



# Bayfield Ratepayers Association

## 2013 Bluewater Municipal Budget Highlights

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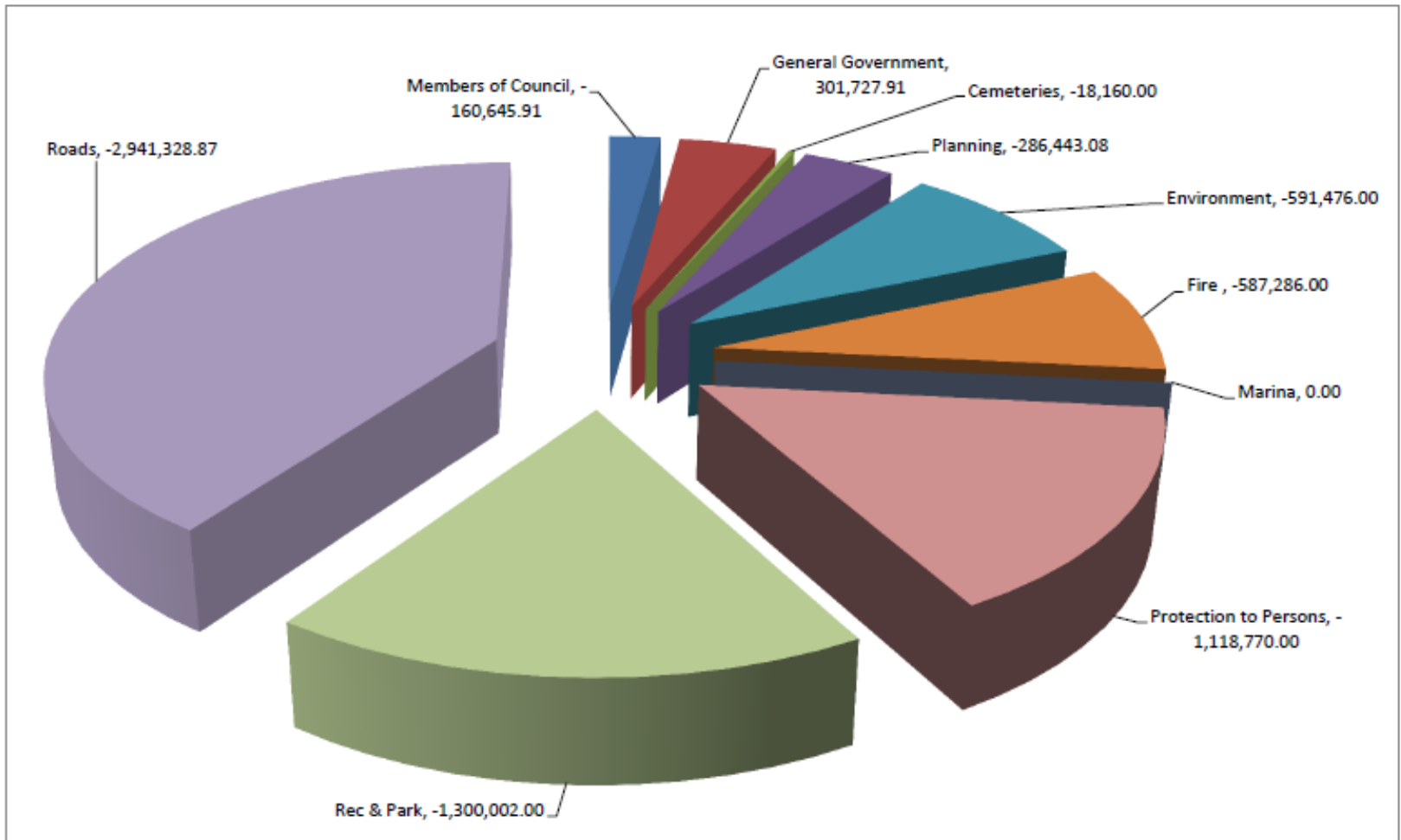
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# Bayfield Highlights

