
Tay Valley Township Approves 2016 Budget – Policing Costs Account for 80% of Tax Increase

At its December 8, 2015, meeting, Tay Valley Township Council gave final approval to its 2016 budget. The 2016 budget will see a 5.62% tax levy increase, 4.45% of which will pay for increased policing costs. The total 2016 tax requirement of \$5,005,109 is \$266,454 more than was required in 2015 which represents an increase of \$34.16 on a property assessed at \$200,000 in value.

80% of the tax increase is a direct result of the second year of the five year phase-in of the new provincial funding formula for policing. The Township's annual cost for O.P.P. policing services will increase by \$210,830 (32%) from \$667,730 in 2015 to \$878,560 in 2016.

The 2016 budget includes provision for further implementation of the Township's Strategic Plan including continued reserve fund contributions to fund infrastructure renewal; an update to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law and improvements in waste site operations. The budget also provides for the creation of waste management and recreation master plans, economic development initiatives and affordable recreation and cultural programs.

Reeve Keith Kerr thanked Council, staff and members of the public who provided input into the budget process. "The Township continues to maintain a strong financial position overall, despite the impact of the new police funding formula, while investing in infrastructure renewal and maintaining core municipal services", said Kerr who's term as Warden of Lanark County also ended on December 8.

Highlights of Tay Valley's \$1.05 million infrastructure renewal and replacement program for 2016 include the following:

- Rehabilitation of:
 - eastern section of Clarchris Road (\$191,000)
 - eastern section of Norris Road (\$57,500)
 - Mutton's Road (\$122,000)
- Doran Road culvert replacement (\$224,000)
- Road Deficiencies Elimination Program (\$60,000)
- Guardrail replacement and bridge repair (\$100,000)
- Replacement of a tandem plow truck (\$235,000)
- Box Sander (\$50,000)
- Waste site improvements including an additional compactor (\$46,000)
- Improvements to tennis courts in Maberly (\$20,000)

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