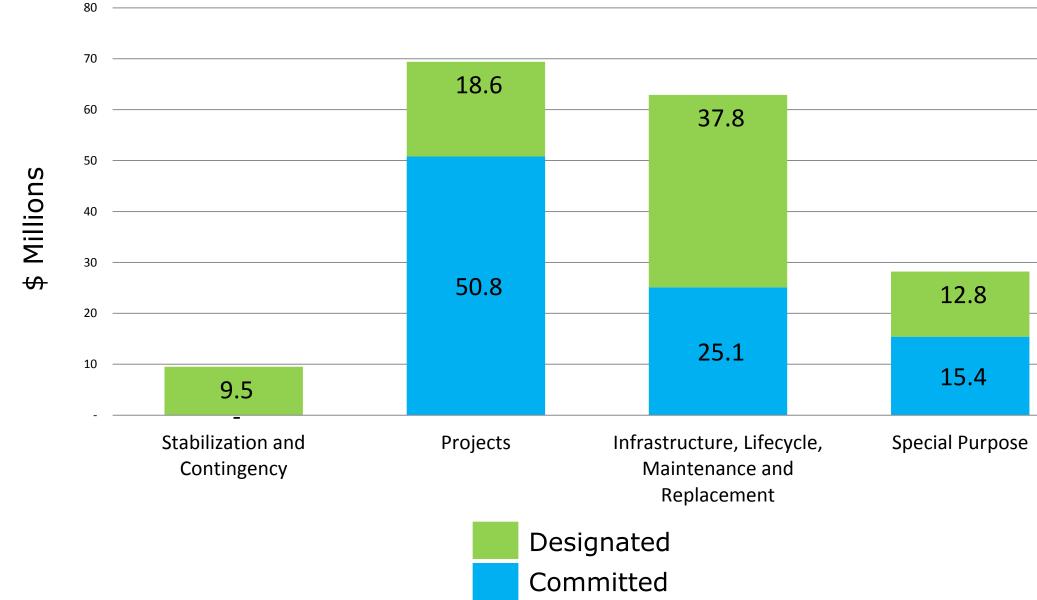
December 31, 2015 Reserve Balance is \$223.4 Million (Enclosure 3)







### **2015 Municipal Reserve Balances** December 31, 2015 Municipal Reserve Balance is \$170.0 Million (Enclosure 3)



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### **Reserve Transactions**

Surplus Allocation

• \$15,604,769 to Municipal and Utility reserves in accordance with the 2015 annual operating surplus for tax purposes allocations previously approved by Council.

Redesignation

• \$100,000 from the Year End Carry Forwards - Municipal Reserve (1.3769) to the Municipal Projects Reserve (1.3773).

