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2017 Budget Deliberations Completed

The Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry completed its review of the draft 2017 budget estimates on February 22nd, 2017. The annual budget is the key policy document for the County, approving all operational items and capital projects for 2017.

Senior staff have been working on the draft document since the fall of 2016. The comprehensive budget also includes the estimated cost of services the County shares with the City of Cornwall as well as estimates for services provided by external agencies, including policing (OPP) and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

In 2017, several key factors influenced the budget. These included:

- Finishing the year 2016 in a strong financial position;
- The continued positive benefits of the implementation of a new OPP billing model in 2014;
- Significant new assessment growth of over \$500K;
- The loss of \$277K in provincial funding through the OMPF, representing a decrease of 15% from 2016.

Similar to previous years, the County plans a significant capital program in 2017, as outlined in the attached summary. These capital expenditures support the infrastructure that County residents rely on every day.

Overall, the 2017 budget will generate approximately \$44M tax dollars, representing an inflationary increase of 1.8%, or \$22, on the average residential property in SDG.

Quick Facts

- The County plans to spend over \$15.3M maintaining and enhancing its road and bridge infrastructure in 2017
- The County maintains reserves of approximately \$12.7M in 2017

Where Ontario Began

- The average residential assessment increased by 0.5% from 2016
- 75% of the County's tax revenues are derived from the residential property tax class
- Transportation, policing, and health and social services account for 84% of all County expenditures

Quote

"County Council worked hard to develop a budget that balances increasing service needs and affordability, said Warden Jim Bancroft. The County continues to place a very strong emphasis on the maintenance and rehabilitation of its critical infrastructure, by making strategic investments in roads and bridges. The level of cooperation and coordination between the County and its local municipalities continues to grow, as evidenced by the approval of several key initiatives in the areas of GIS and waste management. These investments will pay dividends for our taxpayers in the coming years".

Attachments

Summary of Major Road/Bridge Work by SDG Local Municipality

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What does the Counties do for you? **SDG provides** library services, regional economic development and tourism, court services, land use planning, and vital transportation infrastructure – including the largest county road network in Ontario. **SDG administers** county-wide policing. **SDG collaborates** with community partners in providing emergency services, child care, public health, long-term care, and social assistance.

2017 Major SDG County Road Projects

Listing by SDG municipality

Township of North Dundas

- County Road 1 from Cameron Road to Mountain (\$602,000)
- County Road 1 from Irish Headline Road to Sandy Row (\$314,000)
- Rehabilitation of Mountain Bridge, County Road 1 (\$200,000)
- County Road 3 from Lough Road to County Road 16 (\$503,000)
- Design for reconstruction of County Road 37 (Queen St.) in Chesterville (\$60,000)
- Design for rehabilitation of Marionville Bridge, County Road 7 (\$60,000)

Municipality of South Dundas

- County Road 2 from Binion Road to the Leeds/ Grenville Boundary (\$748,000)
- County Road 4 (\$1,444,000)
- Construction of a new Roundabout at intersection of County Road 1 and County Road 2 (\$550,000)
- Reconstruction of County Road 1 from County Road 2 to the Iroquois Locks (\$540,000)

Township of North Stormont

- Rehabilitation of Swale Brige, County Road 13 (\$650,000)
- Repairs to Berwick Bridge, County Road 9 (\$50,000)
- Comprehensive Rehabilitation of the Crysler Bridge (\$620,000)
- Storm sewer rehabilitation in Berwick (\$185,000)

Township of South Stormont

- County Road 18 from County Road 11 to Osnabruck Centre (\$825,000)
- Reconstruction of County Road 2 through Long Sault, including the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of County Road 2 and County Road 35 (Moulinette Road) and a new roundabout at the intersection of County Road 2 and County Road 36 (Milles Roches Road) (\$2,355,000)

Township of North Glengarry

- County Road 22 in the Village of Maxville (\$250,000)
- County Road 30 from County Road 43 to Kenyon Concession Road (\$729,000)
- County Road 34 from Power Dam Road to County Road 21 (\$897,000)

Township of South Glengarry

- County Road 17 from Williamstown to Lancaster (\$740,000)
- Repairs on County Road 17 between Williamstown and County Road 27 (\$86,000)
- Reconstruction of County Road 18 in Martintown (\$538,000)
- County Road 27 from North of Summerstown Station to County Road 19 (\$1,027,000)
- Repairs to Grey's Creek Bridge, County Road 2 (\$600,000)

Other

- Microsurfacing and Cracksealing on various County Roads (\$714,200)