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City of Woodstock 2021 Budget Approval

Woodstock, March 18, 2021 - Today, City of Woodstock Council approved the 2021 Revenue Fund Budget which provides for the continuation of programs and services deemed essential and those that can operate safely in accordance with Provincial Regulation and in compliance with recommendations from our Health Professionals.

In December, Woodstock City Council approved the 2021 Capital Budget which allocates \$24.4 million for capital projects this year.

The approved 2021 Revenue Fund Budget includes a Tax Levy for City purposes of approximately \$62 million, which results in a tax rate increase of 2.74%.

The 2021 Budget approved today includes:

- A new transit route to bring service to the rapidly growing area north of the City.
- Two additional full-time staff and two additional part time staff to manage the workload of a growing City.

“This is not a typical budget. Some recreation, sport and culture programs and City run events are either reduced or not included in the budget this year due to the ongoing pandemic”, says Mayor Trevor Birtch.

The approved 2021 Budget will result in an increase of \$67.04 or 2.74% for the average house assessment, compared with 2020.

“We thank our Provincial and Federal partners for their assistance in managing the financial difficulties during this pandemic. Our immediate priority is the safety of everyone in the Friendly City. I can assure our community that we have steadfast leadership that will continue to guide us through these unprecedented times. There is no simple roadmap for this as our realities continue to shift.

The dedication of our employees demonstrates our community’s resilience. We recognize and thank our Staff who continue to provide essential municipal services. The road ahead is still long and I am counting on everyone in the City of Woodstock to remain strong, safe, compassionate and remember we are all in this together said Mayor Trevor Birtch”.

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