



**Mayoral Directive  
MDI-2025-02  
December 19, 2025**

**Directive – Adjusted 2026 Budget Schedule**

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**Authority:**

Section 284.16 of the Municipal Act, 2001 (the “Act”) and section 7 of Ontario Regulation 530/22, the Mayor shall, on or before February 1 of each year, prepare a proposed budget for the Municipality of Meaford.

**Directive:**

Pursuant to sections 284.3 and 284.16 of the Act, I, Ross Kentner, Mayor of the Municipality of Meaford, issue the following Mayoral Directive:

1. To replace Mayoral Directive MDI-2025-01 issued on November 12, 2025.
2. To direct the Treasurer/Director of Financial Services and the Chief Administrative Officer:
  - a) to prepare a proposed 2026 Draft Budget (Operating and Capital) following municipal budget and business planning best practices with a maximum tax levy increase of 5%;
  - b) to set the 2026 Budget activity dates based on the following schedule:

| <b>Budget Activity</b>  | <b>Dates</b>                |
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| Publish the Mayor’s Draft Budgets for Council and the Public            | Wednesday, January 14, 2026 |
| Public Meeting – Council Budget Day (Focus on Operating Budget)         | Monday, February 2, 2026    |
| Public Meeting – Council Budget Day (Focus on Capital Budget)           | Tuesday, February 3, 2026   |
| Public Meeting – Council Budget Day (Focus on Use Pay and Final Review) | Friday, February 6, 2026    |

This delegation takes effect on the date stated above.

Mayor Ross Kentner