- Completed or Ongoing
  - Library
  - Blue Flag
  - Bluewater River Water Testing Grant
  - Pedestrian Crossing/Community Safety Zone (rejected)
  - Wind Turbines (building permits)
  - Bayfield Tree Project (170 trees planted)
  - Highway 21 Roads (paving, trees, Jowetts Grove north closure and south changes)
  - Bayfield Water Distribution System Phases 1-3 (complete)
  - Municipality of Bluewater 2013 Budget Process
  - Archives/Old Library/Reading Garden
  - Splash Pad
- Pending or Upcoming
  - Municipal Election (October 27, 2014)
  - Launch of [www.bayfieldratepayers.ca](http://www.bayfieldratepayers.ca)
  - Main Street Storm Water Assessment and Plan
  - Municipality of Bluewater Facilities Review
  - Bayfield Water Distribution System Phase 4 (target - Fall 2013)
  - Bayfield Tree Project

# 2013 Levi Distribution

Municipality of Bluewater 2013 Levy Distribution

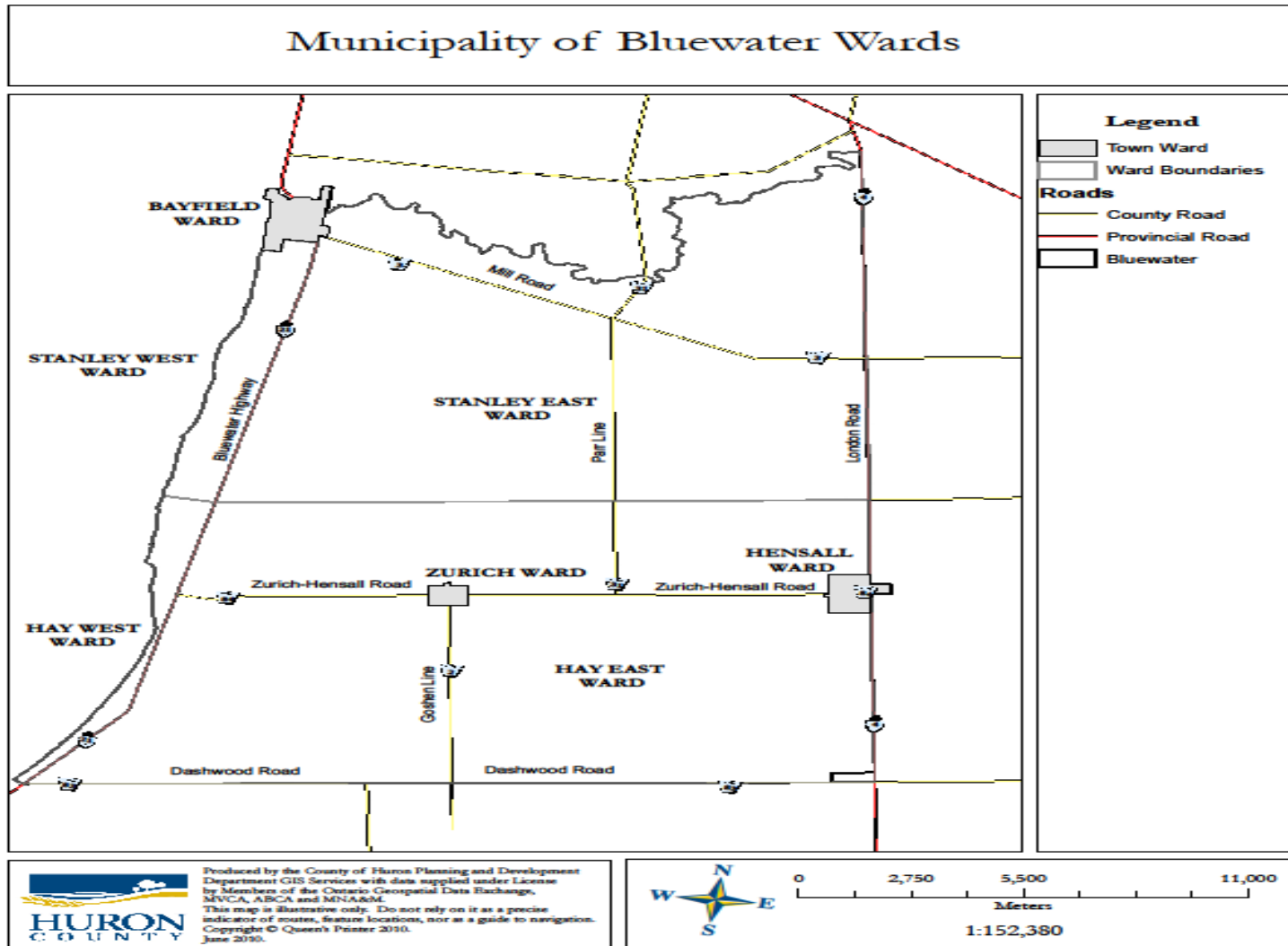


# Budget Summary

Department	2013 Departmental Budgets			Budget to Budget	
	2012 ANNUAL BUDGET	Prior to PSAB 2012 ACTUALS	2013 Preliminary BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Members of Council	-172,731.00	-147,842.00	-160,645.91	-12,085.09	-7.00%
General Government	6,053,339.00	6,288,349.03	301,727.91	5,751,611.09	-95.02%
Cemeteries	-17,710.00	-8,125.00	-18,160.00	450.00	2.54%
Planning	-365,051.00	-304,234.96	-286,443.08	-78,607.92	-21.53%
