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2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROVED; LOW TAX INCREASE AMID HIGH INFLATION

(Warman, Sask.) – Warman City Council has approved the 2023 Municipal Budget at the November 28 Regular Meeting of Council. With that approval comes a **3 percent** property tax increase.

The 2023 Municipal Budget ensures the City maintains services levels while still setting its sights on growth.

Inflationary costs and increased RCMP Contract Services within the Operating Budget are primary reasons for this property tax increase. Though the costs of fuel, parts and equipment, fertilizer, contracted maintenance work, and general inflationary costs have risen, the City has been able to soften the blow of Saskatchewan's approximately six percent inflation rate.

"Inflation continues to affect us all in many aspects of our lives. As inflationary costs rise in the City's operations, Council and Administration were determined to minimize the impact on taxpayers," said Mayor Gary Philipchuk. "We feel it is a testament to the dedication we have for our residents."

The Capital Budget comes in at \$7,765,500. Once again, the Capital Budget is fully funded from reserves.

Capital Budget Highlights:

\$3,500,000: City Yards Land Acquisition & Construction – The Public Works & Utilities department has outgrown its current location on North Railway St; there is no space to add any new equipment. A larger, new facility would position the City of Warman to have the option to do so, as our community continues to grow.

\$3,521,000: Lift Station #3 Rebuild – This facility is currently undersized for the area that it services. During large storms, the lift station can't keep up. Construction of a new lift station will double capacity and allow the lift station to function without added assistance from vac trucks for most large storms.

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