

Department 23 – Street Lights

Overview

Streetlights in various parts of the municipality are the responsibility of the Township. Certain streetlights at controlled intersections are covered by the authority responsible for traffic signalization. (i.e., the County or Province)

Street lighting throughout the Township is traditionally present in settlement and built-up areas only.

The Township currently has responsibility for approximately 616 streetlights throughout the municipality. The LED conversion project was undertaken in 2014 and the debt payments were completed in 2021. As had been expected the cost savings for the first six-years fully paid for the capital costs of the new fixtures and installations.

Revenues

Street lighting throughout the Township is funded through the general tax levy.

Expenditures

The budget estimates reflect the costs related to hydro charges and maintenance. Having had the new LED streetlights for 7 years, the Township has noticed maintenance costs increasing. With the debt repayment complete in 2021, the Township has begun to build a reserve for future maintenance and replacement programs.

Activity Update – Beyond Budget and Dollars and Cents

The May 2022 Derecho storm had wind gusts near or above 100 km/h, causing not only tree and property damage but significant streetlight damage in the village of Lakefield.

After we were able to perform a complete inventory, 21 streetlights were severely damaged or missing in Lakefield and additional fees associated with the repairs are reflected in the 2023 actuals involving township staff, an electrical contractor and Hydro One. Two lights are still to be reinstalled / replaced, in Lakefield and staff will be monitoring repairs that could continue to have an impact on the 2024 budget.



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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						
	Grants and Receipts	70,000	70,000	0	0	20,000
	Operating Sales - Revenues & Fees	0	0	0	0	0
	Taxation	88,147	88,147	88,147	88,147	88,147
	Transfers In	7,693	7,693	10,427	10,427	7,847
	Total Revenues	165,840	165,840	98,574	98,574	115,994
Expenses						
	Permit Fees	312	313	312	313	313
	Light Maintenance	357	7,000	27,720	28,000	22,000
	Hydro	39,733	39,500	42,694	39,500	44,000
	Capital Purchases	70,010	70,000	0	0	20,000
	Transfers Out	55,427	49,027	27,847	30,761	29,681
	Total Expenses	165,840	165,840	98,574	98,574	115,994
	Balance	0	0	0	0	0