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Bruce County Council Approves 2023 Capital and Operating Budget

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With this 2023 budget, Bruce County intends to strengthen the foundation of core services by changing course towards fiscal sustainability, being resilient to change, building reserves, and becoming the employer of choice in Bruce County by attracting and retaining a skilled workforce.

Capital expenditures from levy approved for 2023 come in at \$12.1M of a total capital expenditures of \$20.7M, while Operating expenditures from levy are set at \$50.1M of a total operating expenditures of \$127.6M. The County is making key investments in Paramedic Services, Long Term Care, Infrastructure, and Housing Facilities. The 2023 net levy increase will be 7.91%.

Warden Chris Peabody commented, “Infrastructure upgrades and support services are key priorities for Bruce County and are strongly reflected in this budget. We have moved the 2023 budget to remain in close alignment with inflation while continuing to support economic recovery and build up our reserves to fund future projects. I would like to thank County staff for their hard work and prudent planning on a budget that moves us forward on a fiscally responsible path.”

Discover more about the 2023-2027 corporate budget at www.brucecounty.on.ca/budget.

For more information on the 2023 Bruce County Budget, please contact Director of Corporate Services Edward Henley at ehenley@brucecounty.on.ca.

Proposed Key Initiatives for 2023:

- Paramedic Services Vehicles \$0.8M
- Paramedic Station (Port Elgin) \$10.0M ongoing from 2022
- Long Term Care Operations \$1.7M additional funds
- Long Term Care Modernization of Connectivity \$0.2M
- Paisley Bridge Replacement \$10.0M ongoing from 2022
- Other Bridge and Culvert Repairs/Replacement \$1.0M
- Road Repairs and Replacements \$4.6M
- Housing Facilities Repairs and Replacements \$2.8M

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