



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

2016 Budget –
Presentation

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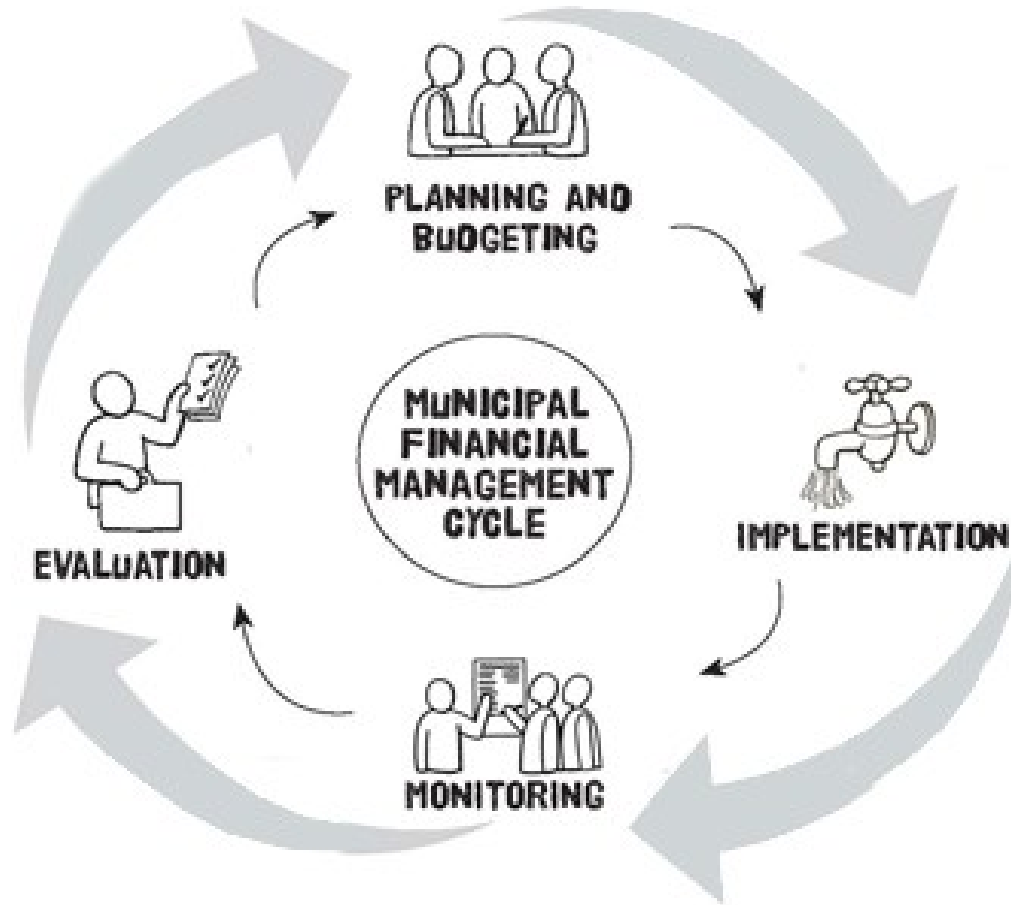




What's Important?

- As outlined in the Strategic Plan, we have determined what is important to North Huron:
 - Economic Development
 - Communication and citizen engagement
 - Fiscal responsibility and operational excellence
 - Healthy and safe communities
 - Value and protect our natural environment

Budget Process





Budget Process

Planning Stage

- Budget process is a complex and lengthy procedure
- Review priorities from Council – grants and projects – more difficult each year – team work exercise
- Department Heads start gathering information in the fall
- Starting point – various cuts
- Many factors are incorporated into the budget
 - Increased costs, inflation, priorities, decreased funding, end target, previous year actuals



Budget Process

Implementation Phase

- Translates the budget numbers into action
- Budget is an estimate – we still try to get the best price throughout the year

Monitoring Phase

- Continuous process that doesn't stop with the passing of the budget – 1/4ly Council reports

Evaluation Phase

- Evaluate current operations and procedures and make any changes – file Annual Reports



Ongoing Challenges

- Reduction of OMPF funding - \$53,100.00
- Increased OPP costs - \$45,482.00 (Blyth & E/W)
- Increased utility costs
- Increased wage and benefit costs – 1.49% COLA
- Shifting of tax burdens – declining industrial and commercial values and increased farmland values (E/W)
- Infrastructure Deficit – Asset Management
- Maintaining existing programs and services



