

# 2024 BUDGET – 2<sup>ND</sup> DISCUSSION

**November 29, 2023** 

## **Recap - 2024 Budget Process**

- The aim of the annual budget is to focus and deliver on the values of Council for the Township of Wellington North
- Budget templates sent to department heads September 11, 2023
- Treasurer meetings with Department Heads during September, October, and November as required
- 2<sup>nd</sup> budget meeting with Council and staff held on November 29<sup>th</sup> with additional meetings scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>, and January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Budget process outcome
  - tax levy decision
  - capital projects decision





## **Recap - 2024 Budget Guidelines**

- Operating Budget 2024 assumes the status quo for service level, meaning the township will continue to provide the same level of service it budgeted the previous year (2023) unless otherwise proposed and documented.
- Corporate wide cost pressures:
  - Wages/Salary: budgeted increases (varies by department)
  - Health Benefits: Increase of 9.2% (Mosey & Mosey Guidance)
  - Municipal Insurance renewal 9% increase (Coburn Guidance)
  - Utilities: Hydro increase of 2% (WNP Guidance)
  - Construction Price Index (Inflation, Q3 2023) 6.6%





# **2024 Budget Impact Items**

• All conservation authority has submitted their budgets

Conservation Authority	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	Diff - \$	Diff - %
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority	73,997	81,626	108,777	27,151	33.3%
Grand River Conservation Authority	55,274	57,083	58,619	1,536	2.7%
Maitland Valley Conservation	48,615	51,124	55,429	4,305	8.4%
	177,886	189,833	222,825	32,992	17.4%





### Growth Vs. Reassessment

- Growth is defined as new assessment it has no impact on the current taxpayer
- During 2023, Wellington North has realized an estimated real assessment growth of 2.10% (2022 2.26%, 2021 1.48%, 2020 1.52%, 2019 1.53%)
- Property assessment for tax years will remain unchanged. The government has prioritized stability for property taxpayers and municipalities. The valuation of 2016 (January 1, 2016) will remain in effect per the Fall Economic Statement







# 2024 OPERATING BUDGET

# **Operating Budget Summary Analysis by Segment**

FIR Category	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change	Change \$
General Government					
General Government	-1,636,950	-1,741,900	-2,058,400	18.2%	-316,500
Other Revenues-Supps/Omitts/Writeoffs	-167,116	-216,770	-281,789	30.0%	-65,019
Council	276,276	289,923	297,538	2.6%	7,615
Administration	1,046,164	1,377,798	1,563,887	13.5%	186,089
Property	4,491	-7,786	-6,592	-15.3%	1,194
Subtotal - General Government	-477,134	-298,735	-485,356	62.5%	-186,621





FIR Category	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change	Change \$
<b>Protection Services</b>					
Fire	965,085	1,015,643	1,110,880	9.4%	95,237
Police/Crossing Guard	51,332	48,718	58,038	19.1%	9,320
Conservation Authority	177,886	189,833	222,825	17.4%	32,992
Protective Inspection & Control					
Animal Control	7,719	7,948	18,050	127.1%	10,102
By-Law Enforcement	64,497	61,503	66,610	8.3%	5,107
<b>Subtotal - Protection Services</b>	1,266,519	1,323,645	1,476,403	11.5%	152,758





FIR Category	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change	Change \$
Transportation Services					
Roads	4,606,832	4,838,608	5,227,896	8.0%	389,288
Streetlights					
Rural Water	7,908	7,400	5,783	-21.9%	-1,617
<b>Subtotal - Transportation Services</b>	4,614,740	4,846,008	5,233,679	8.0%	387,671





FIR Category	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change	Change \$
Health Services					
Hospital	0	0	0	0.0%	0
Cemetery	99,880	105,524	144,160	36.6%	38,636
Subtotal - Health Services	99,880	105,524	144,160	36.6%	38,636
Recreation and Cultural Services					
Parks & Recreation	2,073,590	2,487,209	2,400,253	-3.5%	-86,956
Community & Economic Development	395,527	458,975	750,673	63.6%	291,698
Subtotal - Recreation and Cultural Services	2,469,117	2,946,184	3,150,926	6.9%	204,742





FIR Category	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change	Change \$
Planning and Development					
Planning	67,065	43,842	82,702	88.6%	38,860
Commercial & Industrial					
Tile Drains					
Municipal Drains	45,500	45,500	44,250	-2.7%	-1,250
<b>Subtotal - Planning and Development</b>	112,565	89,342	126,952	42.1%	37,610





