



February 15, 2024 Information release: Notice of Draft Public Presentation

Summary of Budget Meetings

Virtual Budget Presentation 6:00 pm February 20, 2024

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The Village of Merrickville-Wolford began formal budget consideration at the **Priority Setting Exercise held on December 18, 2023.**

From there staff was given direction to focus on the following;

Gravel Road improvement plan/Implementation based on Road Needs Study Prepare for shovel ready projects based on the asset management plan
Core Infrastructure review/Evaluate roads/water/sewer
Long term financial planning/Strategy to fund and build reserves for construction and replacement costs
Drainage improvement throughout the Municipality/Develop Drainage Plan
Improve and Upgrade Municipal Website
Zoning By-law Update
Fleet and Vehicle Replacement/Phase 2 of Asset Management Plan Strategy to fund and build reserves
Human Resources Policy Development e.g., Building Official Junior Planner Public Works Superintendent Council Compensation
Introduce Development Charges/Impost Fees
Revitalize Strategic Plan

With these guidelines, operational budget documents were developed for presentation at the **February 5, Special Budget meeting.** Agenda Items included;

- Draft Operating Budget
- Overview Draft Operational Review
- Areas which reflect increase over 2023
- Reserve Summary

Council reviewed the information and gave staff directions to revise.

On **February 7, 2024 Special Budget** meeting was held with the following items being given consideration.

- Library Board Budget Presentation
- Revisions to the Operational Draft Budget



- Options presented which reflect segregated reserve contributions, as it relates to tax levy increase.
- Draft Budget Capital
- Capital budget overview/reserve summary/options for consideration.

As part of the **February 12, 2024, strategic planning exercise**, a detailed review which would provide a long-term financial strategy in line with the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Asset Management Plan, was undertaken. The following resolution was adopted.

That the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford direct the CAO to utilize the services of an engineering firm and temporary staff as required to collect data at a detailed level to interpret the condition of road segments, structures, fleet, and equipment for the purpose of establishing a multiyear capital budget for these and future assets a period of at least ten years.

AND FURTHER THAT the material gathered be populated in an appropriately designed spreadsheet with the intent to provide ongoing data collection.

AND FURTHER THAT the data collection begins as soon as possible, with the completed documents available by April 30, 2024.

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Foreman and other staff assist with the collection to ensure a continuity of knowledge going forward.

AND FURTHER THAT based on the information provided a draft ten-year capital infrastructure plan reflecting the data collected above be presented to Council for consideration before July 1, 2024.

AND FURTHER THAT this data be incorporated into the updated Village of Merrickville-Wolford Asset Management Plan.

AND FURTHER THAT capital projects that have been carried over from previous years be completed within 2024.

AND FURTHER THAT until such time as the appropriate data has been assessed, new capital infrastructure projects be put on hold, but urgent spot improvements will be undertaken on a priority basis as needed.

In order to proceed with the day-to-day operational matters and ensure the business of the Village continue it was the consensus of Council that they proceed with giving notice to the public, the passing of the 2024 Village of Merrickville-Wolford annual budget, this will be an agenda item on the March 11, 2024 Regular Council Agenda.

The process to collect meaningful data to support the long-term financial strategy has commenced. Once the information has been received and brought to Council to review, the development of this long-term capital budgeting will be brought forward and additional dates will be set for Capital Budget Discussion, these meetings will be open to the public, as were all of the above.