Cuts & Changes

- Last Meeting - Left off at 5.04% - now at 4.86%
- Economic Development – Advertising reduced by \$3,000
- Recreation – Advertising reduced by \$2,000
- FPO – Increase of \$1,201.00
- Minor changes in Facilities budgets
- Goderich Legion - \$1,000 request Afghanistan Monument Committee
- Reduced Meeting Allowance



2016 Budget

- Overall Spending increase – 4.86% = \$220,205
- Expenses - \$16,127,562.00
- 4,750,478.00 raised from taxation
- \$3,313,954.00 raised from base rate
- \$1,430,462.00 raised from area rating
- \$6,062.00 raised from flat rate streetlight
- Water and sewer services has no effect on tax rate – fully funded by user fees



Special Area Rates & BIA Levy

- Wingham - \$1,140,860.00 – Wingham Police and streetlighting
- Blyth - \$170,898.00 – OPP Policing and streetlighting
- East Wawanosh - \$118,704.00 – OPP Policing
- BIA Levies –
 - Blyth – \$6,600.00 – to be approved next meeting
 - Wingham - \$26,500.00 – to be approved next meeting



2016 Results

- 1% Increase generates \$45,302.73
- Based on average assessment of \$161,000 (RT)
 - Wingham - \$82.66, Blyth - \$96.77, E/W - \$72.70
 - Note: Education Rates have not been finalized
- \$5,347,559.00 – Wages & Benefits – 33.16% of total budget – varies by Dept and # of FT/PT varies by season includes Council Honorarium – Adjusted for Veolia Contract & Shared Services Project
- Capital Spending - \$4,255,817.00



2016 Capital

- IT Equipment - \$45,850 – Commvault Backup, Copiers @ Townhall & Complex, Escribe Fee
- Towhall HVAC – Co-ordinate with Theatre Project
- Theatre Renovations – funded by Committee
- General Facility Repairs - \$20,000 (Facility Assessment research)
- Fire Dept – Pumper/Tanker - \$319,022.00



2016 Capital continued

- Wingham Fire Station – Diesel Exhaust \$33,000
- ESTC Building – Renovations
- Public Works – Equipment Attachments
- Fleet – Purchase of 3 trucks from Water Dept
- Police – new cruiser
- Phase 2 – Westmoreland Street Project – Blyth
- Phase 1 – Arthur Street – Joint with M-T
- Patrick Street Reconstruction -



2016 Capital continued

- Howson Dam – Environmental Assessment
- Blyth – New Well project – Tender accepted
- Wingham Water Tower – Environmental Assessment
- Cemeteries – Niche Walls (Blyth (2) & Wingham)
- Rec Admin – Online Software Updates/Office Equipment
- Fitness – Cardio Equipment



2016 Capital & Other Projects

- Wescast Complex – Pool Liner
- Wescast Complex – Roof Repairs
- Wingham Library – Renovations
- Memorial Hall – Phase 1 Renovation Project
- **OTHER PROJECTS:**
- Development Charges Update
- Shared Services – Morris-Turnberry
- Veolia Contract
- Roads Needs Study/Sanitary Camera Work



Debt Obligations

- RinC Grant - \$264,000 (10) - \$180,508.48
- ESTC Centre - \$1,200,000 (20 years) - \$1,048,269.57
– split 55% ESTC Centre and 45% Blyth Fire Station
- Grader - \$242,000 (15) - \$184,618.24
- Fire Payouts - \$838,000 (15) - \$639,297.76
- Roads Projects - \$293,000 (10) - \$174,534.70
- Debt Payments - \$249,798.44 (\$165,489.55 (P) & \$84,308.89 (I))
- Total Debt owing - \$2,227,228.75



“New Donation Requests”

- “New Donation” requests - \$80,500 = 1.78% increase
- Hospital Donation - \$65,000 per yr for 7 years
- Building Bridges - \$7,500 for 2016 & 2017
- Blyth BIA Marketing position - \$5,000
- R2R-14/19 Campaign - \$1,000
- Golf & Curling Club - \$1,000
- Goderich Legion – Afghanistan Monument Committee – \$1,000
- Previous - \$11,800 – review listing
- Total Budget - \$92,300.00



Why are taxes so “High”??

