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Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Approves 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council were presented with its first multi-year budget with an approval for the 2021 Operating Budget of \$62,428,485 and \$12,955,600 for the Capital Budget at the December 2 Council Meeting. The 2021 Operating Budget includes the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library grant of \$2,164,730.

The Town's portion of the tax bill includes a 1.89 per cent tax levy increase. This levy is comprised of a 0.89 per cent levy increase for day-to-day operating expenses and a 1.00 per cent capital levy.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Budget focuses more than ever on being fiscally reasonable," said Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Iain Lovatt. "However, the Town is still determined to maintain and increase service levels residents rely on every day. We are absolutely committed to enhancing our residents' living, working, and leisure experiences here in Town."

Highlights of the 2021 Operating Budget include:

- Hiring of two new full time Parking By-law Officers, one Customer Service Associate, four full time Fire Suppression Staff, one full time Arborist and two part time Roads Labourers
- 1.00 per cent dedicated capital levy to address the capital infrastructure needs
- \$75,000 for Community Improvement Plan

Highlights of the 2021 Capital Budget include:

- \$1.6 million for Lloyd Street Re-Construction
- \$1.5 million for various Roads Repairs and Rehabilitation
- \$900,000 for Fire Truck Pumper Replacement
- Memorial Park Skating Trail – Phase 1: Design
- \$700,000 Vanzant Court Sewer Replacement

“I want to thank the Mayor and Council for their leadership on guiding the municipality and the community through the 2021 budget deliberations during one of the most challenging times, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,” said CAO Rob Adams. “Another major thanks to the Town’s Finance and Senior Management teams, managers and staff for their hard work and efforts during the last year in preparation for the 2021 budget.”

The 2021 Operating and Capital Budget and other supporting documents are available online at townofws.ca/budgets.

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