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2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROVED

Supporting current and future needs while softening impact of inflation

(Warman, Sask.) – The City of Warman’s 2025 Municipal Budget has been approved at the December 16, 2024, 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 **3.98 percent** in the 2025 Municipal Budget. This represents an increase of approximately \$8.20 per month on a home with a \$350,000 assessed value.

Inflationary pressures positioned the City’s preliminary budget at over five percent, but Council, Administration and the responsible efforts of the City’s Directors effectively decreased that amount to under four percent at the annual budget meeting on December 11, 2024.

The 2025 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 2025 Municipal Budget will focus on the expansion of the Warman Home Centre Communiplex, a new Public Works facility, equipment upgrades, street improvements and more. The recreation levy will increase by 75-dollars to 150-dollars total as committed in last year’s budget to fund recreational capital projects. The levy accounts for approximately three percent of the 3.98 percent 2025 municipal tax increase.

"Council and Administration focused on ensuring the continuance of the quality of programs, services and branding throughout the budget process while planning to increase capacity with a new Public Works building and needed equipment to meet future demands", said Mayor Philipchuk. "It was essential to look after the staff in these inflationary times while maintaining city council's responsibility as stewards of the public purse."

The Capital Budget comes in at \$20,410,463, with over fifteen million designated for the Warman Home Centre Communiplex and three million earmarked for a new Public Works building.

Capital Budget Highlights:

- **\$15,100,463** – **Warman Home Centre Communiplex Expansion** – addition of second arena.
- **\$3,000,000** – **New Public Works Shop** – The Public Works & Utilities department has outgrown its current location on North Railway St; there is no space to add any new equipment. A new facility would give the City of Warman the option to add equipment to keep up with our growing community.
- **\$1,300,000** – **Street Improvements** – To ensure the proper maintenance, repair and improvement of Warman’s road network.
- **\$215,000** – **2014 Sidewalk Tractor Replacement** – Tractor used for both sweeping and snow removal.
- **\$200,000** – **New Traffic Signals at 1st Avenue N and Central Street** – Application submitted to SGI Traffic Safety Unit to offset costs.
- **\$90,000** – **Lift Station #1 Design and Feasibility Study** – One of the last lift stations requiring upgrades and improvements.
- **\$65,000** – **Replace 2012 Chev Truck (Unit 32)** – City of Warman’s commitment to keeping fleet and equipment up to date and in the best working order possible.
- **\$51,000** – **2007 Triplex Mower Replacement**
- **\$45,000** – **Replace 2012 Gator**
- **\$42,500** – **Sand Pro Diamond Dragger** – Mini grader type of machinery that grooms Warman’s baseball diamonds.

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