

July 09 Newsletter by the CAO/Treasurer

Municipal Budget Highlights

2009 Revenues	
Grants	\$ 1,389,268
Surplus	\$ 272,451
Gen Govt	\$ 36,018
Prot Inspections	\$ 125,000
Roads	\$ 30,000
Environment	\$ 40,000
Recreation	\$ 30,000
Planning	\$ 10,000
Pen&Int	\$ 140,000

2009 Expenditures	
Council	\$ 129,812
Gen Govt	\$ 613,373
Protection Inspection	\$ 1,559,235
Roads	\$ 1,809,363
Environmental	\$ 777,418
Health Services	\$ 43,587
Recreation&Culture	\$ 632,603
Planning	\$ 85,000

- Basically an essentials budget-maintain what we have and provide the same services
- Complete projects not finished in 2008, offset these with surplus from 2008
- Purchase 3 new half tons- building, fire and environmental
- Install generator at Highland Grove Community Hall- it is one of emergency centre
- Shingle and new doors at Glamorgan Community Centre
- Lights at the Cardiff Outdoor rink and improve walkways
- Arena- remove underground oil tank and repair roof
- Parks-new lawn mower/ fix up Gooderham Public Boat launch/first Impressions Visit recommendations
- Purchase new snowplow/sander truck-slurry seal 12.9 KM of hard top roads
- Funding for the 2010 elections and official plan update in 2010
- Kinmount Medical Centre- one time donation \$5000.00
- Hart- \$500.00
- Highlands East Cultural Association Arts Group-\$3000.00
- Obtained 2/3 funding from stimulus program to ditch, brush, replace culverts and surface treat the Hadlington Road
- Web page upgrade –user friendly-blog -accessible

Adoption of the budget using \$ 272,451.00 surplus from 2008 is an 8.18% decrease in tax rate. Unless your assessment has increased more than 8.18% you will not see an increase in your taxes.

Building/ By-law

- **The Building Department is moving to the Gooderham Municipal /Post Office building as of August 4th, 2009 - the phone number is 705-447-0051**
- **Before you start any work on your property either clearing, driveway entrance or any type of building and or addition/decks- contact the Building Department**
- **Trailers are not allowed in this Municipality for human habitation unless they meet the minimum dwelling size**
- **Our dog tag revenue is down which means some residents are not purchasing the 2009 tags, failure to do so will result in a fine- Be a good neighbour- keep your dogs and cats on your own property and remember a barking dog is annoying**
- **We do have a clean and clear by-law- this is your Municipality- lets make a lasting impression- one that will have people returning to visit**

911 Numbers

- **If your civic address sign is peeling, please phone the County Administration Office at 705-286-1333 ext 235 to order a replacement sign.**

Recreation

- **At the arena every Thursday night for July/August 7:00pm-8:00pm for ball hockey**
- **visit the parks, water accesses for swimming, boating, canoeing, the Cardiff pool, play grounds, tennis courts, ball diamonds**
- **there are many events going on throughout the Municipality- we will try and keep the offices up to date with brochures**

Staff Update

- **Barry Dunford, Road Superintendent has retired after 26 years of service**
- **Earl Covert who was the lead hand and former Road Superintendent of Cardiff Township has been appointed as the new Road Superintendent**

New

- **Reeve Dave Burton by appointment only will be at the Municipal Office in Wilberforce Friday 2pm-4pm to meet with the public. Call 705-448-2981 to book.**

Visit our web site highlandseast.ca for council agendas, minutes and by-laws- it also features our Official Plan and Zoning By-law and loads of other useful information

For water, sewer, septage and landfill sites, call 613-339-2442

For the Road Superintendent Earl Covert call 705-448-2934.

For the Fire Chief Bill Wingrove call 705-448-2440- feel free to call for a free smoke alarm inspection

Main Office is in Wilberforce and we can be reached at 705-448-2981 and the fax is 705-448-2532