



2023 BUDGET INFORMATION

The Council of the Township of Machar has approved a levy of \$2,357,314 for 2023. The 2023 levy is an increase of \$189,876 over the 2022 levy. The amount required is significantly higher than experienced in previous years. The resulting increase to the Tax Rate is 6.77%. The effect on an individual's property tax will be 6.77% as there's been no assessment change from 2022. The Tax Impact on a Property with an assessed value of \$201,000 is \$132.83 for 2023. Council has struck a fair tax rate based on increased budget costs, and the high cost of inflation being experienced. We've drawn from our own contributions to reserves to reduce the increase from 10.85% to 6.77%.

Our share for South River Machar Fire Dept has increased by 13% or \$24,808 to \$215,913 in 2023. Our share of the South River Machar Arena has increased by \$76,328 over what we budgeted in 2022 to \$167,235 our share in 2023. The increase for these 2 services to us in 2023 is \$101,136 alone. Township Road operations are up 1.98% and Landfill is up 1.67%. The South River Machar Library is up 10.34% to \$37,991 for our share in 2023. Our costs for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit are down slightly to \$27,061. Provincial Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services is up 6.3% to \$89,859, District Social Services is up 2.6% to \$117,107, our mandatory contribution to Eastholme, Home for the Aged is up 3.3% to \$92,462 and Property Assessment (MPAC) is down minimally to \$38,341.

Road construction projects for 2023 are to include Micro Surface Treatment to Municipal Rd S and Tower Rd, and line painting of the Eagle Lake Rd will continue 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 updated our Municipal Landfill Site Capacity Study in 2022. This information will help us ensure we're on track with Landfill operations, confirm the life expectancy of our Landfill Site and its longevity of Landfill availability for our taxpayers. 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.

A comparison of 2022 Tax Rates on the same assessed value reflects total annual taxes of \$2,105.84 Township of Machar, \$2,234.02 Township of Strong, \$3,794.35 Village of Sundridge, and \$4,009.40 Village of South River. The Township of Strong is our closest comparator in terms of location, size and road network. Achieving and maintaining a responsible tax increase, but comparable tax rate, 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. Demands for more service increase costs. We've seen a significant increase in workloads and citizen requests in all departments. Our goal is to provide the very best service to our citizens, while managing these challenges.

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Mayor Lynda Carleton