



**Village of Rycroft
Request for Decision**

Council Meeting Date: November 17, 2020

TOPIC: 2021 to 2023 Operating Budgets and 2021 to 2028 Capital Budgets

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. That Council approve the updated 2021 to 2023 Operating budgets as presented.
2. That Council approve the updated 2021 to 2028 Capital budgets as presented.

BACKGROUND: Every year after the strategic planning session, Council reviews and updates the provisional operating budget and the provisional capital budget. The reason we review and adopt provisional budgets early is so if Council has a major project to complete then we have lots of lead time to get the preliminary work organized so we can get tenders out early to get better pricing. The final budget will be approved in April 2021 once we have all the information on the requisition requirements.

2021 OPERATING BUDGET: Here are some explanations for overages and underages in the budget:

General Revenue:

- Other Grants includes \$6,596 DRP grant for 2018 flood; \$4,200 Federal Student grant; \$2,000 Canada Day grant.
- We budgeted to make \$38,000 in interest, but COVID affected interest rates, and we are on-line to make ~\$8,000.
- Admin Misc. revenue \$1,000 grant from Cansel for tower hosting
- Public Works revenue includes ~\$10,000 for the stolen truck and charges for unsightly premises

Expenses:

- Under Council Expense: Council contingency the \$2,860 is for staff and Council Rycroft jackets.
- Under Public Works Expenses the salaries show as high: \$142678/\$113506; , however this is a distribution issue. Salaries are under in other areas throughout the budget e.g. ~\$29,600 unspent in Recreation and Community Hall expenses.
- Demolition costs have an extra \$15,000 to knock down the Merry Pioneers Building.
- Street Repairs are over ~\$20,500 for pavement patching on 47 avenue at 52 and 53 street, but Sidewalks and Professional Services are under ~\$30,000 to balance it.

- Culvert replacement is over \$6,125 in \$2,000 budget, but we have applied for the \$10,000 DRP grant to cover that cost. Documentation is submitted, awaiting reply.
- Under water expense, we have been approved to apply for a DRP grant to repair the weir, and the \$56,851 expense will be a part of that grant.

2021 OPERATING REVENUES:

- MSI Operating grant this year will be \$47,209 and MOST grant is \$66,971 = \$114,180
- Total Revenues budgeted at **\$2,545,270**

2021 OPERATING EXPENSES:

- Added \$10,816 for Police funding to the Protective Services budget
- Added \$10,000 to the Public Works hired equipment budget for ditch cleaning work
- Added \$7,000 to the Water tools and equipment budget to purchase a valve exerciser
- Added \$5,000 to the Roads gravel budget for work in the Crossroads Subdivision
- Added \$1,000 to Public Works Computer software budget for asset mgmt. accounting
- Increased the Culvert budget to \$3,000
- Total Expenses budgeted at **\$2,020,104**

2021 CAPITAL BUDGET:

- \$80,000 for Water Valve Repairs (\$50,000 from Gas Tax Fund)
- \$600,000 for the Sewer Lift Station project (\$450,000 Wastewater Grant and \$150,000 from Sewer Reserve account)
- \$560,000 for Weir/Water Intake Repair (~\$350,000 DRP grant; \$200,000 MSI)
- \$93,000 for Sewer line re-line project on 52 street (\$72,748 from MSP grant)
- \$100,000 Arena Upgrades (from Reserves)
- \$45,000 New Public Works truck (from Reserves)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As listed above.

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS: Council must annually approve a three-year operating budget and a five-year capital budget.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. Council could suggest other changes to the budgets.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2021 to 2023 Operating budget
2. 2021 to 2028 Capital budget
3. Reserve Account Update

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November 16, 2020
Date