



THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA

CORPORATE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
70 PINE STREET, BRACEBRIDGE, ONTARIO P1L 1N3
Telephone (705) 645-2231 Fax (705) 645-5319 1-800-461-4210 (705 area code)
www.muskoka.on.ca

TO: Chair and Members
Muskoka District Council

FROM: Stephen Cairns,
Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services

DATE: April 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget and 2012 Capital Budget and Forecast

REPORT NO: 6(2012)-1

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The District Municipality of Muskoka's 2012 Draft Tax Supported Operating Budget dated March 5, 2012 with gross operating expenditures of \$112,523,916, gross operating revenues of \$50,155,727 and a net levy of \$62,368,189 and 2012 Draft Tax Supported Capital Budget and Forecast dated January 27, 2012 with gross capital expenditures of \$222,826,600 be adopted, as amended and recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council on April 11, 2012.

ORIGIN

This report provides an update of the impact of the amendments made by the various standing Committees and Committee of the Whole Council during their deliberations of the District's 2012 Draft Tax Supported Operating Budget and 2012 Draft Tax Supported Capital Budget and Forecast.

ANALYSIS

2012 Draft Tax Supported Operating Budget

The following amendments were considered and approved during the budget deliberations which reduced the effective tax rate increase from 2.5% to 1.5%:

	Net Levy Savings
Gapping provision increase and management staff complement through vacancies & staffing requisitions (targeted savings \$201,983)	\$172,783
Eliminate provision for Civilian Data Entry implementation	\$120,000
Reduce OPP Services Budget	\$60,000
Reduce JEPP submission by 50%	\$10,000

Eliminate Forest Health Budget	\$12,750
Eliminate 3% increase to MTMA allocation	\$9,058
Reduce contribution to Planning Reserve Fund	\$100,000
Reduce Hospital Financing	\$100,000
Total	\$584,591

Acceptance of the amendments recommended by the standing committees and Committee of the Whole Council reduces the net levy by \$584,591 or .9%.

	2011 Budget	2012 Base Budget	2012 Service Level Changes	2012 Total Budget
Total Operating Costs	\$82,552,133	\$85,306,094	\$927,140	\$86,233,234
Total Operating Revenues	(\$36,352,506)	(\$37,782,630)	(\$746,240)	(\$38,528,870)
Total Internal Recoveries	(\$11,277,046)	(\$11,596,857)	(\$30,000)	(\$11,626,857)
Finance Charges/Reserves	\$26,230,759	\$26,340,682	(\$50,000)	\$26,290,682
Net Levy	\$61,153,340	\$62,267,289	\$100,900	\$62,368,189
Year-over-Year \$ Increase		\$1,113,949	\$100,900	\$1,214,849
Year-over-Year % Increase		1.8%	0.2%	2.0%

The following table shows the budget impact before and after the proposed amendments on a residential property assessed at \$200,000:

	2011 Notional Realty Taxes	2012 Realty Taxes	\$ Dollar Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Net Levy 2.9% (before amendments)	\$537.98	\$551.26	\$13.28	2.5%
Net Levy 2.0% (after amendments)	\$537.98	\$546.14	\$8.16	1.5%

2012 Draft Tax Supported Capital Budget & Forecast

The following amendments were considered and approved during the budget deliberations:

	Year	Impact on Capital Expenditures
Reduce Provision for Website Upgrades	2012	(\$35,000)
Reduce Pine Street Parking from \$900,000 to \$300,000	2013	(\$600,000)
Reduce provision for telephone system	2014	(\$125,000)

Fleet acquisition	2012	(\$28,000)
Moving water quality from 2013 to 2012	2012	0
Remove Wellness Centre project	2013	(\$7,985,000)
Total		(\$8,773,000)

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Cairns
Commissioner of Finance and
Corporate Services