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Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Approves the 2020 Operating Budget

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council approved the 2020 Operating Budget of \$59,510,130, at the February 4th Council Meeting. The operating budget includes the budgets for Water and Wastewater and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library grant.

The Town's portion of the tax bill includes a 5.38% tax levy increase. This levy includes 2.38% for day-to-day operating expenses and 3.0% capital levy.

"The operating budget is the heart of all that we do as a municipality. It's where all our services lie," said Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Iain Lovatt "There is no question this is was a difficult budget to be considered but staff and council have worked diligently to be fair and responsible. We had to make some tough decisions today for the benefit of Whitchurch-Stouffville's tomorrow."

Highlights of the 2020 Operating Budget include:

- Maintain and increase level of service from prior year and found cost savings and efficiencies
- Management and planning of increased future development
- Increased focus on innovation such as new Virtual Town Hall software, mobile app and enhancements to the Town's technology infrastructure
- Tree canopy improvements across Town
- Emphasis on community events such as Holiday and Farmers' Market, and events at 'Nineteen on the Park'
- Increased funding to hire a contractual Marketing and Advertising position;

The 2020 Operating and Capital Budget and other supporting documents are available online at townofws.ca/budgets.

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