



**Council Budget Committee Meeting**  
Elgin County Administration Building, Council Chambers  
February 9, 2021, 2:00 P.M.

**Agenda**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Called to Order
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Approval of the Agenda
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Approval of the Minutes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
- 5<sup>th</sup> Delegations – none
- 6<sup>th</sup> Briefings and Reports
  1. Budget Promotional Material Review
- 7<sup>th</sup> Other Business
- 8<sup>th</sup> Correspondence – none
- 9<sup>th</sup> Date of Next Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> Adjournment



**Council Budget Committee**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

Elgin County Administration Building  
Webex  
January 26, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.

**ATTENDEES:** Warden Tom Marks (Budget Committee Chair)  
Councillor Mary French (Budget Committee Member)  
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw (Budget Committee Member)  
Councillor Dominique Giguère (Budget Committee Member)  
Jim Bundschuh, Director of Financial Services  
Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative Officer  
Brian Lima, Director of Engineering Services  
Michele Harris, Director of Homes and Seniors Services  
Nancy Pasato, Manager of Planning  
Jennifer Ford, Senior Financial Analyst  
Katherine Thompson, Supervisor of Legislative Services  
Carolyn Krahn, Legislative Services Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Council Budget Committee met this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Councillors and staff participated electronically.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: Councillor Giguère  
Seconded by: Councillor French

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Councillor French	Yes	
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Ketchabaw	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by: Councillor Giguère  
Seconded by: Councillor Ketchabaw

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2021 be approved.

**Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Councillor French	Yes	
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Ketchabaw	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

**4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**5. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**6. BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS**

**6.1 Presentation – Budget Committee Meeting #6 – Director of Financial Services**

The Director of Financial Services provided an update on tax rate options and the associated tax increase on the average home. In 2020, the average home was assessed at \$259,243. The Committee agreed to update this figure to \$350,000 and to remove the word *average*.

Moved by: Councillor Giguère  
Seconded by: Councillor Ketchabaw

RESOLVED THAT a 2.9% tax increase be presented to Council on February 9, 2021 along with associated operating budgets, capital budgets and tax rate schedules.

**Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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Councillor French	Yes	
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Ketchabaw	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee will meet again on February 9, 2021 to review the promotional materials related to the 2021 Budget.

The Committee agreed to continue meeting through the year to support Council in making decisions on major expenditures.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor French  
 Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

Resolved that we do now adjourn at 1:45 p.m. to meet again on February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Councillor French	Yes	
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Ketchabaw	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

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Julie Gonyou,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Tom Marks,  
Chair.

# ELGIN COUNTY 2021 BUDGET



Elgin County Council approved the 2021 Municipal Budget with a **2.9%** tax rate increase over 2020. The budget is in alignment with Council's 2020-2022 Strategic Plan Priority of Investing in Elgin by making responsible financial decisions through:

- 1** Ensuring Elgin has the necessary tools, resources and infrastructure to deliver programs and services now and in the future; and,
- 2** Delivering mandated programs and services efficiently and effectively.

## Efficiencies

### **\$0.2 M ANNUALLY**

Homes efficiencies achieved predominately through improvements to the Case Mix Index (CMI).

## Cost Increases

### **\$0.9 M ANNUALLY**

Facilities Capital Maintenance.

### **\$0.1 M ANNUALLY**

Insurance Increases.

## Service Enhancements

### **\$0.15 M ANNUALLY**

In Community Improvement Plan Funding through budget tightening in other Economic Development Budget Lines.

### **\$0.06 M ANNUALLY**

In future years for library expansion.

### **\$0.3 M ANNUALLY**

Net costs to implement priority recommendations contained within the Service Delivery Review as identified by County Council.