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2024 Draft Budget

PRESENTATION

Property Assessment – Who's Responsible

Ontario Provincial Government

- Passes legislation
- Sets assessment policies
- Determines education rates

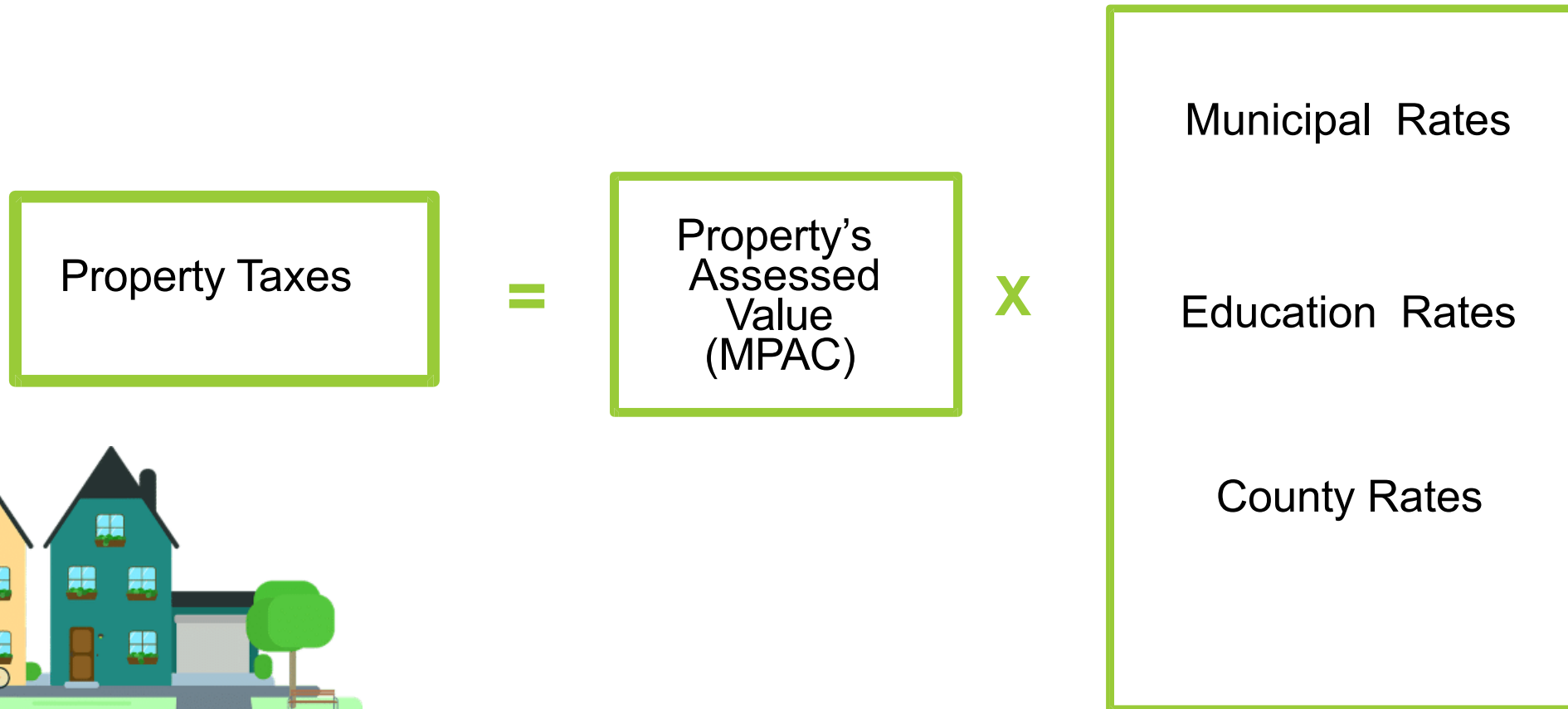
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

- Determines current value assessments and classifications of all properties in Ontario

Village of Merrickville-Wolford

- Sets Municipal tax rate and policies
- Collects property taxes

Municipal Taxation



Budget Components



Revenues:

- Taxation
- Borrowing
- Reserves
- User Fees
- Grants

Operating Expenses:

