

2020 Operations Budget – February 18, 2020



Topics

- Water & Wastewater Budgets
- Administrative User Fees
- 2018 versus 2020 Staffing Comparison
- Garbage and Recycling Analysis



Water & Wastewater Budgets

Water and Wastewater Expenses

	2019 Budget	2019 Projection	2020 Budget	Budget to Budget	Budget to Projection	Notes	Reserves
Revenue							
Wastewater	1,659,302	1,797,796	1,689,129	29,827	(108,667)	2% rate increase, 2019 interest revenue was exceptional	
Water	1,215,683	1,208,365	1,230,441	14,758	22,076	2% rate increase	
Total	2,874,985	3,006,161	2,919,570	44,585	(86,591)		
Expenses							
WW Collect	459,508	503,505	484,549	25,041	(18,956)		76,583
WW Treat	1,199,794	1,294,291	1,204,580	4,786	(89,711)		111,602
W Treatment	584,412	580,015	590,611	6,199	10,596		142,262
W Distribute	631,271	628,350	639,830	8,559	11,480		88,819
Total	2,874,985	3,006,161	2,919,570	44,585	(86,591)		419,266

Administrative User Fees

Staffing Compliment Comparison

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Department	2018 Budget	2020 Budget	Change	Notes
Administration				
Full-Time	6	5	(1)	Combined CAO and Treasurer Position
Seasonal	1	1	-	
Fire Department				
Full-Time	1	1	-	
Building, By-law				
Full-Time	1	2	1	Moved CBO position from contact to employee
Contract	3	2	(1)	Moved CBO position from contact to employee
Operations, Public Works, Parks & Rec				
Full-Time	14	12	(2)	Reduced one Supervisor and one Labourer
Seasonal	12	9	(3)	Reduced community centre seasonal positions
Crossing Guards	4	4	-	
Contract	2	-	(2)	Brought cleaning and wood chipping in house - \$60,000 in savings
Water & Wastewater				
Full-Time	2	2	-	
Recreation, Tourism, Ec Dev				
Full-Time	3	3	-	
Part-Time Casual	-	1	1	Recreation and Leisure Assistant
Seasonal	17	17	-	Marina, Pool, Lighthouse
Library				
Full-Time	1	1	-	

Garbage and Recycling Analysis

- Prior to 2019 all recycling items from #1 to #7 were accepted by the recycling depot as there was an international market for it to be recycled
- In 2018 China announced they would no longer be accepting recycled material from foreign countries which had the effect of eliminating a significant portion of the recycling marketplace
- In the spring of 2019, the recycling depot would no longer accept plastic bags, black plastics, paint cans, frozen juice containers, coffee canisters (cardboard and metal), plastic takeout trays, Styrofoam and any plastic container that held hazardous liquids. Instead of paying for the recycled material or taking it for free they now charge \$80 per metric tonne to sort the items. This charge was absorbed by the Town's recycling collector. If the recycling is contaminated with the above items, the recycling depot will not accept it and the entire load is dumped at \$96 per metric tonne
- The recycling depot recently announced that due to a downward trend in the fibers market, they will now be charging \$65 per metric tonne for drop off, previously it was free to drop off

Garbage and Recycling Analysis

- Are we alone in this?
 - The following municipalities have implemented the same guidelines we have for recycling pickup to achieve the diversion from landfills as much as possible
 - Township of Athens
 - Village of Merrickville-Wolford
 - Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley
 - Village of Westport
- Could we go back to collecting all recyclable items?
 - The recycling depot would not accept it and therefore the alternative would be to send it to landfill increasing costs by \$25,000 and decreasing the recycling grant revenue by \$37,500. This would be a negative effect on the bottom line of \$62,500
- Could we move to co-mingling of recycling?
 - The recycling depot would not accept this recycling and would ultimately end up on a landfill due to the sorting required
- Could we just send the recycling to the landfill?
 - If this was done then the Town would lose the \$37,500 grant that covers 50% of recycling costs and it would cost approximately \$25,000 in disposal costs. The overall effect would be a negative effect on the bottom line of \$62,500. The environmental impact of this action would be significant

Garbage and Recycling Analysis

- What is the future of recycling in Ontario
 - The Province has announced a plan to transition to a 100% producer responsible recycling system over the next several years
 - Until that time occurs municipalities are still responsible for recycling programs

Next Budget Meeting – March 2, 2020

Topic

- Licensing Fees Review
- Other Fees Review
- Events Review