# 2024 Operating Budget Summary Analysis by Segment

Service Area	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change	Change \$
General Government	-477,134	-298,735	-485,356	62.47%	-186,621
Protection Services	1,266,519	1,323,645	1,476,403	11.54%	152,758
Transportation Services	4,614,740	4,846,008	5,233,679	8.00%	387,671
Health Services	99,880	105,524	144,160	36.61%	38,636
Recreation and Cultural Services	2,224,884	2,946,184	3,150,926	6.95%	204,742
Planning and Development	356,798	89,342	126,952	42.10%	37,610
Environmental Services					
<b>Total Levy Requirement</b>	8,085,687	9,011,968	9,646,763	7.04%	634,795





# 2024 Operating Budget Summary Analysis by Segment

Tax Levy Transfers	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change	Change \$
To Capital	2,022,165	2,081,943	2,592,857	24.54%	510,914
To Reserves	619,336	1,036,717	702,540	-32.23%	-334,177
To Reserve Funds	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	
New transfers	2,646,501	3,123,660	3,300,397	5.66%	176,737



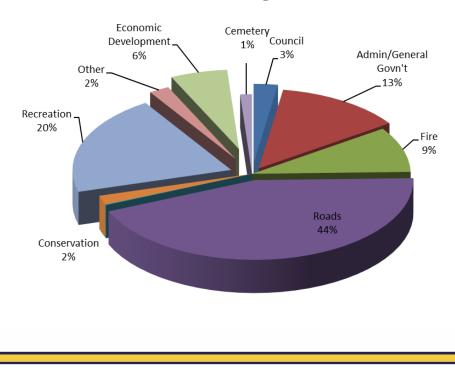


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## **Draft Budget Modeling – 2024 Tax Implication – Base Case**

	<u> 2022</u>	<u> 2023</u>	<u> 2024 (Draft)</u>	YoY Increase (%)
Operating Budget	5,481,686	6,086,011	6,346,366	4.28%
Policy Mandated Transfer to Reserve funds	115,700	115,700	80,700	-30.25%
Net Transfers	466,136	728,313	626,840	-13.93%
Contributions to Capital	2,022,165	2,081,943	2,592,857	24.54%
Total Budgeted Tax Levy	8,085,687	9,011,967	9,646,763	7.04%
		(	2.10%	
		Impact to Ex	4.94%	

### 2024 Where Budget Dollars Go





## Reserves / Reserve Funds – Net Transfers (Preliminary)

#### Net Reserve & Reserve Fund Transfers

2023							
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Net</u>	2022 vs 2023			
Council		120,700	120,700	0			
Admin	98,233	52,000	(46,233)	(55,733)			
Property		16,000	16,000	0			
Fire		210,600	210,600	0			
CBO		102,935	102,935	67,381			
Roads		79,482	79,482	0			
Streetlights		5,000	5,000	0			
Rec	99,471	450,000	350,529	250,529			
Planning		0	0	0			
Cemetery		5,000	5,000	0			
WNP Holding		0	0	0			
<b>Taxation Total</b>	197,704	1,041,717	844,013	262,177			
Sewer	685,447	427,204	(258,243)	(81,334)			
Water	-	407,488	407,488	217,767			
<b>User Fee Total</b>	685,447	834,692	149,245	136,433			
<b>Grand Total</b>	883,151	1,876,409	993,258	398,610			

		2024		
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Net</u>	2023 vs 2024
Council		85,700	85,700	(35,000)
Admin		52,000	52,000	98,233
Property		16,000	16,000	0
Fire		220,000	220,000	9,400
СВО		144,358	144,358	41,423
Roads		79,482	79,482	0
Streetlights		5,000	5,000	0
Rec		100,000	100,000	(250,529)
Planning		0	0	0
Cemetery		5,000	5,000	0
WNP Holding		0	0	0
<b>Taxation Total</b>	-	707,540	707,540	(136,473)
Sewer	676,097	783,628	107,530	365,773
Water		498,441	498,441	90,953
User Fee Total	676,097	1,282,069	605,971	456,726
<b>Grand Total</b>	676,097	1,989,609	1,313,512	320,254





# **Draft Budget Modeling – 2024 Tax Implication – Base Case**

2024

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$ 9,646,763

Tax Rate = amount to be raised/weighted assessment = **0.00540724** 

COMPARISON OF TAXES		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Residential Assessment	\$	271,636.00 \$	271,636.00	
Tax Rate		0.00540724	0.00516512	
Taxes		\$1,468.80	\$1,403.03	
Increase over 2023			\$65.77	