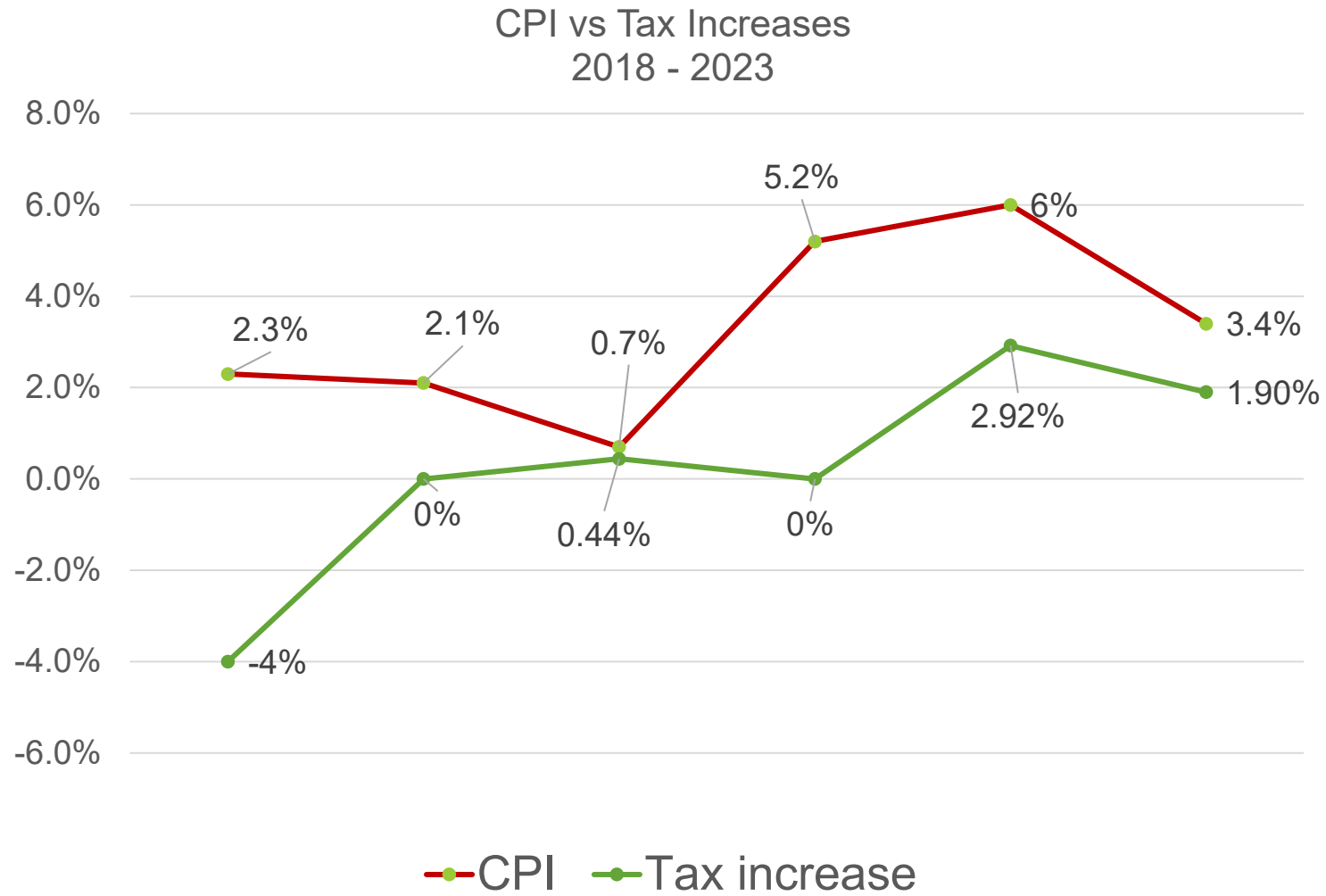
- The annual cost to deliver services and maintain infrastructure

Capital Expenses:

- Investments in infrastructure that provide long term benefits



2024 Budget Pressures



2024 Budget Highlights ...



- Draft budget – 4.44% tax increase
- 2024 Budget Summary - \$8,072,237
 - Operating Expenses \$5,267,326
 - Capital Budget \$2,804,911

Property tax is the main source of revenue to delivery municipal services. User fees, grants and transfers from reserves are among additional sources of revenue. Water and sewer services do not receive funding from municipal property taxes.

Assessment and Tax Impact

- The 4.44% increase from the 2023 residential rate is an additional \$37.74 per \$100,000 assessed value for residential properties

Property Taxation		
Year	Residential Assessment	Taxes
2024	\$100,000 x 0.00888175	\$888.18
2023	\$100,000 x 0.00850435	\$850.44
	Increase	\$37.74

2024 Budget Revenues

Description	Amount
Municipal Operating & Capitals Costs	\$8,072,237
Funding Sources:	
1) Municipal Taxes & Payments in Lieu	\$3,928,427
2) Reserves	\$1,642,386
3) Operating Grants	\$309,900
4) Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	\$502,715
5) Capital Grants	\$200,000
6) Cash in Lieu	\$59,000
7) Gas Tax	\$400,810
8) Other Revenue	\$1,028,999
Total Revenue	\$8,072,237

2024 Budget Expenses

Description	Amount
Operating Expenses:	
Corporate Services:	
1) Administration	\$1,310,198
2) Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Levy	\$25,695
3) Library Levy	\$109,000
4) Community Grants	\$14,850
5) Transfer to Reserves	\$663,000
Emergency & Protective Services:	
1) Fire Services	\$371,841
2) Transfer to Fire Reserve	\$50,000
3) Police	\$435,283
4) Community Emergency Management Plan	\$2,750
5) By-Law	\$900
6) Animal Control	\$2,300

