



Budget Report

Report Title: Transportation Budget 2021

Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Department: Public Works

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Attachments: Business Plan

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report No. PW-2021-02-9 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works and approves the 2021 Transportation Business Plan in principle.

Budget Overview:

2021 Proposed Budget Total Net Expenditures: \$4,765,792.00

Compare to:	Total Net Expenditures	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
2020 Budget	\$4,743,842.00	\$21,950.00	0.50%
2020 Actual	\$4,426,002.45	\$339,789.55	7.77%

Discussion:

We were fortunate that the street reconstruction projects in Point Clark and Lucknow were completed for significantly less than was budgeted in 2021. It is unclear if the Covid-19 pandemic contributed to these savings, but we experienced very few issues during construction, so very little of the contingency allowances were used. Also, the construction of the Bruce Beach Drain and Park Street Drain projects were not constructed in 2020, so we were able to leverage the savings from these projects to slightly expand the Ripley snow storage area and repair the drainage issues that were becoming a potential liability for the Township on William Street North in

Ripley. We were also able to replace additional sections of failed guide rails and keep up with the removal of hazardous trees along the Lakeshore.

Township staff decided to defer the spring portion of the 2020 traffic count study until 2021 due to the anticipated lack of vehicular traffic as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Treasurer's Comments:

Transportation continues to represent the largest share of the total budget, therefore has a significant impact on the Township's financial position in the event of a variance.

We have been able to maintain a consistent rate of capital investments versus maintenance costs, which is important to keeping our assets in good condition.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The recommendations contribute to our goals in achieving an accessible community by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer