

## **TOWN OF LAKESHORE**

### **FINANCE SERVICES**

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Rosanna Pellerito, Director of Finance  
**DATE:** December 3, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** 2020 Budget Adoption

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Council:

Adopt By-law 133-2019 establishing the 2020 Municipal Tax Levy and Tax Rates.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

At their meeting of December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019, Council resolved to: "Approve the Draft 2020 Budget as amended."

#### **COMMENTS:**

Council received the 2020 Draft Budget on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. Council met to deliberate the 2020 Draft Budget on November 25, 26, 27 and on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

The 2020 Draft Budget recommended a municipal levy increase of \$2,759,018. Further to Council's deliberations, the overall levy increase was amended to \$2,762,222. When factoring in the County levy and the School board levy, the blended rate equates to an increase of 0.82% (2.5% municipal levy increase). This translates to an additional \$25.54 on a home valued at \$250,000.

The overall amendments approved by Council resulted in a net increase to the municipal levy of \$3,204. The details of the approved budget amendments are identified below.

<b>Description of Amendments</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Addition of an Economic Development Officer for part of the year	\$33,750
Funding for the St Clair Shores Park Plan	30,000
Additional funding for the Mayor's Arts award	3,000
Addition of a Senior Planner to be hired part way through the year	50,000
Additional Funding for the Comber and Maidstone Museums	3,000
Revenue increase for the Garbage collection contract	(26,000)
Removal of consulting budget for Human Resources	(10,000)
Removal of the Communication Support budget	(10,000)
One-Time transfer from the Police reserve to fund that 2020 contract increase	(60,474)
Removal of the conversion of the Administrative Assistant in planning	(10,072)
Reduce the transfer to Roads Lifecycle Reserve	(500,000)
Increase in transfer to Gravel Roads Conversion	500,000
Growth Projection Correction	697,600
Reduction in the transfer to Vehicles & Equipment Reserve	(100,000)
Reduction in the transfer to Facilities-New Reserve	(65,000)
Increase in interest revenue	(200,000)
One-Time transfer from Recreation DC reserve to offset debt payments for the ATC	(332,600)
<b>Total Draft Budget Adjustments</b>	<b>3,204</b>
<b>2019 Draft Budget Levy Increase</b>	<b>2,759,018</b>
<b>2019 Final Budget Levy Increase as amended</b>	<b>\$2,762,222</b>

Below are other amendments to the 2020 Draft Budget not affecting the municipal levy:

Description of Amendments not Affecting the Levy	Increase/ (Decrease)
Reduction in funding for the upgrade of the Desk at the ATC	(\$140,000)
Removal of additional funding for the Splash Pad at the ATC	(170,000)
Additional funding for the Lighthouse Cove CIP Plan to be funded from the Plans and Studies reserve	45,000
Add a Showcase at the Libro Centre to be funded from the Facilities Reserve	\$3,000

**OTHERS CONSULTED:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

By-law 133-2019 establishes the 2020 municipal own purposes tax levy and rates for collection of that levy. The 2020 tax rates have been calculated based on tax ratios anticipated to be approved by the County of Essex and by the Province (approval timing is unknown at the time of writing this report). In addition, the By-law establishes rates for garbage collection charges and sets the 2020 BIA levy and rates for collection of that levy.

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