2024 Budget Expenses

Description	Amount
Public Works:	
1) Roads	\$1,407,759
2) Waste Management	\$302,305
3) Transfer to Reserves	\$50,000
Planning and Building:	
1) Planning	\$80,000
2) Building	\$261,323
Parks, Recreation and Culture:	
1) Economic Development	\$35,942
2) Recreation	\$96,977
3) Museum	\$47,202
Total Operating Expenditures	\$5,267,325
Capital Expenditures	\$2,804,911
Total Expenditures	\$8,072,236

2024 Municipal Taxation

Cost of Service Per Year for Residential Taxpayer

(Municipal Taxes Only)

Municipal Service	Annual Cost per \$100,000 Assessment:
Corporate Services	\$339.56
Police (OPP contract)	\$73.40
Fire Services	\$71.59
By-Law Services	\$0.54
Planning Services	\$13.49
Building Services	\$44.06
Economic Development	\$6.06

2024 Municipal Taxation

Cost of Service Per Year for Residential Taxpayer

(Municipal Taxes Only)

Municipal Service	Annual Cost per \$100,000 Assessment:
Library Services	\$18.38
Recreation	\$16.35
Museum	\$7.96
Public Works	\$243.28
Waste Management	\$53.50
Total	\$888.18

2024 Water & Wastewater Budget

Description	Amount
Operating Revenue	
1) User Fees	\$1,251,906
Capital Revenue	
1) User Fees	\$169,700
2) Transfer from Reserve	\$408,500
Total Revenues	\$1,830,106
Operating Costs	\$1,251,906
Capital Costs	\$578,200
Total Expenses	\$1,830,106



Summary of Borrowing:



Name	Start Date	End Date	Term (years)	Principle Amount	Rate
Fire Communications System	2014	2024	10	\$112,922	2.88%
Fire Tanker	2016	2036	20	\$350,000	3.33%
Main St Watermain	2021	2031	10**	\$473,000	3.63%
Sewage Treatment Plant	2014	2044	30	\$3,506,377	3.98%
Grader & Snow Plow	2016	2026	10	\$205,000	2.59%

**term to be renewed for 5 years in 2031

2024 Debt Payments

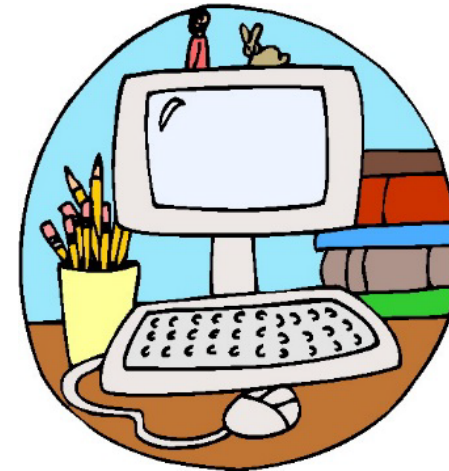


Description	Amount
Fire Pumper	\$24,110
Fire Communication System	\$13,085
Main Street Watermain	\$29,496
Grader and Plow Truck	\$23,401
Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades	\$201,255
Total	\$291,347

2024 Capital Budget Highlights

Administration

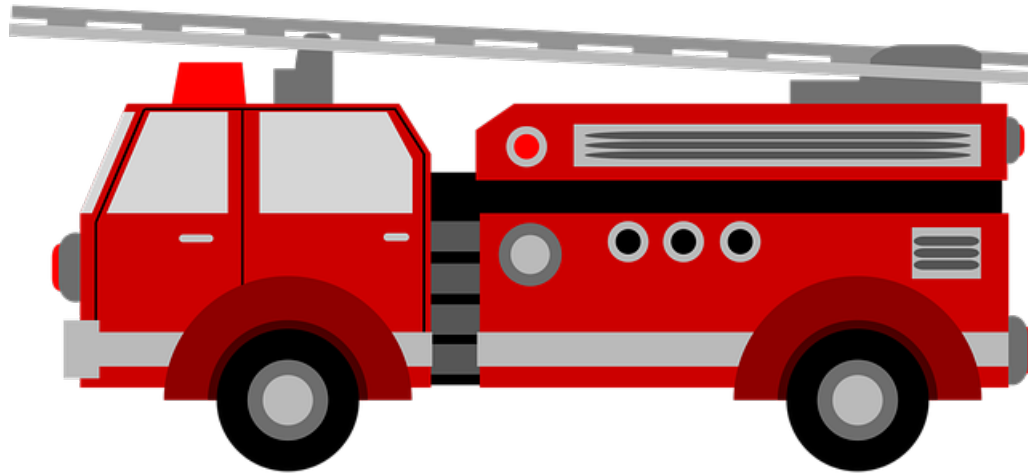
- New Website
- Council Laptops for Escribe
- Human Resources and Strategic Plan
- Drainage Plan
- Computer Server



