

Department 21 – Winter Control

Overview

Department 21 includes all functions related to the clearing, removal and control of snow and ice from the Township roadways and sidewalks. This budget also provides for most of the costs associated with opening ditches and culverts in the spring throughout the Township to prepare for the spring melt.

The Public Works Department maintains Township roads using its own forces and ensuring that the Minimum Maintenance Standards, as established by Ontario Regulation 239/02 under the Municipal Act and adopted by the Township, are met. These standards establish guidelines for snowplowing, sanding, patrolling and winter sidewalk maintenance. The major objectives for winter operations are:

- To reduce the hazards of icy road conditions to motorists.
- To increase mobility for pedestrians on our sidewalks.
- To facilitate the handling of emergencies by response vehicles.
- To maintain safe passable school bus and winter recreation routes.
- To reduce economic losses to the community and industry.



A contingency reserve is established for winter control to minimize budget impacts should the Township experience higher than normal winter storm events each year.

Revenues

The primary funding source for winter control is through taxation. The levy for winter control comprises approximately 8% of the overall net tax levy.

Expenditures

Department 21 shares a portion of the public works overhead from Department 20 to allow for more accurate cost allocations. The budget provides for the estimated costs to accommodate operations for a typical winter season.

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Activity Update - Beyond Dollars and Cents

A Salt Management Plan was adopted in 2021. The plan is intended to set out a framework for ensuring that the Township continuously improves the management of road salt used in its winter maintenance operations. The Plan includes best practices for salt management on all Township roadways and sidewalks.

The Plan demonstrates the Township's commitment to reducing the environmental effects of salt use, consistent with Environment Canada's stated objectives and meets the requirement of the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan which requires a plan for drinking water intake protection zones.

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GL Account	Details	2022 Year End Actuals	2022 Approved Budget	2023 Year to Date Actuals	2023 Approved Budget	2024 Proposed Budget
Revenues						
Taxation		647,644	647,644	689,195	689,195	725,051
Transfers In		139,191	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,600
Total Revenues		786,835	658,244	699,795	699,795	735,651
Expenses						
Snow Plowing & Removal		205,811	171,286	189,050	183,922	208,960
Sanding & Salting		338,510	270,329	284,078	282,187	291,123
Snowfence/Culvert & Catch Basin Thaw		36,638	13,745	8,990	25,257	23,287
Sidewalks - Winter Control		30,206	27,200	20,866	27,474	25,897
Transfers Out		175,670	175,684	196,811	180,955	186,383
Total Expenses		786,835	658,244	699,795	699,795	735,651
Balance		0	0	0	0	0