

	<b>THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST</b>	
	<b>To:</b>	<b>Special Council</b>
	<b>From:</b>	<b>Val Sequeira, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer</b>
	<b>Date:</b>	<b>November 25, 2021</b>
	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Recommended 2022 Budget Report No. COR 2021-28</b>

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer recommends:

**THAT** the Report No. COR 2021-28 re. Recommended 2022 Budget be received for information;

**AND THAT** Council deliberate on the Recommended 2022 Budget package in Attachment A to this Report at its Special Council meetings scheduled for December 7, 8 and 9 with the intention of adopting a 2022 Budget, as amended, for the Town of Gravenhurst.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Recommended 2022 Budget Report is to bring forward a 2022 Budget for consideration and approval that is reflective of the direction provided by Council at the Council meeting of September 21, 2021.

**BACKGROUND**

Each year Administration develops background information in preparation for budget discussions, seeks some direction in regard to a budget guideline and proposes a budget review schedule consistent with expressed Council wishes. On the September 21, 2021 Council provided the following direction in regard to the development of the 2022 Budget:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Report No. COR 2021-21 re: 2022 Budget Review and Guideline be received for information;

**THAT** the 2022 Budget Review Schedule in Table 3 of this Report be approved;

**AND THAT** Administration be directed to prepare and bring forward the 2022 Budget within the guideline presented in Table 4.

The Recommended 2022 Budget is within the guideline provided by Council and 2022 Budget deliberations have been scheduled as per the dates in the Report.

## **ANALYSIS**

The Recommended 2022 Budget package contained in Attachment A includes a budget overview and more detailed 2022 Operating budget information specific to each department or community partner.

As well, and because a robust, proactive capital program is a significant element in the Town budget, the 2022 Capital Budget and Multi-Year Plan forms an integral part of this package. The budget in its entirety reflects the resource requirement and high level goals for 2022.

The 2022 Tax Rate increase as a result of the Recommended 2022 Budget is 1.0%.

Council will have the opportunity to deliberate the recommended 2022 Budget over three days with a goal of approving a budget for 2022 on December 9, 2021.

## **CONSULTATION**

The following individuals / community groups were consulted:

- Mayor
- Chair of Budget Committee
- Representatives from all Community Partners
- Senior Leadership Team
- Corporate Management Team
- Treasurer
- Manager of Accounting and IT
- Purchasing - Financial Analyst

## **CORPORATE FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Recommended 2022 Budget will require a 1.0% increase to the Town of Gravenhurst 2022 Tax Rate and no change to the 2022 GBIA tax rate.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

This Report does not contribute to meeting the intentions of the Climate Change Declaration, though it is anticipated that extensive human resources will be allocated towards climate change planning in 2022. In fact, that exercise is already well underway. Further, purchasing

decisions resulting from approval of the operating and capital budgets already consider climate change as a matter of best practice.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Recommended 2022 Budget will be posted on the Town web-site and *EngageGravenhurst* site. The meeting dates for budget deliberations will be published in the Gravenhurst Banner as per current protocol, and the all-day Special Council meetings scheduled for December 7,8 and 9 to deliberate on the 2022 Budget will be live streamed for community viewing.

## **FUTURE CONSULTATIONS – nil**

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Administration concludes that the Recommended 2022 Budget is in accordance with the prior direction provided by Council and should be approved so staff may move forward with appropriate plans for 2022.

## **RELATION TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This Report does not directly advance or support the Town of Gravenhurst Strategic Plan, though the operating and capital budgets are prepared with strategic priorities in mind, many of which are contained in the existing Plan.

## **RELATION TO OTHER MUNICIPAL REPORTS, PLANS OR APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

This Report related to other municipal reports, plans or applicable legislation including:

1. Municipal Act 2001 as amended
2. Report COR 2021-21 to Committee of the Whole September 21 re. 2022 Budget Review and Guideline

## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment A: Recommended 2022 Budget Package

## **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

Author: Val Sequeira, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer  
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