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Oro-Medonte Council Passes 2020 Budget

Township of Oro-Medonte Council passed the 2020 budget that reflects an additional \$30.64 per \$100,000 residential assessment. The 3.5% overall increase is inclusive of the County, School Board and the Township's portions.

The Township's share was divided between 1.75% for operating, and 4% for infrastructure.

The increase applied to the operating budget is slightly below the cost of inflation (CPI.) This will provide for continued investment in the services which positively impact roads, bridges, parkland, recreation/leisure opportunities, customer service, and buildings for residents. The remaining increase was dedicated to the Township's ongoing commitment to infrastructure renewal.

Highlights of the 2020 budget include:

Infrastructure and Operations:

- \$4.8 million for roads and bridge construction projects
- acquisition of a new spray patch machine for more effective pothole repairs
- acquisition of a new loader

Community Initiatives:

- continued development of community parks
- funding towards establishing a new central Community Centre in partnership with the Simcoe County District School Board
- updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Fire and Emergency Services

- acquisition of high pressure extrication equipment
- acquisition of a new tanker truck
- expansion of fire headquarters to include additional training facilities
- updating the Township's Fire Master Plan

Environmental Services

- water distribution system upgrades in Sugarbush
- continued investment to integrate Zone 1 (Skyline) water customers in Horseshoe Valley to the Township user pay drinking water system

Customer Service

- funding to modernize the Township's corporate computer software systems

Mayor Hughes commented that "planning for future infrastructure initiatives while maintaining fiscal responsibility was a significant focus during the preparation of the 2020 budget. I am pleased that we have been able to find efficiencies in our operating budget that maintain the same level of

services, while keeping the increase below the rate of inflation. The budget is responsible in ensuring a balance between expected service levels, and investing in infrastructure renewal. Throughout the budget process, Council and staff took into consideration current economic challenges impacting the taxpayers of Oro-Medonte.”

For detailed information regarding the budget, please visit <https://www.oro-medonte.ca/municipal-services/taxes-finance/budget>

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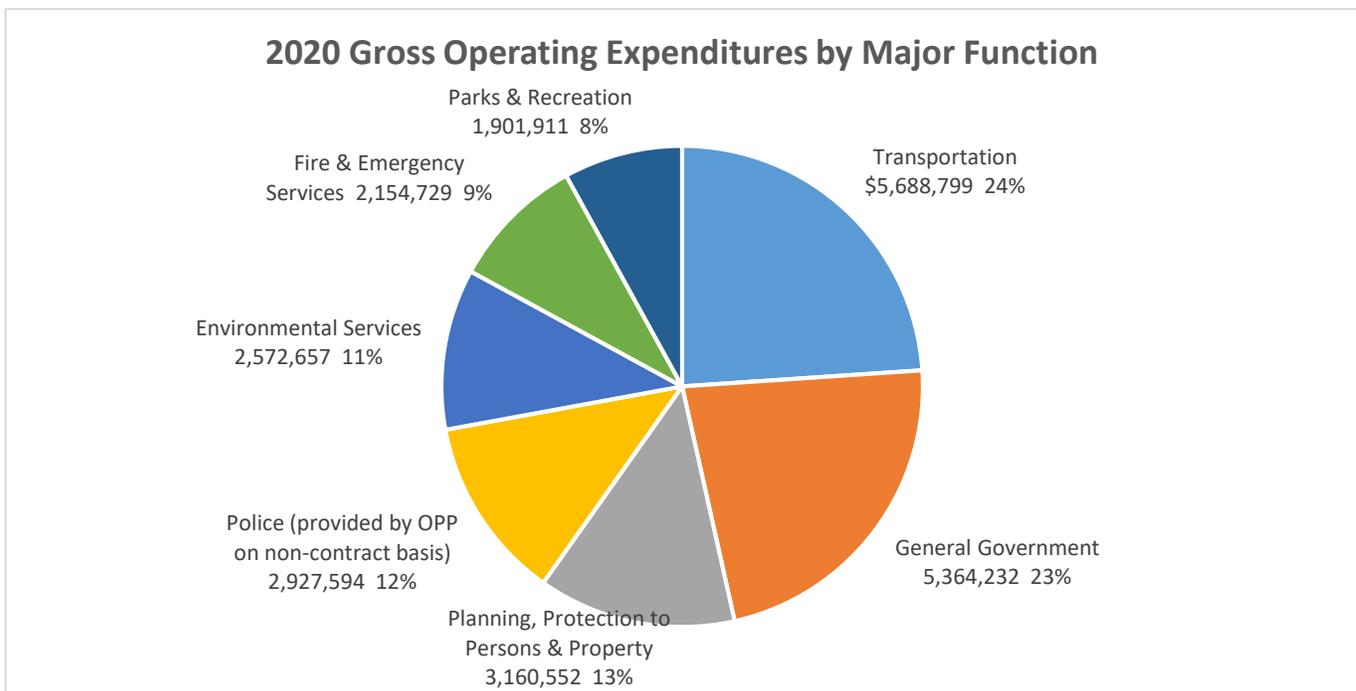
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2020 Budget Backgrounder

