



# Council Report

<b>Meeting date:</b>	January 20, 2021
<b>Title:</b>	2021 Budget Review
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## Recommendation

That council review the draft 2021 budget.

## Executive summary

The detailed 2021 draft budget package was distributed to council members at the end of November. Several items, as listed in the 2021 budget impacts summary, require decisions to be made by council in order to move the budget forward.

## Background and discussion

Below is a summary of the 2021 budget impact summary as circulated plus additional budget considerations/information that have been received since the November package was distributed.

Dept	Items included in the 2021 Draft Budget		New items not in draft 2021 budget	Description
	Operating	Capital		
	Operating			
All	\$113,000			Estimated impact of wages/benefits for new grid
Council	\$9,911			Change to base pay + per diems for conference only
All			\$225,000	Estimated wages/benefits for 3 new positions: Financial Analyst, CSR/Records Mgr, Environ. Coordinator
All			\$90,000	Insurance premium increase not fully included in budget (29%)
Admin	\$71,000			Annual repayment for police station land
Admin	\$300,000			Estimated construction loan payments for new police station



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Dept	Items included in the 2021 Draft Budget		New items not in draft 2021 budget	Description
	Operating	Capital		
Fire	\$24,018			New radio infrastructure through Grey County
Fire	\$35,000			Estimated loan payments for Neustadt Fire Truck
Fire	\$3,480			Net impact of peer support program
Recreation	\$60,000			Net wages/benefits return of community services manager from secondment
Recreation	\$10,000			Decrease in program revenues
Recreation	\$7,375			Youth develop & accessible programming
Recreation	\$5,000			Youth develop capstone project
Recreation	\$4,540			Additional community resiliency programming
Recreation	\$5,000			New trails expense
Council	\$23,500			Increased contract labour for integrity commissioner
Recreation ECC Brd			\$10,000	Elmwood Comm. Centre 50% share of budgeted 2021 deficit
Police Brd	\$11,264			Increase in dispatch fees
Police Brd	\$461,867			Net wages/benefits special constable in 2020; 1 senior command full year; 1 cadet in May; 1 cadet in Sept
Library Brd			\$64,203	Estimated wages/benefits for new grid and additional for change position from PT to FT
Library Brd			\$4,000	Increase book purchases to 2019 level
Library Brd			\$2,500	Computer replacement, wifi hotspots, lending laptops
Library Brd			\$2,000	Local history database
Library Brd			\$1,085	Various other items – see report from Library
		<b>Capital</b>		
Fire		\$20,425		Net increase to levy contribution towards capital
Recreation		\$58,000		Dur. Arena: 2 dehumidifiers; ammonia valves, floor scrubber
Recreation		\$15,000		Dur. Town Hall: transfers to playground and accessible washroom reserves



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Recreation		\$55,000		Nby Arena: transfers to Hall Reno and Ice Resurfacers reserves
Recreation	\$9,500	(\$17,500) \$8,000		Nby Arena: Realign operating, capital by reducing Hall Reno reserve transfer
		\$13,500		Nby Cent. Hall: new playground, ball diamond groomer, hall kitchen reno reserve
		\$30,000		Neu. Arena: ball diamond lighting
		\$8,500		Neu. Comm. Hall: ball diamond groomer, hall roof reserve
		\$5,000		Neu. Park: playground surface & equipment
Library			\$10,000	Additional capital for flooring in Durham at \$25,000
SubTotals	\$1,154,455	\$195,925	\$408,788	
Other Misc	\$119,944			Various items not specifically identified
Total Operating & Capital & New Items			\$1,879,112	

### Legal and legislated requirements

None.

### Financial and resource implications

Establish the 2021 budget for final bylaw approval.

### Staffing implications

The 2021 budget will provide direction to departments to implement council's priorities for the year.

### Consultation

All departments.

### Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: build a better future

Goal: vibrant community

Strategy: be responsible stewards of the tax dollars



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## Attachments

None.

## Next steps

January 27, 2021 will be the next special council meeting for continued budget review. A public meeting regarding the budget will be scheduled for February and final budget bylaw will be presented for passing at the March 2, 2021 council meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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