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Annual Budget Update

GLENCOE, ON, March 2019

On Wednesday, February 27, 2019, Council approved the 2019 budget which included an approved levy increase of 2.3% for the 2019. For a residential home assessed at \$200,000, the property tax increase is an additional \$61.89.

Council approved a number of projects and improvements targeted at maintaining services and making improvements, through capital and operational items in all areas.

For Facilities and Recreation, new playground equipment was approved for the Middlemiss Park, groundcover at parks to deter sand wasps, repairs for the deck at the Historical Train Station, Christmas lights, as well as improvements at the arena for rooftop railings, new doors, new tables and furnace in the auditorium, audio-video system for the council chambers, improvements to the front counter, and other needed equipment.

Within the Fire Department, Council supported Sunday Duties pay for the Volunteer Firefighters, a generator for the Fire Station in Glencoe, which also serves as the secondary Emergency Control Centre in the event of an emergency, and additional costs associated with drainage works for the Wardsville Fire Station parking lot.

In Public Works, capital works for Olde Drive tar and chip, Tait’s Road, sidewalks, and new equipment was approved. As well, Council has approved the municipal portion of a watermain replacement on Main Street as part of an application for provincial and federal funds.

Within the Finance and Administration Departments, Council supported the municipal portion of the funds required for the development of an economic development plan for SWM, as an application has been made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs’ Rural Economic Development fund. Other projects include such areas as electronic records management software, dog licensing renewal initiative, and a new phone system.

The budget increases will be funded by assessment growth of \$259,688 and additional funds raised through taxes of \$200,923. The 2.3% increases is comparable to the Ontario 2019 CPI.

	2016	2017	2018	2019 Total	
Budgeted Tax Rate Increase	1.74%	1.53%	1.77%	2.30%	7.55%
Prior Year's Consumer Price Index Adjustment	1.70%	2.00%	1.50%	2.30%	7.66%

The 2019 municipal expenses of \$5,326,337.30 are comprised of:

- Public Works - \$1,931,189.52
- Police - \$759,118.92
- Facilities & Recreation - \$634,769.88
- Capital - \$489,907.55
- Fire Protection - \$472,931.61
- Administration - \$463,783.74
- Waste Management - \$325,474.06
- Council - \$135,521.62
- Building/Planning - \$74,397.28
- Wardsville Sewers - \$39,243.13

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