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### Wellington North approves 2025 budget

WELLINGTON NORTH – The Township of Wellington North is pleased to announce the approval of the 2025 capital and operating budgets by Council on Monday, December 16. The 2025 budget will result in a tax levy increase of 3.27%. For a typical single-family residential property in the township assessed at \$271,636, this will mean an increase of approximately \$47.80 in the township portion of the property tax.

The 2025 budget includes an ambitious Capital Budget of \$12,670,821, funding a variety of projects for the coming year. Key highlights include:

- **Arthur and Area Community Centre (Upper Hall renovation):** \$332,000
- **Former Arthur Municipal Office renovation:** \$580,000
- **New service club and community board signs:** \$82,500
- **Trail Master Plan:** \$60,000
- **Construction (Arthur)** – Draper Street between Eliza Street to Anderson Avenue, and Anderson Avenue between Draper Street and Gordon Street: \$2,437,975
- **Reconstruction (Mount Forest)** – John Street between Waterloo Street and Queen Street: \$1,905,406
- **Rural Asphalt Resurfacing:** \$1,562,169
- **Urban Paving Program (2025):** \$331,725
- **Hutchison Park Playground upgrades:** \$160,000
- **Increased hours of service at the Mount Forest Cemetery:** \$20,500

These projects align with the recommendations of the 2024 Asset Management Plan, which identified a need for an \$18.9 million annual capital investment to close the gap in the township's capital program. While the Township is still working towards the \$18.9 million target, this budget represents a positive step towards addressing long-term infrastructure investment needs.

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"This budget reflects our commitment to maintaining the high-quality services our residents rely on while addressing the growing infrastructure needs of our community," said Mayor Andy Lennox. "Despite the inflationary challenges we face, we have strategically allocated resources to ensure sustainable growth and development. I am confident that these investments will enhance the quality of life for all our residents and support the continued prosperity of Wellington North."

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