- 1) Wide range of facilities, programs and services usually provided by a much larger municipality
- 2) Low overall taxable assessment
- 3) Low average assessment – older homes
- 4) Low population base & geography



Property Sales

2015	# of Properties	Sale Values	Nominal Value
Wingham	77	12,943,879.00	37
Blyth	23	4,787,103.00	20
East Wawanosh	25	9,689,067.00	20
Total	125	\$27,420,049.00	
2014			
Wingham	54	9,815,900.00	37
Blyth	22	3,652,250.00	22
East Wawanosh	24	9,079,166.00	18
Total	100	\$22,547,316.00	

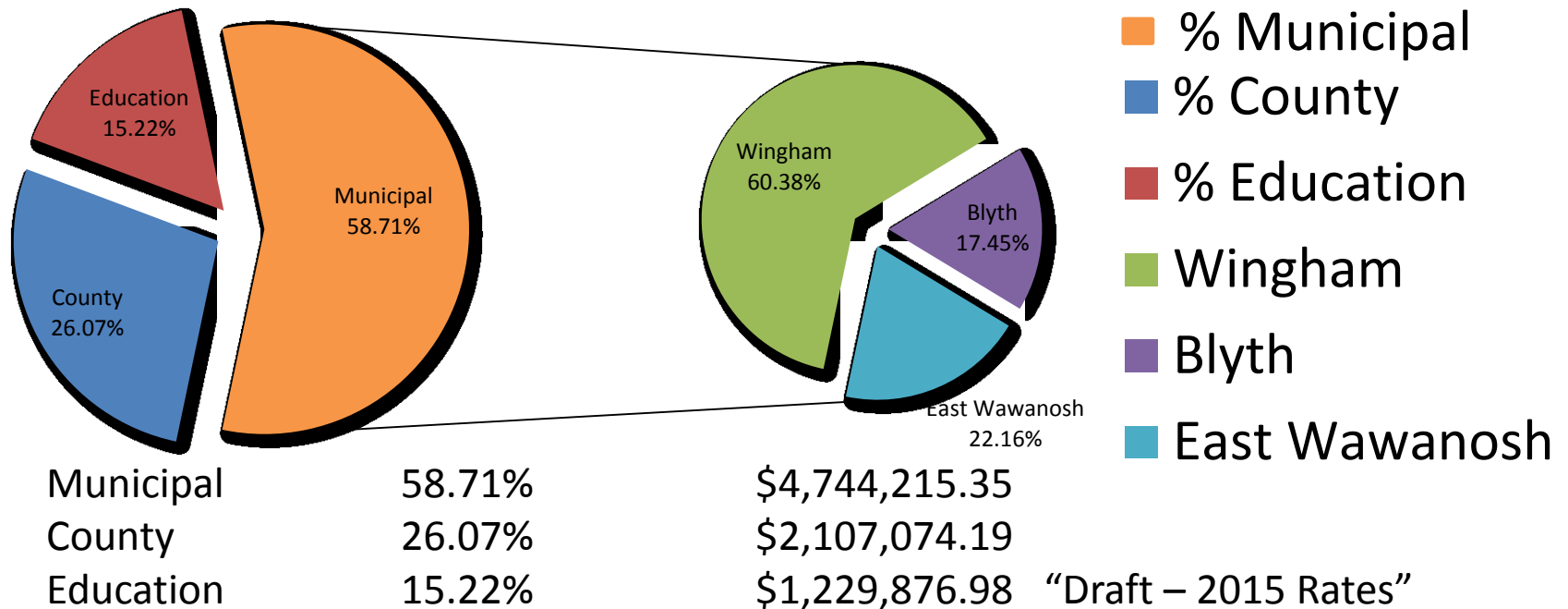


What Do We Spend Your Money On?

Council & Administration	Animal Control	Emergency Planning	Planning & Development
North Huron Fire Department – Wingham and Blyth Stations –	ESTC Centre in Blyth	North Huron Museum	Sanitary Sewer Systems in Wingham and Blyth
Police – Wingham and OPP for Blyth and East Wawanosh	Cemeteries – Wingham and Blyth	Childcare Centre – including Before and After, Early Years and Early Learning	Parks , Trails & Playgrounds – Sports fields -- Wingham and Blyth
MVCA Levy	Wingham Trailer Park	Blyth Campground	Airport
Building Official/ Property Standards	North Huron Westcast Community Complex	Blyth Arena/Hall	Contribute to Belgrave Arena – operated by a Board
Water systems in Wingham and Blyth and pay our share of the Belgrave System	Drainage	Community Development	Memorial Hall/Meeting Room
Waste Dept – operate Wingham and E/W Landfill and pay our share of B/H	Wingham Library	Blyth Library (leased)	Roads – maintain 167.1 km road, 11 bridges, traffic lights
Donations/Community Commitments	Streetlights – in Blyth and Wingham – some in the hamlets	Rec Programs/Fitness Programs/Aquatic Programs/DayCamps	Debt payments

