

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report TR 02-2024

Council Meeting Date: February 27, 2024

TO: Mayor Cook and Members of Council

FROM: Janet Ferguson, Treasurer

RE: 2024 Approved Operating and Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report TR 02-2024 regarding the 2024 Approved Operating and Capital Budget be received; and

THAT By-law 15 of 2024 authorizing the adoption of the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget be approved.

SUMMARY

This report presents the 2024 Operating and Capital budget Summary; as amended at the January 15, 2024 Budget Meeting and updated from the February 6th Council Meeting direction.

BACKGROUND

The budget process started in the fall of 2023 with a public input survey. During the information gathering, staff reviewed the various studies and programs as well as performed inspections on infrastructure and vehicle and equipment.

The budget survey results were provided to Council at the November 7th Council Meeting. Staff compiled the budget requests for 2024 and the Draft Budget Binder was provided to Council on December 21st.

Council held a full day budget discussion meeting on January 15, 2024. During that meeting, additional information was requested for the Port Franks Marina dredging. The dredging options and the tender for the Klondyke Park pickleball courts were presented at the February 6, 2024 Council Meeting. Direction provided by Council has been summarized in the chart below and the Draft Budget updated.

There was a total of \$398,814.00 added to the Operating Budget; however, only \$100,073.00 was required from taxation. The balance of cost was recovered through User Fees and Reserve Fund allocations. Staff also added one study that will be funded from a grant we have received and therefore no impact on taxation.

There was a net \$806,803.42 adjustment to the Capital Budget. This was as a result of deferring one project, changing a project location which changed funding available, and adding 4 others funded from Grants and Reserve Funds.

Municipality of Lambton Shores						
2024 Draft Budget Additions Approved January 15, 2024 and February 6, 2024						
Business Unit Location	Res #	Description	Expense	Possible Grant Contribution	Balance from Funding Source	
Draft "Operating" Budget Presented			\$ 32,745,034.00			
Administration	24-0115-06	Blue Coast Primary Care - Doctor Recruitment	\$ 17,814.00		Opportunities & Contingency RF	\$ 17,814.00
Economic Development	24-0115-07	Community Improvement Plan Grant Allocation	\$ 50,000.00		Vibrancy Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Economic Development	24-0115-14	New Position - Economic Development Officer	\$ 100,000.00		Taxation	\$ 100,000.00
Economic Development	24-0115-16	Increased allocation to Grand Bend Chamber	\$ 1,000.00		Taxation	\$ 1,000.00
Wastewater	24-0115-17	Sump Pump Grant Program	\$ 50,000.00		Wastewater RF	\$ 50,000.00
Harbours	24-0206-05	PF Marina Dredging	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 142,190.00	Surcharge - Balance Taxation	\$ 2,810.00
Administration	Staff Update	Wage and Pay Equity Review	\$ 35,000.00		Modernization Funding	\$ 35,000.00
Sub Total			\$ 398,814.00	\$ 142,190.00		\$ 256,624.00
Total 2024 Operating Budget			\$ 33,143,848.00			
Draft "Capital" Budget Presented			\$ 17,302,345.00			
Emergency Services - Fire	24-0115-04	Defer TH - Squad Truck to 2025	-\$ 80,000.00		Rolling Stock RF	-\$ 80,000.00
Transportation	24-0115-05	Remove Traffic Signal at Summergrove Rd	-\$ 450,000.00	-\$ 225,000.00	From Developer	-\$ 225,000.00
Transportation	24-0115-05	Gill Road Cross Walk	\$ 225,000.00		Transportation RF	\$ 225,000.00
Transportation / Community Services	24-0115-08	Purchase & Install - EV - charging units	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	Parking RF	\$ 50,000.00
Emergency Services	24-0115-09	Emergency Generator for the Shores	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	Building & Facilities RF	\$ 70,000.00
Recreation Parks (Land Improvement)	24-0115-10	Pickleball at Klondyke Park	\$ 500,000.00		Tax Rate Stabilization RF	\$ 500,000.00
	24-0206-06	Tender Approved Addition	\$ 16,803.42		Tax Rate Stabilization RF	\$ 16,803.42
Community Services / Transportation	24-0115-13	Storage Building	\$ 275,000.00		Building & Facilities RF	\$ 275,000.00
Sub Total			\$ 806,803.42	-\$ 25,000.00		\$ 831,803.42
Total 2024 Capital Budget			\$ 18,109,148.42			
Total Operating and Capital Additions			\$ 1,205,617.42			
Total 2024 Operating and Capital Budget			\$ 51,252,996.42			

The changes have been made to the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget and the updated schedules are attached to this report.