On January 9, 2020, Township of Oro-Medonte Council passed the 2020 budget that reflects an overall tax increase of 3.50%, inclusive of the County, School Board and the Township's portion. The tax increase is representative of an additional \$30.64 per \$100,000 residential assessment.

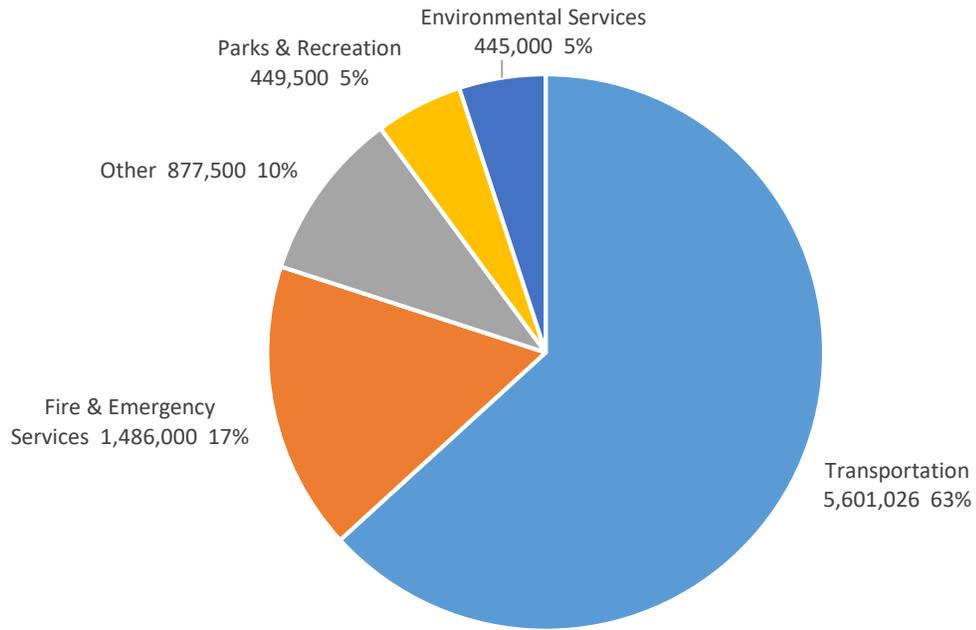
The total 2020 budget is \$33 million - \$24 million in operating expenses and \$9 million in capital expenses.

The following provides a breakdown of expenditures by major function:



Gross Operating Expenditures		
Transportation	\$ 5,688,799	24%
General Government	5,364,232	23%
Planning, Protection to Persons & Property	3,160,552	13%
Police (provided by OPP on non-contract basis)	2,927,594	12%
Environmental Services	2,572,657	11%
Fire & Emergency Services	2,154,729	9%
Parks & Recreation	1,901,911	8%
	\$ 23,770,475	100%

2020 Capital Expenditures by Major Function



Capital Expenditures		
Transportation	5,601,026	63%
Fire & Emergency Services	1,486,000	17%
Other	877,500	10%
Parks & Recreation	449,500	5%
Environmental Services	445,000	5%
	8,859,026	100%