Environment	-568,430.00	-551,796.00	-591,476.00	23,046.00	4.05%
Fire	-572,836.00	-581,745.00	-587,286.00	14,450.00	2.52%
Marina	0.00	-33,292.98	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Protection to Persons	-1,030,848.00	-944,079.38	-1,118,770.00	87,922.00	8.53%
Rec & Park	-1,156,836.00	-970,771.00	-1,300,002.00	143,166.00	12.38%
Roads	-2,454,271.00	-2,276,129.39	-2,941,328.87	487,057.87	19.85%
Taxation surplus (deficit)	-285,374.00	470,333.32	-6,702,383.95	6,417,009.95	
Self-funding Operations:					
Streetlights	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Water	0.00	0.00	-0.20		
Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Current surplus (deficit)	-285,374.00	470,333.32	-6,702,384.15		
Projected 2012 Surplus:	470,333.32	Month	12		
		Percent Expended	100.00%		
				-5,946,676.63	Proposed Levy
				-5,665,587.33	2012 Levy
				-281,089.30	Levy Change
					Levy from Real Growth
					Net tax impact:
					4.96%
					1.71%
					3.25%
Required Funding:	-6,702,383.95				
2011 Net surplus to 2012	285,374.00				
2012 Surplus	470,333.32	755,707.32			
	-5,946,676.63				



# Ward Map



# Ward Distribution (\$)

Ward	All Classes	Residential
Hay West	\$ 1,535,153	\$ 1,518,556
Hay East	\$ 746,857	\$ 432,038
Hensall	\$ 393,300	\$ 253,461
Zurich	\$ 274,141	\$ 241,799
Stanley West	\$ 1,034,927	\$ 1,016,047
Stanley East	\$ 666,678	\$ 436,688
Bayfield	\$ 1,295,619	\$ 1,195,578
	<b>\$ 5,946,677</b>	<b>\$ 5,094,167</b>

