

2022 Draft Preliminary Budget

Presentation to:
Municipality of West Elgin

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Past Process

1. Board approves general budget assumptions – generally in August after input from municipalities
2. Board reviews and approves Draft Preliminary Budget - October
3. Municipalities are officially circulated draft budget for review and comment – often includes presentation to councils: October to December
4. Final Budget approval: Annual Meeting – generally February of budget year

Challenges in preparing 2022 budget

- ▶ Municipalities not ready to provide budget requirements by August 2021
- ▶ Budget Assumptions report to board could not be provided in August
- ▶ Continuing uncertainty regarding budgets due to COVID-19 impacts

General Assumptions Used in 2022 Draft Preliminary Budget Preparation

1. 2% total general levy increase,
2. Merit increases for staff to be considered in draft budget,
3. Cost of living increases of 1% will be provided to staff in 2022,
4. This will allow the LTVCA to meet expected Municipality of Chatham-Kent recommended 2.0% and City of London preliminary budget increase requirements as part of their 4 year budget.

Budget Changes: Negative Impacts

	Negative impacts on Budget	Difference to Prior Year Budget
1	CPP Increase	-\$4,600.00
2	Missed 2021 Merit Increase (To maintain current programs)	-\$25,800.00
3	1% COLA (To maintain current programs)	-\$15,800.00
4	Insurance (20% current year increase plus remainder of last year increase)	-\$20,600.00
5	Planning Technician	-\$70,100.00
6	Water Quality Technician	-\$13,400.00
7	Increased Conservation Area Staffing	-\$14,400.00
8	Increased Stewardship Staffing	-\$31,600.00
9	Full time Middlesex ALUS staffing	-\$31,900.00
10	Additional SAR staffing	-\$27,400.00
	Total Negative Impact on Budget	-\$255,600.00

Budget Changes: Positive Impacts

	Positive Impacts on Budget	
1	Increased Property Clearance & Regulation fees	\$34,000.00
2	Increased Water Quality funding	\$13,400.00
3	Increase Conservation Area Fees	\$62,400.00
4	Increased Stewardship Revenue	\$33,200.00
5	Increased Middlesex ALUS Grant	\$31,900.00
6	Increased SAR funding	\$27,400.00
7	Net Asset purchase decrease compared to 2021	\$21,000.00
8	Various Increased Grants	\$2,800.00
	Total Positive Impacts on Budget	\$226,100.00
	Net Change	-\$29,500.00
	General Levy Increase	\$29,500.00
	Total Change	\$0.00

2022 / 2021 Budget Comparison

- ▶ Total 2021 budget of \$3,319,396,
 - general levy of \$1,477,082
 - special levy of \$205,000 for Chatham-Kent for Flood Control Structures and the Greening Partnership/Natural Heritage Programs.
- ▶ Total 2022 budget of \$3,892,506,
 - general levy of \$1,506,624, an increase of \$29,542 over the 2021 general levy, or 2.00%
 - Chatham-Kent's special benefiting levy remaining at \$205,000

2022 Impacts to Municipalities

- ▶ Levy based each municipality's assessment within the watershed which has varying increases,
- ▶ the resulting change in the levy ranging from 1.10% to 3.95% (Leamington). Dutton-Dunwich 3.07%
- ▶ Note: The current value property assessment values are provided annually by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and are beyond the ability of the Conservation Authority to modify.
- ▶ Specific levy changes found in report

Levy Distribution

21/01/2020

LOWER THAMES VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Levy for 2022 using Modified CVA

	Current Value Assessment (Modified CVA)	% of Levy	C-K Flood Control, Greening Levy 2021	Non-Matching Levy 2021	Matching Levy 2021	Total General Levy 2021	Total Municipal Levy 2021	Total Municipal Levy 2020	\$ Change from 2020 Levy	% Change from 2020
Dutton-Dunwich M	547,037,234	3.6995%	0	52,724	3,014	55,738	55,738	54,080	1,658	3.07%
Southwold Tp	163,529,970	1.1059%	0	15,761	901	16,662	16,662	16,099	563	3.50%
West Elgin M	640,021,339	4.3283%	0	61,686	3,526	65,212	65,212	63,853	1,359	2.13%
Lakeshore T	1,403,849,279	9.4940%	0	135,304	7,734	143,038	143,038	138,738	4,300	3.10%
Leamington M	349,895,198	2.3663%	0	33,723	1,928	35,651	35,651	34,296	1,355	3.95%
Chatham-Kent M	8,379,820,825	56.6711%	205,000	807,653	46,168	853,821	1,058,821	1,047,284	11,537	1.10%
London C	1,711,834,458	11.5768%	0	164,988	9,431	174,419	174,419	170,309	4,110	2.41%
Middlesex Centre M	247,519,452	1.6739%	0	23,856	1,364	25,220	25,220	24,637	583	2.37%
Southwest Middlesex M	440,680,719	2.9802%	0	42,473	2,428	44,901	44,901	44,088	813	1.84%
Strathroy - Caradoc Tp	902,564,512	6.1039%	0	86,989	4,973	91,962	91,962	88,698	3,264	3.68%
TOTAL	14,786,752,986	100%	\$205,000	\$1,425,157	\$81,467	\$1,506,624	\$1,711,624	\$1,682,082	\$29,542	1.76%

Non-Municipal Revenues Increase

- ▶ Non-municipal revenues include grants and general revenues (user fees) and account for \$2,188,882 or 56.2% of total program revenues in 2022.
- ▶ Non-municipal revenues including grants and general revenues (user fees) accounted for \$1,637,314 or 49.3% of total program revenues in 2021

**Thank you
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Comments / Questions**