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## Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members  
From: Judy Everett, Treasurer  
Date: January 24, 2025  
Subject: 2025 Draft Budget

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### **Recommendation:**

That Council provide direction to staff regarding the 2025 Budget.

### **Background:**

The 2025 Draft Budget was presented to Council on December 11, 2024.

In addition to the departments' budgets being presented, a discussion was held regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. Due to the extensive work and time involved, the Peterborough County Director of Planning recommended that the Municipality engage the services of a consultant to complete the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law review.

At the conclusion of the meeting, council directed staff to review the budget to locate some possible savings which would in turn result in a tax rate increase of no more than 6%.

### **Analysis:**

A local municipality paid just over \$100,000 for a new Comprehensive Zoning By-Law six years ago and they have budgeted \$150,000 for a new one. Another local municipality is planning to budget \$120,000 for one and are hoping their Development Charges will assist with funding some of it.

If Council would like these funds to be included in the Operational budget, it will impact the tax rate unless a transfer from General Reserves was included in the budget to offset the expense. General Reserves could be used at any time throughout the year if Council wishes to defer a decision on the consultant.

Staff have located decreases in some areas which have resulted in a tax rate increase of 5.69%.



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### **Financial Implications:**

Upon passing the 2025 Budget, the 2025 Tax Rates will be adopted. As indicated in the attached 2025 Capital and Major Items and Funding, the amount that will be transferred to Future Capital Reserves will be \$196,462.

### **Strategic and/or Other Plans:**

3. Governance – Maintain a strong, accountable municipal government
4. Environment – Protect the human environment

### **In Consultation With:**

Iain Mudd, Director of Planning, County of Peterborough

Alana Solman, Chief Administrative Officer

Township Managers

### **Attachments:**

1. List of Changes to the Budget since December 11, 2024
2. 2025 Budget Summary of each Department
3. List of Capital & Major Items
4. Tax Rate By-Law