

## Here are Some Highlights from our 2021 Budget

- \$533,000.00 will be spent on roadwork maintenance and repairs. This is a considerable increase from last year when \$196,000.00 was budgeted and only about \$44,000.00 was actually spent. A few of the projects include work on Fairway Drive, Simon Lehne, Main Street, Nipawin Drive, Parkland Place, Jortan Drive and a variety of others.
- \$75,000.00 will be spent on Lakeview Drive maintenance this year, and \$15,000.00 will be spent on a study to understand what costs might be ahead of us to do proper and complete repairs and rebuilding. Consideration has to be given to things like substructure, drainage, pedestrian safety and even proper alignment.
- About \$52,000.00 will be spent on traffic safety and planning, primarily around Main Street near Waskateena Beach to Industrial Drive area.
- Firefighting is important when you live in a forest. This year, we've allocated \$120,000.00 towards the purchase of a water tanker truck for the Fire Department, as well as another \$25,000.00 for a housing and location study for our firefighters and first responders and their equipment.
- \$200,000.00 has been allocated towards the renovation of the second floor of the hall. This will ensure space for a new library and resource center, as well as provide improvements for user groups like our Senior's Club, Art Club, Quilters Group, Card Making Group and various other community groups. As Covid continues to be a concern, this will also ensure good safe meeting areas as required by Council and others.
- \$14,000.00 for a new website, and more money invested in communication tools like "The Wave"
- \$253,951.00 will be spent this year on a significant project to begin to address drainage issues stemming in the airpark area and impacting surrounding neighborhoods in the area. This also creates the added benefit of about 750 meters of new elevated walking trail beyond Lakeshore Drive NW along the highway. Our portion of this cost is only about 25%, with grants covering the rest of the cost.
- Approximately \$22,000 for a program to assist seniors with education and support in relation to the internet, computers and an ever-advancing digital world. This program is fully funded by a grant.
- For now, we've identified around \$6 million dollars in spending that we estimate will be required in the near enough future. This would include, but not be limited to, things like \$609,000.00 to decommission our landfill, potentially up to \$2,000,000.00 for required upgrades to our east lagoon (which is operating at near capacity), and an estimated \$2,810,000.00 investment in years 2022 to 2024 in streets, roadways and securing gravel. On top of that, we'll have equipment to replace. There are also facilities like our firehall, parks and trails and so on, that will need to be planned for and fully costed

**Things like these come at a cost however;**

- From 2015 – 2020, there has been a significant reduction in taxes resulting in a shortfall in revenue required for necessary daily operations and repairs to municipal infrastructure. As a result. We have reverted our tax rates back to 2016 levels as follows,

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<b>Municipal Tax Tools</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Mills	3	3
Mill Rate Factor Residential	1.12	1
Mill Rate Factor Commercial	1.44	2.12
Base Tax Residential	\$325	\$650
Base Tax Commercial	\$425	\$845

This will result in an increase in Tax Levy Revenue from \$2,251,092.00 in 2020 to \$2,714,124.00 in 2021

- Tax reductions compounded by uncommon and unrealistic discounts over the last four and previous years have resulted in too many things just simply left undone or not planned for. Tough decisions were never made, and looming big problems were never properly addressed, effectively “kicking the can down the road”. This year, we’ve set the early payment discount rate to 5%, which will be more in line with many other communities in the province.
- Our site fees and charges to RV Parks based on the numbers of units in their parks has not been covering the cost of providing services to them. As a result, fees per site have been increased to \$611 from about \$380 to \$480 per trailer. This will generate approximately \$437,500 in required revenue needed to offset the impact of RV park users on our municipal infrastructures and the various services we provide for them.

**As a Council, we have made the decision to be progressive and get things done. We feel that the adjustments proposed will jump start the amenities in our community and add pride for the residents and visitors to Candle Lake. Past practices of “kicking the can down the road” are not sustainable and simply cannot, and should not, continue.**

**Moving forward, the Resort Village of Candle Lake will be focusing more on planning, including a 5-year capital plan, an asset management plan and lots of planning for parks and recreational services. This will ensure a stable and sustainable future for our beautiful community.**

**We’re working hard on “thinking ahead”, and what it will take to remain the beautiful place that we live in and how to best manage and preserve what we have for ourselves, our kids and grandkids and all our friends and visitors to enjoy**