

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Corporate Services

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer- Chief Financial Officer



To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Justin Rousseau, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer- Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 18, 2025

Subject: 2025 Final Levy and Tax Rate

Recommendation

Direct the Clerk to read By-law 28-2025 establishing the 2025 Municipal Tax Levy and Tax Rates, as presented at the April 8, 2025 Council meeting.

Strategic Objectives

The report is not directly linked to a strategic objective; however, it is a fundamental component of municipal operations.

Background

At its meeting on March 4, 2025, Council resolved:

Resolution #63-03-2025

Direct the Clerk to read By-law 18-2025, adopting the 2025 Budget Estimates, during the Consideration of By-laws; and

Direct Administration to publish the 2025 Budget Book, as presented at the March 4, 2025, Council meeting.

Council adopted By-law 18-2025 accordingly.

Comments

Council received the 2025 Draft Budget on December 10, 2025. Council met to deliberate the 2025 Draft Budget on January 23, 2025.

Further to Council's deliberations, the overall levy increase was amended to \$1,664,295. When factoring in the County levy and the School board levy, the blended rate equates to an increase of 2.77% (2.73% municipal levy increase). This translates to an additional \$103 on a home valued at \$270,000. Garbage collection fees will also

decrease by \$17 per year due to adjustment on the garbage contract forecast for a total annual increase of \$86 for an average home with garbage collection.

Financial Impacts

By-law 28-2025 establishes the 2025 municipal own purposes tax levy and rates for the collection of that levy. The 2025 tax rates have been calculated based on tax ratios approved by the County of Essex and by the province. In addition, the By-law establishes rates for garbage collection charges and sets the 2025 BIA levy and rates for the collection of that levy.

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Prepared by Justin Rousseau

Approved by the Corporate Leadership Team