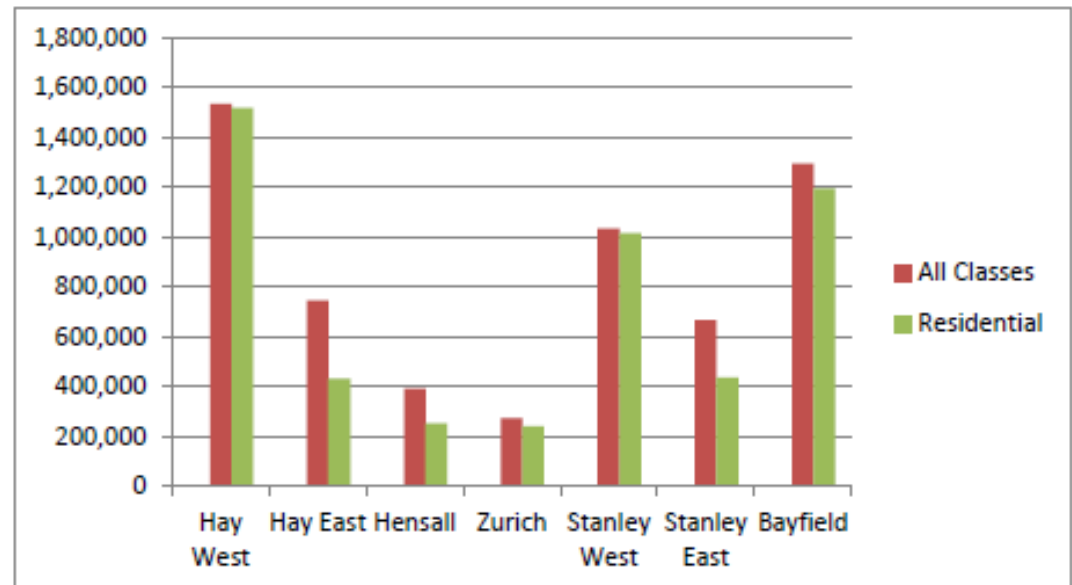
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## Lakeshore accounts for (Hay West & Stanley West and Bayfield):

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Levy Distribution by Ward



# Ward Distribution (%)

	% of	All Classes	Residential
Hay West		21.26%	29.81%
Hay East		19.75%	8.48%
Hensall		5.27%	4.98%
Zurich		3.73%	4.75%
Stanley West		14.81%	19.95%
Stanley East		17.50%	8.57%
Bayfield		17.69%	23.47%
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		100.0%	100.0%

