

Provincial and Federal Budget Impacts

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Overview

Provincial Budget

- No significant changes that impact Strathcona County
- \$54.9 billion budget, \$3.8 billion new spending

Federal Budget

- No significant changes that impact Strathcona County
- Out of a \$304.7 billion budget, only \$1.6 billion is new spending

Budget Developments: Grants

Very few changes to municipal grant funding formulas or allocation amounts

- **Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)**

- Funding levels maintained
- County is eligible for a 2017 allocation up to \$19.4 million

- **Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG)**

- 2017-18 funding is \$25 million less than in Budget 2016
- Funding forecasted to increase by \$9 million per year for the following three years
- County is eligible for a 2017 allocation up to \$4.9 million

Budget Developments: Grants (continued)

➤ **Gas Tax Fund (GTF)**

- Funding levels maintained
- County is eligible for an allocation up to \$5.2 million

➤ **GreenTRIP**

- Funding levels increased \$352.4 million in Budget 2017

➤ **Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) Phase 1**

- New federal funding to support rehabilitation of transit systems, new capital projects, and planning and studies for future transit expansion
- \$285 million introduced in Budget 2017

Provincial Budget Developments

➤ **Climate Leadership Plan Implementation**

- Province will collect ~\$3.8 billion through the **carbon levy** on fuels over next 3 years
 - Carbon levy does not apply to electricity
 - Strathcona County's 2017 budget included \$150,000 contingency
 - Budget is silent on AUMA's request for municipalities to receive a rebate
- Province indicates Budget 2017 allocates funding to a number of program areas that will directly support municipalities in the transition to a low carbon economy
 - Details are still to come

➤ **Education property tax rates "frozen"**

- Additional \$32 million in property taxes due to a growth in assessment base

➤ **No new revised fees, charges or other costs**

Federal Budget Developments

The Federal Government has created:

- **National Housing Strategy**
 - \$11.2 billion over the next eleven years
- **The Impact Canada Fund**
 - \$300 million for Smart Cities Plans focus on city planning, clean technology, green infrastructure, and digital connections
- **Canada Cultural Spaces Fund**
 - \$300 million over 10 years for cultural and arts spaces
- **Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund**
 - \$2 billion will support national, provincial, and municipal infrastructure required to deal with climate change effects

Questions and Discussion