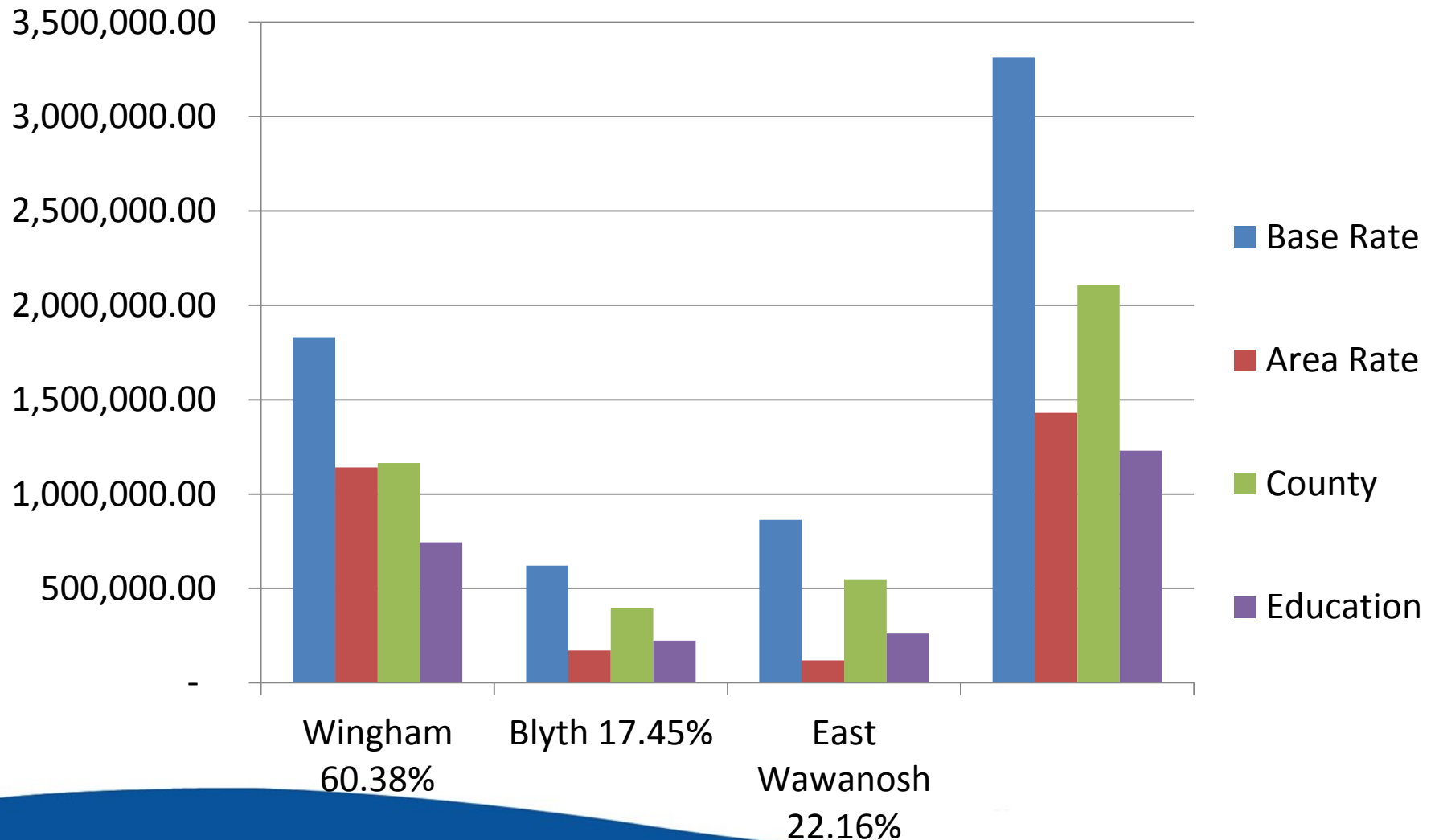


Where does the money go?





Allocation by Ward





Asset Management

- Review Asset Management Plan - website
- Phase 2 - add balance of assets in 2016 – approx 50 million - Buildings, fleet, machinery and equipment
- Building Inventory and Condition Assessments
- Estimated Value – Core assets \$141,627,654
- Create a financing strategy/long term
- Capital infrastructure link to “quality of life”, competitiveness and economic development
- Capital levies/Prioritization/Education
- Combination debt/user fees/pay as you go

What's Ahead?



Focus on the Future!



We want to hear from you

- Questions
- Thank you – Council and Staff
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