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ASHFIELD - COLBORNE - WAWANOSH

PRESS RELEASE

From: Mark Becker, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Subject: Budget 2009

Date: March 25, 2009

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council is proposing to adopt the budget for 2009 at their Council Meeting being held on April 21, 2009. The result will be a **one percent** increase over the Township 2008 Levy. The Township will be raising \$2,610,175 for Township purposes only in 2009, an increase of \$25,845 from the 2008 Levy.

Township Purposes Only Levy - Example

An average home, assessed at \$100,000 in 2008, with an assumption that our residential assessment increased by an average of almost 10 percent, an average home, now assessed in 2009 at \$110,000 will pay the following for Township purposes only:

Township Only	2008	2009	Increase
	\$ 449	\$ 462	\$ 13 2.9%

Total Taxes Levied – Example
County of Huron, Township, Education

An average home, assessed at \$100,000 in 2008, with an assumption that our residential assessment increased by an average of almost 10 percent, an average home, now assessed in 2009 at \$110,000 will pay a total of \$1419 in taxes in 2009, compared to a total of \$1,360 in 2008. This is an increase of \$59 a year.

	2008	2009	Increase Change		
Township (33%)	\$ 449	\$ 462	\$ 13	2.9 %	Increase
County (48%)	\$ 647	\$ 680	\$ 33	5.1 %	Increase
Education (19%)	\$ 264	\$ 277	\$ 13	4.9 %	Increase
 Total	 \$ 1,360	 \$ 1,419	 \$ 59	 4.3 %	 Increase

Tax Rate Comparison

The following is the tax rate comparison to last year.

	2008	2009	
Township	.004492315	.004196476	Decrease
County	.006463420	.006184300	Decrease
Education	.002640000	.002520000	Decrease
 Total	 .013595740	 .012900780	 Decrease

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh is continuing with their paving program, along with other various capital projects, and continuing to maintain the services and infrastructure that already exists.

The following are the applicable yearly water charges, which are an additional charge on top of the set tax rate on a residential property in the affected areas. The Water Rates will be adopted at our April 21, 2009 meeting, but they do not affect the Township Tax Rate. There have been no changes from last year.

Water	2008	2009
Huron Sands	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00
Century Heights	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Maitlandview Estates	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Dungannon	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Amberley	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00
Lucknow (Wawanosh)	\$ 365.00	\$ 365.00
Lucknow (Ashfield)	\$.90 / Cubic Metre + \$10	\$ 1.05 / Cubic Meter + \$10
Benmiller Heights	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

Century Heights and Maitlandview Estates will continue to have an additional \$60.00 a year water charge if the owners have a swimming pool.

The following sewage rates have dropped from 2008 to 2009.

Sewage	2008	2009
Benmiller Heights	\$ 690.00	\$ 650.00

The following are the applicable yearly special area rates, which are an additional charge on top of the set tax rate on a residential property in the affected areas. There have been no changes from last year.

Streetlights	2008	2009
Airport	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Auburn	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Saltford	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Benmiller	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Dungannon	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Port Albert	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
St. Helens	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00

The final numbers have the total township budget at approximately \$ 5.97 million with approximately \$ 1.7 million in capital projects, and the approximate balance of \$ 4.27 million for operating costs. After revenues are applied to the \$ 5.97 million, approximately \$ 2.6 million must be raised by the Township Tax Rate.

Budget Highlights

Public Works Department

Equipment

Tandem Truck With Plow Equipment	\$ 220,000
Tractor With Loader	\$ 85,000
Roadside Disc Mower	\$ 15,000
Chainsaw Replacements	\$ 2,000
Sandblast Tandem & Plow	\$ 6,000

Reconstruction

Lanesville Line (Hawkins Rd South)	\$ 60,000
Maryanne Street & Henry Street (St. Helens)	\$ 45,000
Belfast Road Partial (East of St. Helens)	\$ 10,000
Horizon View Road	\$ 160,000
Brindley's Beach Road	\$ 100,000

Bridges

Replacement – River Mill Line at Hawkins Road	\$ 306,900
Cransford Line Bridge – Environmental Assessment	\$ 25,000
Mandatory Bridge Inspection Report	\$ 14,000
Finalize Bridge & Roads Needs Study	\$ 5,000

Paving

Huron Sands Road	\$ 125,000
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Resurfacing

Zion Road (Highway 21 to Kintail Line)	\$ 210,000
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Building Repairs

Replace Doors at Wawanosh Shed	\$ 14,000
Eavestroughing at All Sheds	\$ 4,000
Insulate Ashfield Shed	\$ 10,000

Drainage

Port Albert Drainage Reports	\$ 30,000
Storm Sewer Extentions at Century Heights / Maitlandview	\$ 30,000

Landfill Department

Scrap Tire Removal	\$ 5,000
Design & Operational Report (Increase Capacity)	\$ 30,000
Hydrogeological Study (Increase Capacity)	\$ 13,000
Closure Work (Old Ashfield Site)	\$ 2,000
Scale & Building	\$ 120,000
Compactor	\$ 75,000
Closure Work (Wawanosh Site)	\$ 23,000

Protection & Inspection

Huron County CT Scanner Campaign	\$ 20,000
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