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2025 Budget Approved

Grey Highlands, ON: The Municipality of Grey Highlands 2025 municipal budget was approved at a Special Council meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Council approved a local increase of 14.2%, which equates to a 9.1% blended tax rate increase. This increase reflects the overall impact of municipal, county, and education tax changes while supporting investments in our roads, facilities, and community spaces.

Councillor Allwood, Finance Liaison shares: "This year's budget process has been especially challenging, as we've had to make some very tough decisions to balance the needs of our municipality with the financial realities facing our residents. Council has carefully weighed the necessity of investing in critical infrastructure and maintaining services while being mindful of the pressures on taxpayers. It has not been an easy task, but we remain committed to responsible financial stewardship and making decisions that support both our community's present and future."

Highlights of the 2025 Budget:

- Annual Culvert Replacement
- 10th Concession Bridge Replacement
- Lorne Street Sidewalk Addition
- Heavy Equipment for Road Maintenance
- Asphalt Replacement
- Landfill Road Widening in Markdale
- New Columbarium at Flesherton Cemetery
- Asset Management Support
- Building and Planning Fee Review Studies
- New Shelving at Markdale Library
- Refurbished Ice Resurfacer
- Fire & Emergency Services Vital Rescue Equipment
- Long Term Waste Management Plan
- Stormwater Management Infrastructure
- Single Axle Plow Truck
- Additional Sidewalk Maintenance Machine and Staffing
- Heat Pump in the Rocklyn Arena

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CAO Karen Govan expressed appreciation to Council for their dedication throughout the budget process. "Council has carefully balanced fiscal responsibility with the desire to support service levels and the need to invest in community infrastructure. I commend them for the work they have done. Staff continue their commitment to service delivery excellence and operational efficiency."

An increase of 9.1% to the tax levy would see property taxes increase by $117 per $100,000 of residential assessment. The average dwelling in Grey Highlands is assessed at $305,908. As part of the blended tax rate, which includes municipal, county, and education taxes, this ensures a balanced approach to funding essential services. Throughout the budget process, several opportunities were provided for community input, including online feedback and in-person town halls, ensuring residents had multiple ways to share their thoughts and ideas.

Community members were encouraged to share their perspectives and recommendations on the preliminary budget with Council, providing valuable input. To ensure transparency and accessibility, all budget-related documents, including survey results and meeting recordings, are available online. Residents can visit connectgreyhighlands.ca/budget to review the materials and stay informed about budget discussions and decisions.

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