# 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET

## **MMAH Report on Debt and Asset Consumption**

Indicator

Ranges

Actuals

South - LT - Counties -Rural

Average

Median

Level of Risk

MODERATE MODERATE

FLEXIBILITY INDICATORS

Debt Servicing Cost as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)

Closing Amortization Balance as a % of Total Cost of Capital Assets (Asset Consumption Ratio)

Low: < 5% Mod: 5% to 10% High: >10%

Low: < 50% Mod: 50% to 75% High: > 75%

2017	8.2%	2.7%	3.3%
2018	8.4%	2.5%	3.1%
2019	6.5%	2.6%	3.1%
2020	8.0%	2.3%	3.2%
2021	1.7%	2.2%	3.0%
2017	54.2%	43.8%	45.5%
2018	54.4%	43.7%	46.0%
2019	55.5%	43.9%	46.2%
2020	55.8%	44.8%	46.5%
2021	54.5%	45.2%	46.9%

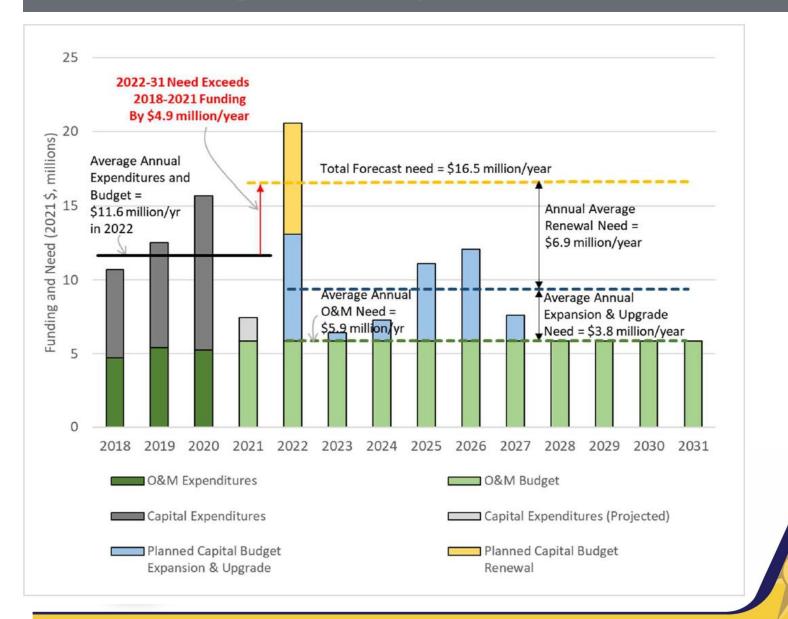
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## Infrastructure Gap – Asset Management Plan



# Capital Program – 10 Year Capital Forecast

Renewal and Maintenance Projects		Total
Full Road Reconstruction	\$	59,668,506
Sidewalk / Pedestrian Safety Investment	\$	2,983,425
Equipment Investment	\$	11,933,701
Recreation Investment	\$	22,375,690
Pavement Rehabiliation	\$	14,917,127
Bridge Rehabiliation	\$	11,187,845
Subtotal	\$	123,066,294
Major Capital Projects		
Arthur Water Tower	\$	5,953,500
Arthur Water Supply	\$	5,103,000
Mount Forest Water Tower	\$	6,563,734
Mount Forest Wastewater Plant Upgrade	\$	7,598,342
Arthur Wastewater Plant Upgrade	\$	13,500,000
Arthur Operations Centre	\$	5,670,000
Mount Forest Operations Centre	\$	7,236,516
Mount Forest Fire Hall	\$	8,930,250
Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre	\$	6,310,710
Arthur and Area Community Centre	\$	5,670,000
Mount Forest & District Sports Complex	\$	3,799,171
Subtotal - Major Capital Projects	\$	76,335,224
Total Capital Project Cost		199,401,517





# **Capital Program – 10 Year Capital Forecast**

Funding Options		Total
OCIF	\$	22,000,000
Gas Tax	\$	4,400,000
Operating budget contribution - tax base	\$	25,300,000
Operating budget contribution - user base	\$	14,520,000
Development Charges	\$	7,200,000
Reserve use	\$	17,600,000
Senior govt conditional grant		
Total funding available - estimate	\$	91,020,000
Funding Surplus (deficit)	-108	,381,517.43





