



2022 BUDGET INFORMATION

The Council of the Township of Machar has approved a 2022 levy of \$2,167,438 which is an increase of \$99,216 over the 2021 levy of \$2,068,222. The increase to the Tax Rate is 2.5%. The effect on an individual's property tax will be 2.5% as there's been no assessment change from last year, dollar amounts are expected to be minimal. The 2022 Tax Impact on a Median/Typical Property with an assessed value of \$216,000 is \$52.17. Council has struck what we believe to be a necessary, conservative and fair tax rate increase based on costs, with particular consideration given to the increased costs our citizens are paying for items like food, gas etc and the cost of inflation.

Funding to the municipality through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund was increased by \$9,400 in 2022. Our share for South River Machar Fire Dept has increased by 3% to \$191,105 in 2022. Our share of the South River Machar Arena has increased by 3% to \$90,907 in 2022. Township road operations are up 2% and Landfill operations are up 1.2%. South River Machar Library is up 2.9% to \$34,431 for our share in 2022. Our costs for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit are up 3.3% to \$28,233 and Provincial Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services is up 7% to \$84,571, District Social Services is up 1.8% to \$114,141, our mandatory contribution to Eastholme, Home for the Aged is up 4.2% to \$89,517 and Property Assessment (MPAC) is down minimally to \$38,741.

Road construction projects for 2022 are to include micro surface treatment to Park Rd and apron paving to 3 Eagle Lake Rd intersections; Leighton Rd, Riding Ranch Rd and Scarlett Rd. Full line painting of the Eagle Lake Rd will be done in 2022 to complement the hard surfacing of the shoulders done in the reconstruction of the Eagle Lake Rd. This wider road width provides increased safety for cyclists and pedestrians and has been well received by our citizens and visitors alike. We're hoping to expand the wider surfacing of hard surface roads to other roads as we move forward and as funds allow. We'll update our Municipal Landfill Site Capacity Study this year. This information will help us ensure we're on track with landfill operations, confirm 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 2021 Tax Rates, the Township of Machar is less than \$108.43 compared to the Township of Strong and less than \$1,643.14 and \$1,783.99 to Sundridge and South River 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, but comparable tax rate promotes development, and positions us well for the future, while still providing our citizens with the best value for service. We strive to balance growth, with ever increasing demands for more service. We've seen a significant increase in property development, our population and citizen inquiries since the onset of Covid-19. Our goal is to provide the very best service to our citizens, while managing these challenges.

Mayor Lynda Carleton