



2024 BUDGET INFORMATION

The Council of the Township of Machar has approved a levy of \$2,509,174 for 2024. The 2024 levy is an increase of \$151,860 over the 2023 levy. The resulting increase to the Tax Rate is 4.36%. The effect on an individual's property tax will be 4.36% as assessment amounts remain the same as previous years per Provincial regulation (except where there have been improvements made to the property and a supplemental assessment received by the property owner). The Tax Impact on a Median/Typical Property with an assessed value of \$158,000 is \$71.72 for 2024. Council has struck a measured tax rate increase based on major infrastructure costs for 2024. We've utilized \$525,000 from our Public Works Reserve to keep the increase as reasonable as possible, while not compromising service levels and ensuring funds for the future. Additionally, we've been investment minded, allowing for a \$212,000 return on investments in 2023, while government transfers are down in 2024.

Our share for the South River Machar Fire Dept has increased by 4.21% or \$9,096 to \$225,009 in 2024. Our share of the South River Machar Arena has increased by 18.69% or \$30,689 to \$194,850 our share in 2024. Township Road operations are up 10.8% (achieved through use of Public Works reserve and review of costs), Landfill is down 4% and Administration is up 1.7% for 2024. The South River Machar Library is up 16.1% to \$44,100 for our share in 2024. Our costs for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit are up 3% to \$27,874 noting it has a 1% increase in provincial mandatory program funding and a 5% increase in Municipal share (2% paid from the Reserve and 3% billed to municipalities). District Social Services is up 3.68% to \$121,414, and our mandatory contribution to Eastholme, Home for the Aged is up 4.25% to \$96,388. The amount required for Property Assessment (MPAC) in 2024 is \$38,865 and Provincial Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services is \$91,519.

We've had to replace our Grader due to breakdown of our 2007 model. The Grader is an essential part of the fleet for all of our roads, applying and prolonging dust suppressant, scraping ice in winter, and winging back snowbanks. Another major infrastructure item has been identified for action in our extensive road network, a pair of large culverts on Park Rd S currently estimated at \$800,000+. Line painting of the Eagle Lake Rd will continue to complement the hard surfacing of the shoulders on the Eagle Lake Rd. This wider road width provides increased safety for cyclists and pedestrians and has been well received by our citizens and visitors alike. We're planning to add gravel to Thunder Bridge Rd, White Pine Dr, Goreville Rd, Hamilton Lake Rd and Simpson's Hill Rd this year.

A comparison of 2023 Tax Rates between municipalities on the same assessed value of \$216,000 reflects total annual taxes of \$2,248.58 Township of Machar, \$2,366.02 Township of Strong, \$4,050.92 Village of Sundridge, and \$4,240.55 Village of South River. The Township of Strong is our closest comparator (location, size and road network). Achieving and maintaining a responsible tax increase positions us well for the future, while still providing our citizens with the best value for service. We strive to balance growth, with demands for more service, including increased citizen inquiries. We continue to see significant workloads in all departments, as well as recognizing upcoming infrastructure requirements for our road network, and Municipal Office in the foreseeable future. Our goal is to provide the very best service to our citizens, while managing these challenges.