General Government	<b>2024 Ask</b>
Accessible Work Station	20,000.00
Asset Management	70,000.00
IT Infrastructure & Security Enhancements	50,000.00
MF West Grey employment lands	15,000.00
Mount Forest Archives – Stair/Handrail Repair	20,000.00
Municipal Drain	124,000.00
Organizational Review	25,000.00
Works Yards Upgrades	50,000.00
Generator Arthur Arena and Community Centre	160,000.00
Former Arthur Municipal Office Renovation - Design Only	9,000.00
Arthur and Area Community Centre Upper Hall Renovation	389,000.00
Grand Total	932,000.00





Building Department	~	2024 Ask
Equipment - Pick-up		70,000.00
Grand Total		70,000.00





Protection Service	<b>2024</b> Ask
Fill Station and Compressor	70,000.00
Rescue Equipment	60,000.00
Bunker Gear/PPE Purchases	30,000.00
Grand Total	160,000.00





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Transportation Services	2024 Ask
2024 Sidewalk Projects	170,000.00
Culvert – Sideroad 15	315,600.00
Culvert - Wells Street E	317,000.00
Culvert Replacement - 11-WG	165,000.00
Ditch Cleanout (Wells Street E to Preston Street N)	34,000.00
New Vehicle – Operations	50,000.00
Pickup Truck	70,000.00
Plow Truck	420,000.00
PXO – Main Street North and Durham Street	135,600.00
PXO – Smith Street and Conestoga Street	101,700.00
Reconstruction – Fergus Street North between Wellington and Birmingham	
Streets	1,278,000.00
Reconstruction - John Street Design only	75,000.00
Reconstruction – Smith Street between Wells and Conestoga Streets	1,091,820.00
Reconstruction Design Project – Conestoga Street North between 100m south of	
Walton Street and Domville Street	100,000.00
Roadside Mower	20,000.00
Rural Asphalt Resurfacing	1,344,700.00
Rural Road Rebuild - Sideroad 9E	60,000.00
Structure 2023 – Sideroad 10E	362,000.00
Structure 9 – Sideroad 3E	464,000.00
Tractor	300,000.00
Urban Paving	205,000.00
Reconstruction – Industrial Drive Extension to Urban Limits	260,300.00
Grand Total	7,339,720.00



<b>Environmental Services</b>	~	2024 Ask
Groundwater Model – Phase 1		18,000.00
South Water Street SPS - Design Only		22,500.00
Well 3 – Well Casing Liner		135,600.00
OCWA - Projects		266,115.00
Total		442,215.00
Arthur Wastewater Treatment Plant – Phase 2 Upgrade		13,500,000.00
Grand Total		13,942,215.00





Recreation Services	<b>2024</b> Ask
Arthur Ice Resurfacer Replacement	115,000.00
Arthur Pool Upgrades	45,000.00
Mount Forest Old Arena (320 King St) Building Condition Assessment and	
Improvements	75,000.00
Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre	350,000.00
Mount Forest Pool Demolition	200,000.00
Mount Forest Trail Signage	5,000.00
Day Camp Table and Chairs	16,950.00
Grand Total	806,950.00





Health Services	<b>2024</b> Ask
Cemetery renovations	20,000.00
Grand Total	20,000.00

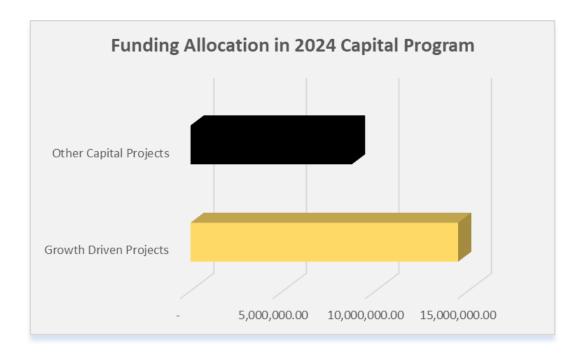




Departments	<b>2024</b> Ask
Building	70,000.00
Environmental Services	442,215.00
General Government	932,000.00
Health Services	20,000.00
Protection Service	160,000.00
Recreation Services	806,950.00
Transportation Services	7,339,720.00
Total	9,770,885.00
Arthur Wastewater Treatment Plant – Phase 2 Upgrade	13,500,000.00
Grand Total	23,270,885.00