## FAST FACTS

# 2.9 %

Tax Rate Increase



# \$ 61

Tax Increase on  
Residential Property  
valued at \$350,000

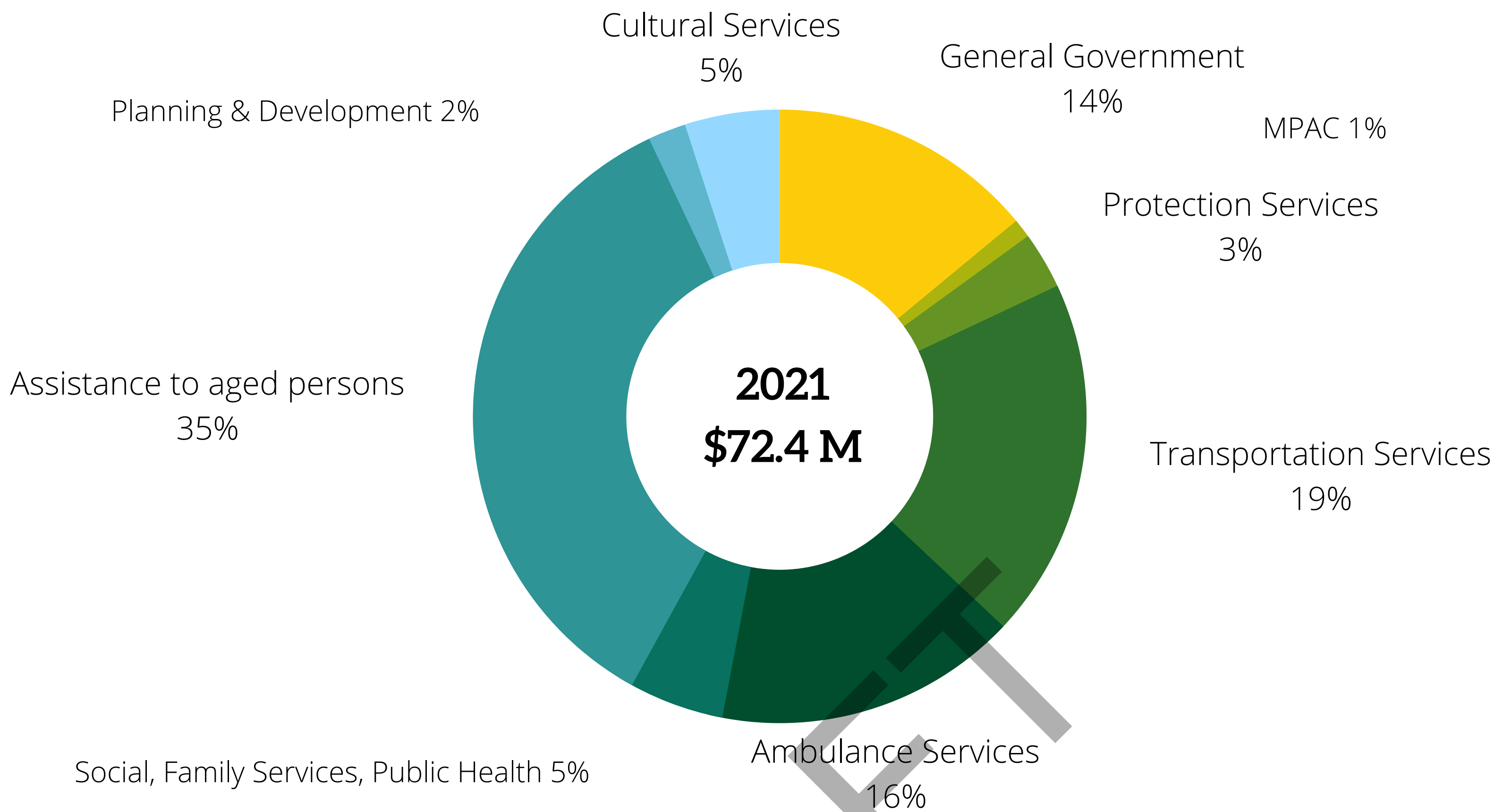
# \$ 39.1M

2021 Total Levy

# \$ 1.8M

Levy increase over 2020

# COUNTY EXPENDITURES



## MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS



**\$32.9M**

Terrace Lodge Redevelopment



**\$3.9M**

King George Lift Bridge Rehabilitation



**\$5.0M**

Rodney Reconstruction (Rd. 103 and Rd. 104)



**\$1.5M**

Road 18 (Rd. 14 to Rd. 20) Rehabilitation



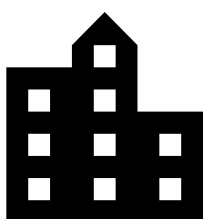
**\$2.6M**

Road 25 Rehabilitation (incl. 0.5m Partial Paved Shoulder)



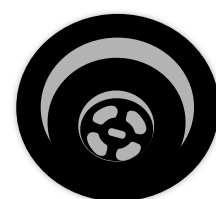
**\$1.4M**

Bothwell Bridge Rehabilitation



**\$3.1M**

Administration Building Elevators



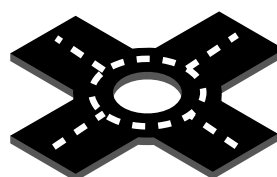
**\$1.2M**

Shaw Hill Drainage Improvements (Rd. 45)



**\$2.8M**

Meeks Bridge Replacement



**\$1.5M**

Elm Street at Centennial Road Intersection Improvement



**\$2.0M**

Road 27 Rehabilitation - Union to Sparta



**\$1.1M**

Road 48 Full Depth Reclamation plus one lift of asphalt resurfacing (Rd. 25 to Rd. 30)



**\$1.0M**

Road 45 Rehabilitation (Rd. 3 to Rd. 16)