



Municipality of Meaford **BUDGET IN BRIEF 2021**

From the Mayor



The 2021 Municipal Budget reflects our commitment to the programs and services our community relies on. It has been developed through hard work from our staff team, hours of diligent review by members of Council, and invaluable input from our engaged community. This budget balances our need to fund infrastructure projects, big and small, while supporting the services that make Meaford such a great place to live, work and play.

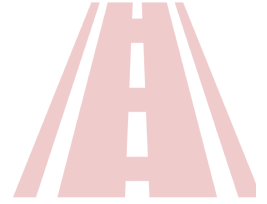
This new year, has begun with many unknowns and increased restrictions as COVID-19 cases are spiking. Even though our case numbers in our area are relatively low, we must comply with the protocols and increased restrictions for the next little while, to try even harder to curb the spread of this deadly virus. The kindness, caring and resiliency shown in our community over the past 10 months will continue to sustain us as we look forward to our turn to receive the vaccinations. Stay strong, stay safe, and know how very committed we are to being flexible and innovative as we respond to the uncertain and changing needs of our community.

2021 Capital Highlights

Significant projects proposed in the 2021 Capital Budget include:

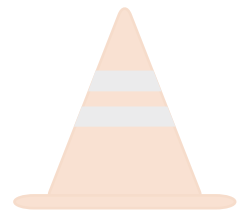
Road Reconstruction

8th Concession from Sunny Valley Road to the Holland-Sydenham Townline will be fully rehabilitated. The existing surface will be pulverized, culverts will be replaced, ditching completed and the road surfaced. Over 55km of granular roads will be resurfaced with three inches of new gravel. More than 47km of surface treated roads will have a new restorative sealing completed.



Infrastructure Replacement

Sykes Street from Lombard Street to Collingwood Street will be fully reconstructed including new watermain and sanitary sewers, stormwater, streetlights, sidewalk and new asphalt road surfacing. Engineering will begin on Cook Street (Lombard to Collingwood) for full reconstruction in 2022.



Bridges and Structures

Structure 015 (Gillies Bridge) located on Sideroad 3 between Grey Road 29 and 4th Concession North will be fully removed and reconstructed. Four other structures will undergo minor bridge rehabilitation efforts.



Water Booster Pumping Station Replacement

Replacement of the Nelson Street Booster Station with re-location to the Meaford Water Tower Property. The project will include the installation of additional pumps as part of overall distribution improvements and the replacement of watermain from the hospital to Pearson Street. The new facility will be constructed above ground and will share similar aesthetics to the St. Vincent Booster Station.



Bognor Hall Rehabilitation

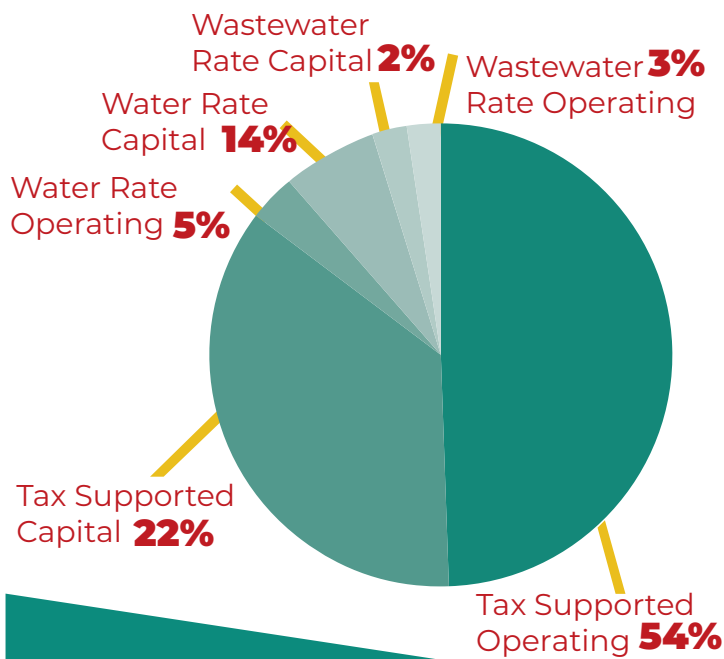
The project will include the removal of the current wall system, adding new insulation and up to date wiring, new led lighting, AODA compliance, hardwood floor rehabilitation, platform lift and stage updates. This project commenced in January and is expected to be completed by the end of March.

Harbour Washroom Renovation

The Harbour public washroom facility located near the Rotary pavilion will have the washrooms and shower stalls renovated to meet accessibility, addition of insulation, heating and minor exterior works. This renovation to the facility will achieve full AODA compliance and allow for year round operations.



Budget Expenditures



2021 Budget Expenditures Breakdown

Tax Supported Operating	\$ 18,153,475
Tax Supported Capital	\$ 7,297,430
Water Rate Capital	\$ 4,522,900
Water Rate Operating	\$ 1,647,075
Wastewater Rate Operating	\$ 1,078,750
Wastewater Rate Capital	\$ 761,100

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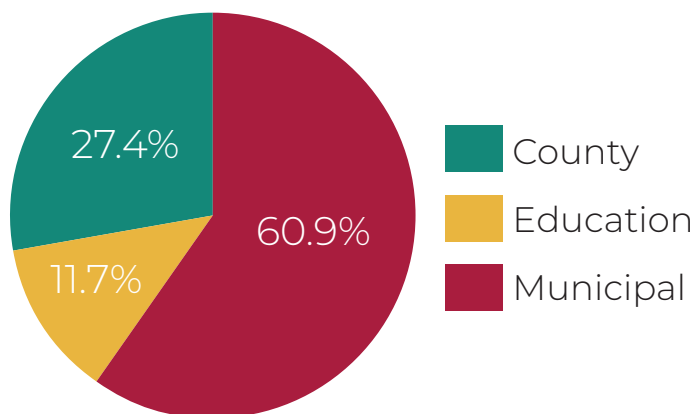
Meaford's budget contains some really big expenses. It costs over **\$2.8M** to fund the Road and Bridges capital program **\$2.1M** to fund Community Policing, **\$1.4M** for the Waste Management program, **\$1.1M** for winter maintenance of roads and over **\$930,000** for Fire Services.

3.43%

This represents the current increase in the Tax Supported budget contained in the final 2021 budget as approved by Council on January 11, 2021.

Property Taxes \$15,375,175

This is the largest funding source for the Municipality of Meaford and funds both operating and capital expenditures. The funding requirements of the Municipality are determined through the budget process and the tax rate is set on these requirements. The tax rate is determined by dividing the funding requirement by the property assessment base. The assessment base for 2021 is projected to increase by approximately 1.0%. The estimated projection added to the tax base is \$150,000 of assessment growth which will be allocated to offset on year levy increases. The 2021 tax supported budget requires an additional \$509,180 in funding to cover increased expenses.



Tax Levy Distribution

27.3%	Community Services
25.9%	Capital Program
25.7%	Infrastructure Services
8.7%	Corporate Services
7.2%	CAO & Development Services
5.2%	Library Services

The Municipality of Meaford is responsible for collecting taxes on behalf of Grey County (upper tier municipal government) and the Boards of Education - English and French Public and Separate. These amounts are not included in the Municipality's tax revenues shown in this document, but are included on the property tax bills sent to Meaford property owners.