Project (	Costs
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Dept/Year	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Council Directed Projects	-	-	1,120,220	748,805	-	-
20in20 Initiatives	-	-	142,700	-	-	-
Development Projects	496,960	480,800	-	-	-	-
Roads & Drainage	6,310,498	4,566,300	5,050,983	4,428,871	5,062,400	6,479,720
Waterworks	1,075,722	1,011,100	1,871,775	707,916	1,038,000	419,715
Sanitary Sewers	10,162,287	861,200	620,500	744,932	-	22,500
Fleet	395,000	847,000	391,000	958,000	-	930,000
Parks & Recreation	583,346	1,361,897	1,154,271	944,234	1,420,000	806,950
Fire	48,000	99,200	258,700	138,000	504,500	160,000
Admin & Property	198,000	254,125	10,000	160,750	489,603	932,000
Cemetery	33,500	-	-	-	49,849	20,000
Total	19,303,313	9,481,622	10,620,148	8,831,508	8,564,352	9,770,885
Arthur Wastewater Treatment						
Plant – Phase 2 Upgrade	-	-	-	-	-	13,500,000
Grand Total	19,303,313	9,481,622	10,620,148	8,831,508	8,564,352	23,270,885





Funding Model						
Source/Year	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Revenue (levy, fees, etc)	3,927,128	3,716,047	3,512,480	3,557,822	3,359,105	3,511,471
Grants	1,448,000	2,039,830	3,272,983	1,343,688	1,030,775	1,074,123
Dev't Charges & Reserves	10,707,097	1,818,845	2,390,781	2,233,600	1,735,301	1,895,852
Developer Contributions	344,660	344,655	334,905	21,500	120,000	22,500
External Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gas Tax	726,000	566,000	200,000	655,000	340,000	1,287,768
Sustained OCIF	1,050,428	1,030,120	909,000	900,000	1,979,171	1,979,171
Unfunded Amounts	1,100,000	- 33,875	-	119,898	_	-
Total	19,303,313	9,481,622	10,620,148	8,831,508	8,564,352	9,770,885
Arthur Wastewater Treatment						
Plant – Phase 2 Upgrade	-	-		-	<u>-</u>	13,500,000
Grand Total	19,303,313	9,481,622	10,620,148	8,831,508	8,564,352	23,270,885





 Initial Capital listing compiled for 2024 contained projects totalling \$28,432,185; however, initial deliberations had identified ~\$5.2M in projects that could be deferred. Items removed from consideration for 2024 are as follows:

Description of Capital Projects	Future - Ask
Dublin Street Watermain	125,000.00
Hutchison Playground Replacement	160,000.00
Kenilworth Office Parking Lot	220,000.00
MF Dam Maintenance	35,000.00
PXO – Main Street South and King Street	254,250.00
PXO – Queen Street East and Fergus Street	96,050.00
Reconstruction – Fergus Street North between Birmingham and Durham Streets	2,236,000.00
Reconstruction – John Street between Waterloo and Queen Streets	1,835,000.00
Reconstruction Design Project – Durham Street East between Main and Fergus	
Streets	100,000.00
Structure Improvements	100,000.00
Grand Total	5,161,300.00



# Reserves / Reserve Funds – Q3 2024 Balances

	2021 Year End	2022 Year End	2023 Nov 15.		
Description	Balance	Balance	Balance	% Change	Change \$
Obligatory Reserve Funds - DC Reserve					
Funds	2,826,745	4,982,050	9,656,311	93.82%	4,674,260
Obligatory - (Parkland: Cash in Lieu,					
Federal Gas Tax Funding)	1,470,457	1,949,347	1,892,206	-2.93%	(57,141)
<b>Total Obligatory Reserve Funds</b>	4,297,202	6,931,397	11,548,516	66.61%	4,617,119
Taxation Reserve Funds	6,431,682	7,322,654	7,009,008	-4.28%	(313,646)
User Fee Reserve Funds	7,233,669	8,269,393	8,412,863	1.73%	143,470
<b>Total Discretionary Reserve Funds</b>	13,665,351	15,592,047	15,421,871	-1.09%	(170,176)
Taxation Reserves	2,047,566	2,155,071	1,595,978	-25.94%	(559,093)
Total Reserves & Reserve Funds	20,010,119	24,678,515	28,566,365	15.75%	3,887,850





## **Council Direction Required**

- Direction re: target levy for 2024
- Items required for addition or omission from current 2024 capital program
- Comfort level with utilization of reserves / reserve funds to reduce contributions to capital program from levy
- Others?





### **Discussion**





