



Report Presented To:	Township of Southgate Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	2025-04-03
Report Number	FIN2025-015
Title:	2025 Budget – Draft 4
Open/Closed Session:	Open Session
Approved By:	Taylor McMann Treasurer
Approved By:	Jim Ellis Chief Administrative Officer

Executive Summary:

This report presents the Operating and Capital Budgets for 2025 for the Township of Southgate. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the proposed budget allocations, priorities and anticipated financial impact on the Township's operations and capital projects.

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Staff Report FIN2025-015 be received for information; and
That Council direct staff to proceed with all necessary administrative actions

Background:

Municipal Act, 2001 s. 290(1) requires a municipality shall:

“prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the municipality, including,

(a) amounts sufficient to pay all debts of the municipality falling due within the year”.

On January 15, 2025, Council passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Staff Report FIN2025-003 be received for information; and
That the proposed 2025 budget timeline be approved as presented.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025	1:00 PM	Regular Council	Approve Budget Timeline
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	9:00 AM	Special Committee of the Whole	Present first draft of consolidated budget for discussion

Wednesday March 5, 2025	1:00 PM	Special Committee of the Whole	Present second draft of consolidated budget with changes from first meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2025	6:00 PM	Special Committee of the Whole	Public Open Forum followed by presentation and discussion of final draft of budget
Wednesday April 3, 2025	1:00 PM	Regular Council	Passage of the 2025 budget

Analysis

The following are changes based on the direction of Council from Draft 2 from report FIN2025-012. See below for updated changes to the budget from Draft 3. The draft 2025 Budget is provided in Attachment 1.

Township of Southgate 2025 Budget				
<u>Levy Summary:</u>				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Variance \$</u>	<u>%</u>
Operating Budget	\$ 8,276,472	\$ 9,104,188	\$ 827,716	10.0%
Capital Budget	3,210,022	4,073,535	863,513	26.9%
Total to Raise from General Taxation	\$ 11,486,494	\$ 13,177,723	\$ 1,691,229	14.7%
Supplementaries	\$ 406,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 194,000	47.8%
Write-offs	-		-	
Growth	\$ 406,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 194,000	47.8%
Budgeted Taxation	\$ 11,892,494	\$ 13,777,723	\$ 1,885,229	15.9%
Taxation based on Ending Assessments	\$ 12,215,434	\$ 13,177,723	\$ 962,289	7.9%
Non-Budgeted Growth	\$ 322,940			
Budgeted Growth	\$ 406,000			
Total Growth	\$ 728,940		\$ 728,940	8.0%
			\$ 1,691,229	14.7%
<u>Estimated Blended Residential Tax Rate Increase:</u>				
	2025			
	<u>Est. Revenue Neutral</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	
Southgate	0.978762%	1.046825%	7.0%	
County of Grey	0.404219%	0.417679%	3.3%	
Education	0.153000%	0.153000%	0.0%	
Total	1.535981%	1.617505%	5.31%	
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Internal Policy and Legislated Requirements:

Municipal Act, 2001, Section 290(1)

Financial and Resource Implications:

The draft 2025 Budget has a requirement from taxation of \$13,177,723, an increase of \$1,691,229 from the 2024 level. Staff has an estimate of a 1% increase in the blended tax rate of \$192,299 (2024 - \$167,422), including the approved 3.30% increase in the County tax rate

and a no change in the Education Tax Rate. The increase of \$1,691,229 would result in approximately a 5.31% increase in the 2025 blended tax rate. Staff requested Council consider for approval the 2025 Budget on April 3, 2025.

The 5.31% increase in the blended tax rate represents an approximate \$230.93/year increase based on the average residential assessment of \$283,265.

Earlier adoption of the 2025 Budget would allow staff to tender any projects sooner. Past experience has shown better pricing from suppliers/vendors is generally obtained from earlier tender releases.

Strategic Priorities:

Priority: Operational Excellence

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – 2025 Final Budget Summary

Attachment 2 – 2025 Final Budget Capital Summary

Attachment 3 – 2025 Final Budget 10 Year Capital Summary