



2021 BUDGET INFORMATION

The Council of the Township of Machar has approved a 2021 levy of \$2,068,222 which is an increase of \$73,394 over the 2020 levy of \$1,994,828. The increase to the Tax Rate is 2.6%. This tax rate was achieved by cutting \$125,000 from the Road Dept budget to reduce the overall Township budget. The effect on an individual's property tax will be 2.6% as there's been no assessment change from last year, dollar amounts are expected to be minimal. The 2021 Tax Impact on a Median/Typical Property - Single Family Home is \$35.18. Council has struck what we believe to be a necessary, conservative and fair tax rate increase based on costs, and to position ourselves well for the future.

Funding to the municipality through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund was increased by \$10,000 in 2021. Our share for South River Machar Fire Dept increased by 3.6% to \$185,539 in 2021. Our share of the South River Machar Arena is up 7.5% over the adjusted budget in 2020 to \$88,259 in 2021. Township road operations are up 2.3%, Administration is up 1.9% and Landfill operations are up 1.8%. South River Machar Library is up 2.3% to \$33,474 for our share in 2021. Our costs for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit are the same for 2020 thanks to their mitigation funding from the Province and Provincial Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services is up 4.7% to \$79,053, District Social Services is down slightly to \$112,135, our mandatory contribution to Eastholme, Home for the Aged is up 19% to \$93,719 and Property Assessment (MPAC) is down minimally to \$39,048.

Road construction projects for 2021 will include surface treatment to Machar Strong Boundary Rd, Municipal Rd S and possibly a portion of Tower Rd. Line painting of the Eagle Lake Rd will continue in 2021 to complement the hard surfacing of the shoulders done in the reconstruction of the Eagle Lake Rd. This provides increased safety for cyclists and pedestrians and has been well received. We're hoping to expand the wider surfacing of hard surface roads to other roads as we move forward and as funds allow. We added a Compactor to our Municipal Landfill Site and a Snowplow truck to our fleet last year. These additions help us increase the life expectancy of our Landfill Site and help us provide the very best service to our citizens. We're proud to continue to commit the necessary funds to maintain the quality of our overall road network and provide you with good service.

In a comparison of our 2021 Tax Rate to the 2020 Tax Rates for our immediate 4 comparators, the Township of Machar is less than \$236.43 to \$1,648.04 in total annual taxes. The Township of Strong is our closest comparator in terms of location, size and road network. Achieving and maintaining a lower tax rate promotes development, and provides our citizens with the best value for service. We strive however to balance this with growth and ever increasing demands on staff for more service. Council and Staff consistently strive to provide the very best service to our citizens.

Mayor Lynda Carleton