



**Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa**  
**Staff Report - Maury O'Neill, CAO-Treasurer**



<b>Prepared For: Mayor and Council</b>	<b>Report No.: CAO 2021-02</b>
<b>Date: April 13, 2021</b>	<b>File No.: 1.5.4</b>

## 2021 Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets

### Staff Recommendation

**THAT** Council receive Report No. CAO 2021-02 dated April 13, 2021, recommending the approval of the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets as presented and the required budget and tax by-laws at its Regular Meeting on April 20, 2021.

### Report Purpose

The proposed 2021 Operating Budget was presented to Council on Tuesday, March 25, 2021. The 2021 Capital Budget was approved by Council in February 2021. Input from the public was invited on both budgets and only one comment was received from the public. The purpose of this report is to summarize the public comments and recommend the budget approval.

### Background

The draft Operating Budget was presented to Council and included the following recommendations:

- The budget contains a Property Tax Levy increase of 1% equivalent to \$49,147.
- The use of a portion of the 2020 Surplus of \$306,766 to be carried over to fund 2021 operating budget. The 2020 surplus is estimated at \$850,000 (subject to Audit confirmation).
- Transfers from the operating budget to capital reserves to be \$490,000 in 2021.
- The 2021 balanced budget will result in increased spending of 0.86% or \$113,209 compared to 2020.

- The chart below represents the recommended revenues and expenses contained within the 2021 Operating Budget as presented to Council.

**2021 BALANCED BUDGET  
REVENUES = EXPENDITURES**

<b>2021 BUDGET SUMMARY</b>			
	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
Finance, Taxation, Boards	\$10,219,639	\$4,210,908	\$6,008,731
Admin, Council, COVID, Seniors	\$616,876	\$1,575,728	-\$958,852
Protective Services, Fire, Building	\$81,823	\$442,313	-\$360,490
Community Services and Tourism	\$218,200	\$1,613,970	-\$1,395,770
Infrastructure Services	\$630,485	\$3,781,127	-\$3,150,642
Water and Sewer	\$1,511,860	\$1,511,860	\$0
Information Technology	\$48,500	\$191,477	-\$142,977
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$13,327,383</b>	<b>\$13,327,383</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**NOTE: 2020 Budgeted Expenditure - \$13,214,174 (2021 is 0.86% increase or \$113,209)**



The proposed by-laws for Council’s consideration on tonight’s Regular Meeting set out the adoption of the estimates of all sums required for the budget and fixing the rate of taxation and penalty and interest as well as the tax ratios for 2021 and are based on the submitted operating and capital budgets. The By-Law sets the payment dates of the next two tax installment due on July 30th and September 30th.

**Public Input**

Public input opportunities into the budgets was provided to residents however only one comment was received. Post-COVID-19, it is recommended that Council hold Town Hall Meetings to share the draft operating and capital budgets with the Public and/or consider a citizen survey prior to the budget being drafted to gauge community priorities and input into the budget.

## Conclusion

The recommended operating budget meets Council's goals and priorities for 2021 resulting in a minimal increase to local tax rates. It includes provisions for mitigating COVID-19 costs and the budget may require adjustments later in the year should the impacts of COVID-19 impact operations greater than estimated.

Staff recommends that Council approve the budgets as presented with a one percent levy increase.

Submitted By: 

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## Attachments

2021 Operating and Capital Budget Presentations  
2021 Recommended Operating Budget By Function