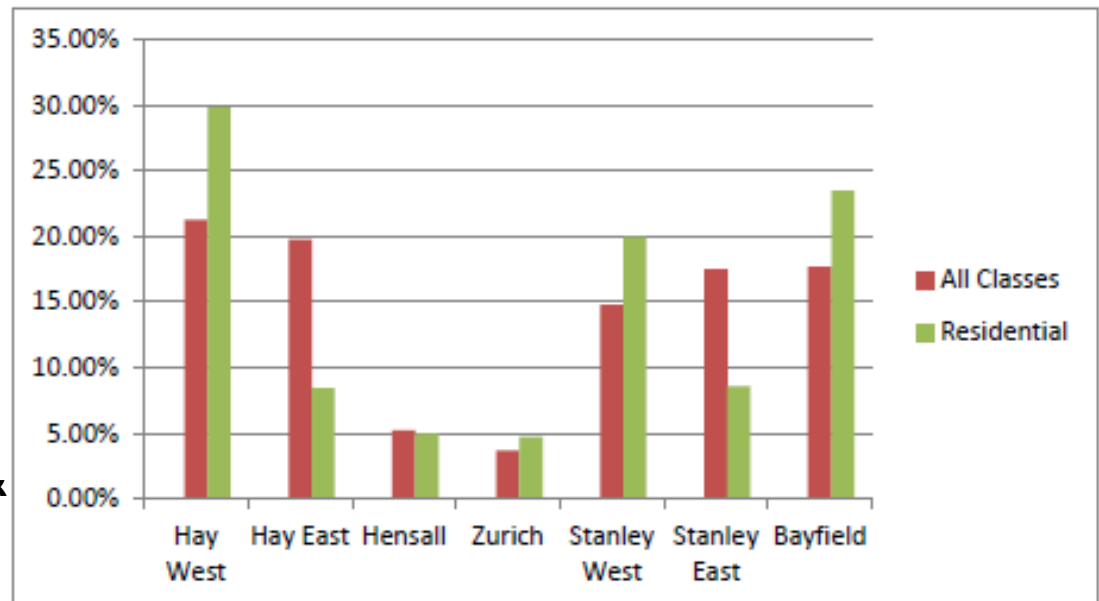
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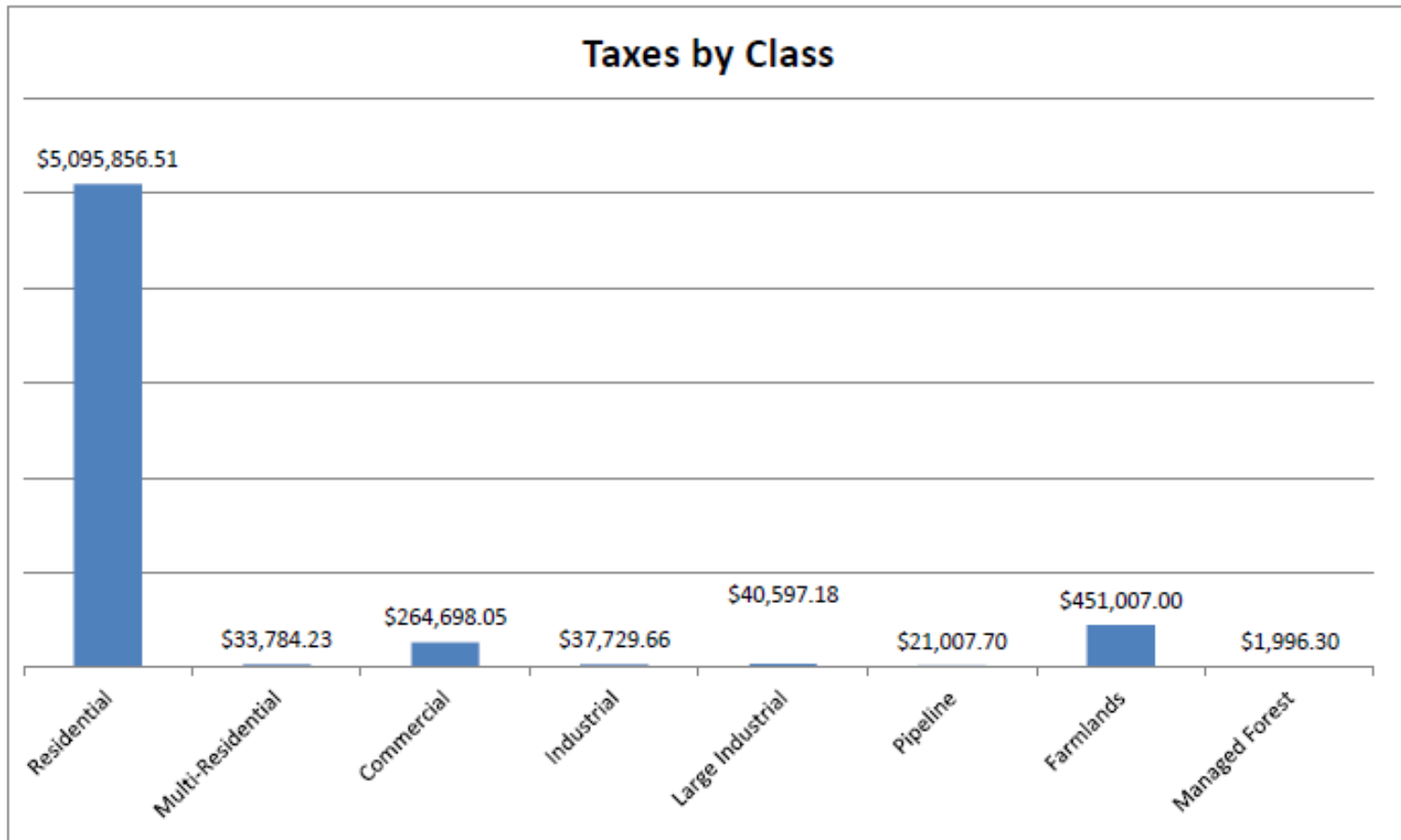
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Assessment Distribution by Ward





