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## 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROVED

### *Supporting current and future needs while softening impact of inflation*

(Warman, Sask.) – The City of Warman’s 2024 Municipal Budget has been approved at the November 27 Regular Meeting of Council. With its approval, Council and Administration have softened the impact of inflation on residents while supporting current and future needs of the community.

The Municipal tax rate will be increasing by **five percent** in the 2024 Municipal Budget. This represents an increase of approximately \$9.60 per month on a home with a \$350,000 assessed value.

Inflationary pressures positioned the City’s preliminary budget at nine percent, but Council and Administration decreased that amount nearly in half at the annual budget meeting on November 13.

The 2024 Municipal Budget ensures the City’s infrastructure and service levels remain at the high standard Warman residents have grown to expect and appreciate.

Supporting current and future needs, the 2024 Municipal Budget will focus on extensive road preservation treatments, increasing sanitary sewer capacity, Public Works facility and equipment upgrades, and more. A 75-dollar Recreation Capital Levy will be implemented in 2024 – this levy falls within the five-percent tax increase. The levy will help fund future recreational facilities in Warman.

“Council and Administration were determined to minimize the impact of inflation on taxpayers, but it is a balancing act” said Mayor Gary Philipchuk. “An increase was necessary to maintain service levels while continuing to position Warman for sustainable growth.”

The Capital Budget comes in at \$9,063,000. The Capital Budget is once again fully funded through transfers from reserves.

#### **Capital Budget Highlights:**

- **\$1,850,000 – Road Renewal** – The City will increase its previous road repair budget by \$1.25-million. This will ensure the City maintains the overall condition of its road network. In 2024, this budget will be used primarily on preservation treatments for 120,000 m<sup>2</sup> of roadways.

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- **\$3,000,000 – Sewer Pump Station #1 Reconstruction** – With reconstruction of SPS3 currently underway, SPS1 will be the next lift station to be reconstructed. This budget allocation will be for the project’s feasibility study, detailed design, construction tender services and a portion of the project’s construction cost. Additional funding will be required in 2025 for the remainder of the construction cost. The project timeline and start date have not yet been established.
- **\$800,000 – Public Works Shop Expansion** – The Public Works & Utilities department has outgrown its current location on North Railway St; there is no space to add any new equipment. An expanded facility would give the City of Warman the option to add equipment to keep up with our growing community. This expansion would provide the department with approximately a decade of space; it takes the place of the \$3,500,000 budgeted in 2023 for City Yards Land Acquisition & Construction.
- **\$600,000 – Grader Replacement** – The City will be looking to replace its 2012 John Deere 772G grader within the Public Works department. This is used for snow removal and gravel road grading.
- **\$375,000 – Street Sweeper Replacement** – The City will be looking to replace its 2006 street sweeper within the Public Work department.
- **\$125,000 – Parking Lot Repairs** – Brian King Centre parking lot repairs
- **\$90,000 – New LED Sign** – Located in the Warman Home Centre Communiplex parking lot
- **\$90,000 – Skid Steer Replacement** – Replacing a 2012 Skid Steer in the Parks & Rec Department
- **\$60,000 – Dehumidifier** – For humidity issues experienced in the Diamond Rodeo Arena
- **\$60,000 – Truck Replacement** – Replace a 2012 truck in the Parks & Rec Department
- **\$55,000 – Truck Replacement** – Replace a 2012 truck in the Public Works Department
- **\$55,000 – Van Replacement** – Replace the van used by the Bylaw & Animal Control Officer

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