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Town of Midland Draft 2023 Budget Presented to Council

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(December 9, 2022, Midland ON) On Wednesday, December 7, 2022, the Draft 2023 Budget was presented to the 2022-2026 Council at its first official meeting of the new term. The proposed budget is a balanced approach to maintaining or improving services while keeping the tax rate below the rate of inflation, a situation that has brought about uncertainty and pressure for the Town, its residents and businesses, and across Canada and globally.

“With this Draft 2023 Budget Town Administration has provided Council with many options to consider in the coming weeks,” said Town of Midland Mayor Bill Gordon. “We look forward to continuing the budget process with staff in early 2023 to arrive at an approved budget that will minimize financial impacts to families and businesses but delivers and builds upon the great services this Town has to offer. I also encourage the public to submit their budget questions for Council’s consideration as part of our review.”

Highlights of the Draft 2023 Budget include:

- Upgrades to Little Lake Park, Tiffin Park, Pete Pettersen Park and the Waterfront Trail.
- Launch of the Downtown and Attainable Housing Community Improvement Plan.
- Community safety enhancements to Town buses including automatic radio announcements of bus stops and visual bus stop displays to assist passengers with visual or hearing challenges.
- Consideration of the sale and development of the Midland Bay Landing property which could provide unprecedented public access and reinforce the Town’s financial reserve capacity.

Proposed tax rates include:

- Estimated tax rate increase to the base budget including onetime adjustment = 2.19%;
- Increase related to 2022 decisions (free parking/transit/boat launch) = 1.64%;
- Overall Town increase = 3.83% (2.19%+1.64%)
- This overall increase equates to a \$4.13 increase per month per \$100,000 of property assessment to support Town services (before Council/Committee Requests, Service Level Change Requests, Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Sustainable Capital Levy).
- Estimated all in blended rate is 4.2%, an increase of \$5.33 per month per \$100,000 of property assessment.
- 5% increase in Water Rate = \$1.72 increase per month for a typical user.
- 4% increase in Wastewater Rate = \$1.56 increase per month for a typical user.

“I want to thank staff for working so diligently to complete the draft budget by our goal date, while still managing their day-to-day tasks. It truly was a team effort. This draft budget sets the stage for our new Council and staff to have a thorough budget discussion,” said CFO Lindsay Barron. “We are confident this draft budget provides value for the community and delivers affordability along with infrastructure and service improvements.”

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The 2023 Budget process will continue in January 2023 with the following schedule:

- December 13, 2022, to January 18, 2023 – Budget Review and Public Q&A Period. Questions can be submitted to budget@midland.ca.
- January 18, 2023 – 2023 Budget Public Meeting.
- January 24 to 26, 2023 – Agencies, Boards and Commission Presentations, and Council/Staff Budget Deliberations/Approval.

The Town of Midland Draft 2023 Budget is available at Midland.ca/Budget.

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