2024 Capital Budget Highlights

Emergency & Protective Services

- Automobile Extrication Tools
- Scene Lighting
- Rope for Rope Rescues



2024 Capital Budget Highlights

Recreation

- Utility Trailer
- Zero Turn Mower



Economic Development

- Main Street Beautification Project



2024 Capital Budget Highlights

Public Works

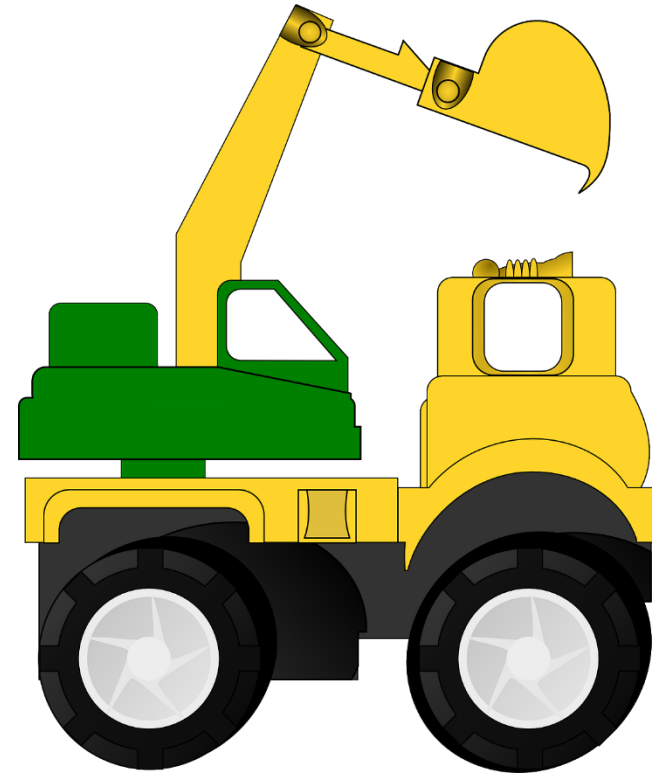
- HF McLean and 40 meters of Collar Hill
- Tire Packer for Grader
- Wood Chipper for Ditch Mower
- Snow Blower for Tractor
- Highway Plow
- 2011 Tandem Plow Truck
- Replacement of 2009 Half Ton



Public Works Continued



- Traffic Radar Signs
- Road and Sidewalk Streetscan
- Sidewalk Repairs
- Gravel for Road Rehabilitations
- Culvert Repairs





Carryforward Capital Projects

There is no taxation funding needed for these capital projects, as they were already funded in past capital budgets.

Carry Forward Capital Projects	2024 Budget	Cash in lieu	Reserves	Grants	OCIF	Gas Tax
Digitization of Records	\$30,082		\$30,082			
DC or Impost Study	\$30,000		\$30,000			
Asset Management Plan Phase 2	\$90,000		\$90,000			
Cascade Air System for Firehall	\$80,000		\$80,000			
Fire Decontamination Shower	\$3,000		\$3,000			
Read Street	\$371,000		\$13,512		\$91,510	\$265,978
Culvert Rehabilitation Weedmark Road	\$105,000				\$105,000	
Sander and Plow for 5500 Truck	\$5,000		\$5,000			
5500 Plow and Sand Truck	\$115,900		\$115,900			
Back up Cameras for Public Works Trucks	\$4,500		\$4,500			
Landfill Accessibility Ramp & Building Skirting	\$11,000		\$11,000			
Community Centre Upgrades	\$118,000		\$18,000	\$100,000		
Accessible Doors for CC, EC and Rink House	\$34,000	\$34,000				
Zoning By-Law Review	\$35,000		\$35,000			

2024 Capital Budget Highlights

Water & Wastewater

- Main Street East Camera Work
- Water Meter Replacement Program



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Water and Wastewater Carry Forward Capital Projects

- STP Reserve Capacity and Master Plan
- Grouting
- Manhole Covers



Thank you