

# Money Talk:

Long-Term Financial Strategies



# **Long Term Financial Planning**

- Making the city we plan for affordable and achievable
  - Our Strategic Plan, master plans and action plans
- Funding strategies and tools to take our priorities for growing Guelph and make them actionable
  - Capital budget = 10 year outlook
  - Operating budgets = 4 year outlook
  - Tax rate and impact on community is known by Council as they make service level decisions

# Strategies at a glance



# Infrastructure Renewal Strategy

- Evolved asset management maturity
  - Strategic initiative in Guelph.
    Future Ready.
  - Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure O.Reg 588/17
  - Managing asset lifecycles through proactive maintenance to extend value to community



# Infrastructure Renewal Strategy (continued)

- Meeting maintenance and replacement needs for all City infrastructure
  - \$4.39 billion of owned assets
  - 44% of Guelph assets in good or very good condition
  - \$1.41 billion have below 40% remaining life; \$289 million backlog
- Funding strategy approved by Council to address historical deficit
  - 1% tax increase annually for ten years; 2022 will be year six of plan
  - Have achieved cumulative increase in funding of \$55.2 million in four years inclusive of tax, water, wastewater, and stormwater

#### **Contaminated Sites Strategy**

- Funding to monitor and clean up city-owned inactive sites with pre-existing contamination valued at \$24 million
  - Decommissioned land fills
  - Historical industrial lands that are now owned by the City
- Strategy will expand to include active sites where contamination may exist as a result of legislation changes
  - Will apply to all land, buildings and equipment
  - e.g. 45 and 50 Municipal Street, 50 Wyndham Street

#### **Growth Strategy**

- Planning for population of 203,000 by 2051; provincial mandate
  - Updated master plans and secondary plans to plan infrastructure needed to support this growth
  - Significant capital investment required; operating costs follow as people come
- Growth revenues matching with growth costs; "Growth paying for Growth"
  - Operating Assessment growth, rate growth, development fees
  - Capital Development charges, Community Benefit Charge, Cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication, grants

# **City Building Strategy**

- Funding to enhance service levels to meet needs of community
- Closely linked to the Strategic Plan initiatives
  - Digital innovation and customer experience improvements
  - Increasing urban forest canopy
  - Increasing non-auto mode share of transportation trips
  - Beautification of downtown streetscape
- Typically results in one-time capital investment with on-going operating impacts

# **100RE Strategy**

- Funding initiatives toward 100% renewable energy (100RE) Council-approved target to by 2050
- Renewable energy sources increased by 1% annually











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