



Staff Report

Report Title: 2023 Draft Budget Presentation

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Department: Treasury

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Attachments: 2023 Budget Presentation, 2023 Draft Budget Summary, Reserves and Reserve Funds, Proposed Capital Projects

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report Number TR-2023-02-17 prepared by Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer AND FURTHER moves into budget deliberations for the 2023 Township of Huron-Kinloss Budget.

Background:

Staff are pleased to present Council with a draft 2023 budget for consideration. The budget has been prepared with the goal of preserving or enhancing services to meet the needs of a growing community.

Discussion:

Although staff continue to monitor operating costs and implement controls where possible, operating costs continue to rise. Net capital costs are slightly lower than last year and this is attributed to the use of reserves and grants to offset the tax rate impact. Based on the current draft budget, 1% of the tax levy is the equivalent of just over \$101,000.00.

The 2022 surplus is not accounted for in the draft 2023 budget as we are waiting on some final expenditures. We have estimated that the 2022 surplus may be approximately \$125,000.00. Funds would be transferred into a tax mitigation reserve and brought forward to reduce future tax related pressures.

Financial Impacts:

The first draft of the 2023 budget is balanced with a municipal tax rate increase of 4.73%. The “average” residential property would experience an increase of \$75.89 on the annual municipal portion of the tax bill.

When combined with the draft County and confirmed education rates, the overall tax rate would increase by 5.2% resulting in an overall annual tax increase of \$158.46.

Changes resulting from user fee increases such as water and wastewater are in addition to the tax rate increase.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the municipality’s Vision & Mission.

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner by retaining and expanding our existing businesses and attracting new ones, diversifying our economy, growing a diversity of tourism opportunities and investing in infrastructure;

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity by creating places where people want to be, celebrating what makes us unique, preserving and protecting our history and heritage and supporting and growing the arts and creativity;

We are a spirited community that takes pride in calling Huron-Kinloss home and welcoming others by engaging in our community;

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by having amenities and services nearby and being open and transparent; and

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment by protecting our natural assets, using our resources wisely and being aware and taking responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer