



2025 BUDGET INFORMATION

The Council of the Township of Machar has approved a levy of \$2,719,966 for 2025. The 2025 levy is an increase of \$210,792 over the 2024 levy. The resulting increase to the overall Tax Rate is 4.99%. The effect on an individual's property tax will be 4.99% as assessment amounts remain the same as previous years per Provincial regulation (except where a change in assessment has been received by the property owner from MPAC). The Tax Impact on a Median/Typical Property with an assessed value of \$162,000 is \$87.77 for 2025. Council has struck a measured tax rate increase based on major infrastructure costs for 2025. We've utilized \$400,000 from our Reserves to keep the increase as reasonable as possible, while not compromising service levels and ensuring funds for the future.

Our share for the South River Machar Fire Dept has increased by 4.95% or \$11,146 to \$236,155 in 2025. Our share of the South River Machar Arena has increased by 119.95% or \$233,713 to \$428,563 our share in 2025, largely due to a change in the Township's operating funding contributions from 1/3 to 1/2, as well as the rink resurfacing capital project \$407,500 our share. The Township Road budget is down 8.8%, Landfill is down 28.1% and Administration is down 3.3% for 2025. The South River Machar Library is up 9.1% to \$48,115 for our share in 2025. Our costs for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit are up 5% to \$29,267. District Social Services is up 4.92% to \$127,391, and our mandatory contribution to Eastholme, Home for the Aged is up 1.88% to \$98,196. The amount required for Property Assessment (MPAC) in 2025 is \$40,007 and Provincial Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services is \$95,371.

Capital roads projects scheduled for this year include the replacement of the large culvert on Municipal Rd N. Road resurfacing is proposed to occur on Municipal Rd N (to the Landfill), as well as Ottawa Ave. We are also planning to add gravel to Riding Ranch Rd and King Lake Rd this year. The Retaining Wall project at the Eagle Lake Narrows is set to take place in the Fall. Funding has been received from NOHFC for the Retaining Wall to cover 75% of the costs up to \$260,625. This project will allow us to preserve the beauty and functionality of our park for years to come.

A comparison of 2024 Tax Rates between municipalities on the same assessed value of \$216,000 reflects total annual taxes of \$2,346.63 Township of Machar, \$2,489.51 Township of Strong, \$4,310.35 Village of Sundridge, and \$4,453.09 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.

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Mayor Lynda Carleton