

DATE: May 23, 2023
REPORT NO: T-10-2023
SUBJECT: **2023 Tax Rate By-Law**
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OVERVIEW:

- To set the rates of taxation for the year 2023 in accordance with the approved 2023 operating and capital budget

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Recommendation Report T-10-2023 dated May 23, 2023, regarding the “2023 Tax Rate By-Law”, be received; and,
2. That, the 2023 tax rates as attached on Schedule A to this report be approved; and,
3. That, By-Law 2023-37 to set the rates of taxation for the year 2023 be approved.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Theme #6

- Efficient, Fiscally Responsible Operations- the Township of West Lincoln is a lean organization that uses sustainable, innovative approaches and partnerships to streamline processes, deliver services and manage infrastructure assets.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 27, 2023 Council Meeting a general tax levy of \$9,081,550, an urban service area levy of \$188,300 and a hospital levy to support the rebuild of the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital of \$176,300 were approved. These levies are required to support the approved 2023 Operating Budget of \$21 million and the 2023 Capital Budget of \$5.2 million. This report outlines the Township 2023 tax rates, as well as the rates required to collect taxes on behalf of the Niagara Region and the four area school boards.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Schedule A attached to this report outlines the 2023 tax rates, which includes the Township’s rates, the Regional rates and the Education rates. The Township’s rates are calculated based on the tax levy approved by Council as part of the 2023 budget.

The chart below breaks down total taxes paid for an average single family residential home assessed with an assessment of \$386,000. The Municipal portion of the tax bill (including the Hospital and Urban Service Area levies) accounts for 32% of the total tax bill.

	2023 Total Taxes	2022 Total Taxes	\$ Change	% Change
Assessment	\$ 386,000.00	\$ 386,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Municipal	\$ 1,538.89	\$ 1,447.42	\$ 91.47	6.32%
Hospital	\$ 29.87	\$ 21.80	\$ 8.07	37.02%
Total Township	\$ 1,568.76	\$ 1,469.22	\$ 99.54	6.78%
Region	\$ 2,694.18	\$ 2,519.44	\$ 174.74	6.94%
Education	\$ 590.58	\$ 590.58	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 4,853.52	\$ 4,579.24	\$ 274.28	5.99%
Urban Service Area	\$ 73.64	\$ 73.59	\$ 0.05	0.07%
TOTAL WITH URBAN SERVICE AREA	\$ 4,927.16	\$ 4,652.83	\$ 274.33	5.90%

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Without setting rates of taxation for 2023, we would not be able to collect the necessary tax revenue required to provide services to our community in accordance with the approved 2023 budget. Property Taxes are the largest source of revenue for West Lincoln and fund more than 53% of the services delivered by the municipality to its residents.

Township staff will issue a Final Tax Bill in late June, which will require two instalment payments: July 31st and September 29th. The Final Tax Bill will collect not only the Township's property taxes, but those of the Niagara Region and the School Boards. Staff will then remit funds to the Niagara Region based on the dates outlined in their By-Law 2023-31 and to the School Boards based on legislated dates.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:

This report was reviewed by the CAO.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that Council accept this report as an item of information and approve the tax rates outlined in Schedule A.

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