# Taxes by Class



**Residential tax accounts 85.7% of the total Municipal tax base**



# Grant Requests

2013 Grant RECAP Association	STATUS (Community Group or Non-Profit)	Amount Approved
Bayfield Area Chamber of Commerce	Non-profit organization	6,000.00
Bayfield Agricultural Society		750.00
 BRA	Community Group	7,500.00
Bayfield River Valley Trail Assoc.	Community Group	4,730.48
Friends of Hay Twp Hall	00-1630-542-6610	1,500.00
 BSRA	Community Group	13,200.00
Hensall/SH Ag Society		750.00
Huron Perth CAS - Kids Booster Club	Ongoing annual donation	500.00
Huron County Plowman's Association	Strictly volunteer group	125.00
Huron County Farm & Home Safety		100.00
Huron Perth United Way 2013 Campaign	Non-profit organization	500.00
Pioneer Park Association	Environment/Community	1,400.00
St Joseph's Museum & Archives	Community Group	2,500.00
Zurich & District Chamber of Commerce	Community Group	3,000.00
Zurich Agricultural Society	Annual Fair	750.00
<b>~Requests recently received/referred; only summary updated.</b>		<b>43,305.48</b>

# Budget Summary Report

Prepared by Ansberth Willbert – Treasurer, Municipality of Bluewater – May 14, 2013

## Summary

- This report provides an overview of the 2013 Budget Document
- The 2013 proposed budget contains an increase in the levy of \$281,089.30 (4.96%) over 2012
- However, when we factor in the income from real growth in assessment from last year of \$89,136.94 (1.52%) there is an actual net tax impact of \$191,952.36 or 3.25%
- Council and staff reviewed and revised the proposed levy through a series of budget meetings held January through to April

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<http://www.town.bluewater.on.ca/departments/2013-budget>

The budget document is drafted on the premise of maintaining the same level of service in the numerous departments and a cost of living in amount of 0.8% factored into general expenditures. Within this budget document, there are numerous capital projects proposed within several departments.

## **General Government**

- We are going to be completing a comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be filed with the Ministry
- We have received funding in amount of \$22,950.56 that will be used to offset the costs of the project
- We have distributed the cost of the AMP software at \$10,000 to General Government, Water, Sewer, Roads and Rec/Facilities. (\$50,000 total)
- We are proposing to transfer \$37,000 to reserves, composed of \$7,000 Elections, \$5,000 Server Costs, \$5,000 Speed Sign, and \$20,000 Christmas Lights.

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## **Fire**

- Proposing to purchase a used rescue van for Hensall (money to reserves at end of 2012) and purchase of a new replacement Tanker funded over 2012 and 2013 budgets
- There is an additional \$73,600 to update bunker gear for the departments
- Total budgeted capital expenditures are \$288,335 with \$130,650 funded from reserves
- There is also a transfer to reserves in amount of \$10,000 for a compressor.

## **Protective Services**

- Same service levels but increase in expenditures due to increases for Policing Costs, Ausable Bayfield Levy and allocation of staff time to Emergency Measures and Health & Safety

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## Landfill

- Stanley landfill to be open every Saturday from June to August
- Proceeding with costs of Hay landfill closure and continuing to set aside \$24,000 per annum towards future closure costs for all the landfills
- There is a slight decrease (\$10,558 or 2%) from 2012.

## Roads

- Proposing to purchase a 3 ton truck, a new mower, a new grader in (funded over 2012 & 2013 budgets) and repay \$67,000 to working funds from tandem purchase in 2011
- There is a \$25,000 amount for a new pickup for the fleet. Capital construction projects totaling \$3,226,603, include bridges, remedial bank construction at Bayfield Terrace, Bayfield Storm Water Management Plan, York Street repairs and paving projects funded by OMAFRA
- There is also an additional 50,000 for paving and construction and \$33,000 for equipment reserves.

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## **Utilities**

- The Water, Sewer and Street Lights are self-funding operations that do not impact on the levy
- Proposed upgrades to the SCADA system over a 5 year period are continuing (2 year) and are funded by the Water & Sewer systems
- There is an additional street lighting area (Dinsley Terrace) as a result of ratepayer requests that have been added to property taxes as a local improvement to the benefitting property owners.

## **Cemeteries**

- The municipality is responsible for several inactive cemeteries as well as the operations of the Bayfield Cemetery. There is a projected 3% increase overall to this budget
- The municipality is permitted to use the interest earned on the perpetual care trust funds to offset the costs of operations.

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## **Rec/Park/Facilities**

- The capital expenditures for Rec and Park/Facilities are outlined as follows:
  - proposing to complete washroom facilities at the Zurich Ball Park
  - replacement of Bayfield Arena roof
  - upgrades to ball diamond fencing
  - completion of Bayfield Library Project
  - construction of a new Zurich Library
- Total capital expenditures are budgeted at \$1,702,892.