By-law 15 of 2024 authorizing the 2024 Budget has been provided for Council's final approval of the Operating and Capital Budgets. Once the by-law has been passed, the budget detail will be placed on the website.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

None

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

That Report TR 02-2024 be received and that By-law 15 of 2024 authorizing the adoption of the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget be passed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Approved Operating Budget reflects expenditures of \$33,143,848.00 while the Approved Capital Budget reflects expenditures of \$18,109,148.00.

The 2024 tax levy required is \$14,798,325.00 which is 6.16% or \$858,183 over the 2023 levy. The Lambton Shores tax rate is estimated to be 4.21% higher than 2023. The final tax rate information will be brought forward once the County wide tax policies have been established.

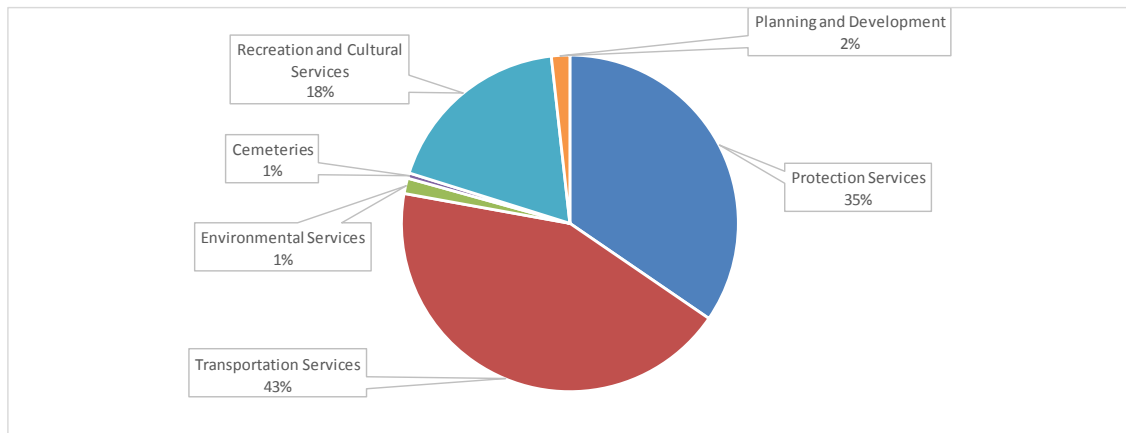
The following chart shows the estimated impact per \$100,000 of assessment and for an average assessed home.

Estimated Tax Rate Impacts for the 2024 Budget

Per \$100,000 of Assess	2023	2024	Annual Change	Installment	Month	Day
Assessment	\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00				
Tax Rate	0.00515136	0.00536829				
Taxes	\$ 515.14	\$ 536.83	\$21.69	\$5.42	\$1.81	\$0.06
Percent			4.21%			

Assessment Change	2023	2024	Annual Change	Installment	Month	Day
Average Assessed Home						
Assessment	\$304,940.00	\$ 311,038.80	\$ 6,098.80			
Tax Rate	0.00515136	0.00536829	0.00021693			
Taxes	\$ 1,570.86	\$ 1,669.75	\$98.89	\$24.72	\$8.24	\$0.27
Percent			6.30%			

The following chart shows the allocation of taxes for Lambton Shores. It does not include the County or Education tax levy.



CONSULTATION

Council

CAO, Steve McAuley

Attachments:

1 – 2024 Operating Budget Summary

2 – 2024 Capital Budget Project Listing