## **Marina**

- Operation of the Marina has been contracted out but the municipality will still look after the dredging operations and billings

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## **Planning & Cultural Services**

- The accounting for Municipal Drains was transferred out of Roads to this department in the 2012 budget year
- Council has approved community grants in excess of \$43,000 this year with Council Committees funded under relative departments
- Through funding received from OMAFRA, the municipality has a contracted Economic Development Officer who is working with Council and community members on several projects
- This budget is incorporated in the Planning & Cultural Services.
- The Municipality is proceeding with the billing and financing of the Zurich Lagoon Project and the completion of the Bayfield Water System.



# Capital Projects Report

## **Bayfield Storm Water Management Engineering Report**

- This project received OMAFRA funding in amount of \$200,000.00
- As of year end 2012 we will have spent approximately \$2,000.00 on this project
- We will budget to spend the balance of the project funding in 2013

## **Bayfield Terrace Bank Reconstruction**

- Due to issues with bank stability, neighbours to the North as well as the South of Bayfield Terrace have installed measures for bank retention to avoid further losses
- To keep up with the ongoing work in this area it is recommended that bank retention take place at the end of Bayfield Terrace
- It is anticipated that engineering and construction for the required bank retention will cost approximately \$90,000.00 plus HST
- The proposed funding for this project is the 2013 levy

## **Bayfield Water Distribution System**

- The Bayfield Water Distribution System is targeted for tender/construct of the final phase (river crossing) this fall

# Facilities Review

## Special Council meeting for Facilities Review held July 30, 2013

- Original presentation/analysis done in 2009 (2009 & 2013 reports on Bluewater web site)
- Motion tabled and passed to shutdown and relocate Bayfield Equipment Depot to be integrated in the Varna location
- Motion tabled and passed to ensure that the Bayfield ice surface would remain in place and managed for the 2013/2014 season
- Motion tabled and passed to include selected community groups in decisions regarding the Bayfield arena due to the low paid usage of the ice surface here and the availability of ice surface time in Hensall and Zurich, to reduce costs
- **Bayfield Recommendations**
  - **Bayfield Arena**
    - Staff recommend removing the ice from the Bayfield Arena and repurposing the ice surface to a community type facility.
    - If decision to remove ice is made, Staff recommend establishing a working group to report to Council the options for continued use of the ice surface and the upgrades required. (i.e. what do we want to do in the arena and what do we have to do to the arena in order to do it.)
    - Motion tabled and passed as above
  - **Bayfield Equipment Depot**
    - Staff recommend that the current operations carried out at the Bayfield Equipment Depot be transferred to the Stanley Equipment Depot and that the structure and property (2 Jane Street, Bayfield) be declared surplus and that staff be directed to dispose of the property as per the Disposal of Property By-law.
    - Motion tabled and passed as above

# Facilities Review

- **Stanley Community Centre**
  - Staff recommend that Council explore the opportunity to repurpose the hall into a Council Chamber and a multi-purpose room/EOC through a detailed staff report.
- **Stanley Council Chamber/Administration Offices**
  - Staff recommend that Council explore, the opportunity to move the council chambers to the Stanley community hall and create more office space in the Stanley Administration Office that would allow for the creation of a Public Works Hub through a detailed staff report.
- **Municipal Office**
  - Staff recommend moving some staff members to the Stanley Administrative Office to support the Public Works Hub and accessing renovation options to better utilize the current space.

# Things to Think About

- **New Construction (homes)**
- **Consideration for lakeshore over farmers**
- **Bayfield Arena**
- **Economic Development**
- **Tax Increases implies new development**
- **Allocation of taxes for services**
- **Infrastructure spending**
- **Main street – business impacts, local resident impact**
- **Short and Long Hill Road beach entrance enhancements**
- **Parks Program**
- **Facilities Potential Impacts**
- **Sobey’s potentially this spring**
- **Dog park**
- **No right on deeds to right of way properties**
- **County Council Makeup**



Questions/Discussion?