

## **Township of South-West Oxford: 2020 Budget Highlights**

At the January 7, 2020 Council meeting, the 2020 Budget was passed at a 3.37% increase to the taxation levy. The tax levy requirement is \$6,024,625 for 2020; which is \$196,181 higher than 2019.

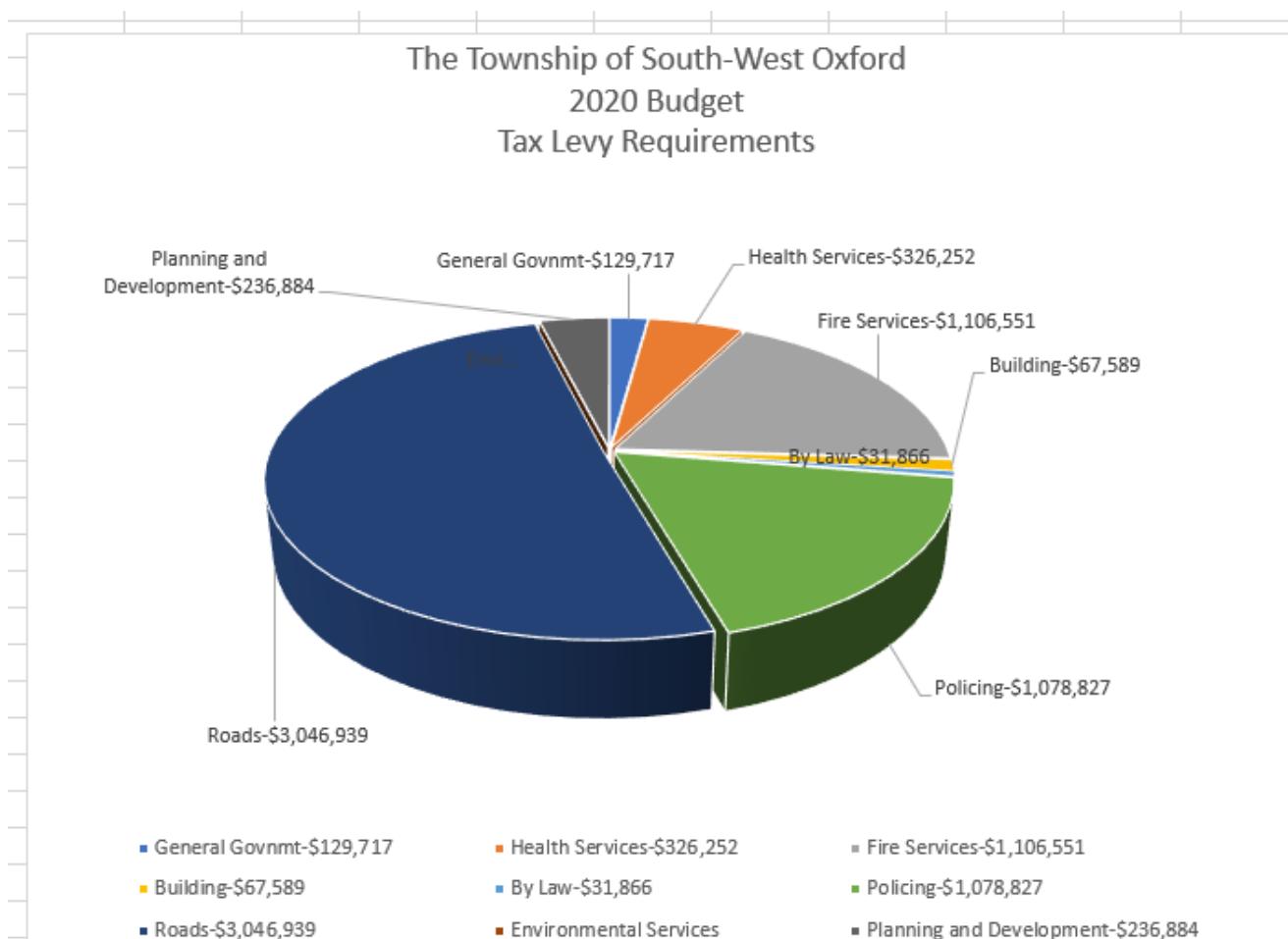
There are a number of factors that are contributing factors to this increase:

1. Debenture payment of the new fire hall in Beachville;
2. Funding from the province has been reduced by \$25,000;
3. Policing Costs increased to \$1,102,720, which includes adjustments from the 2018 year;
4. Insurance rates with an increase of 2%.

Capital projects slated for 2020 are as follows:

1. Clark Road from Dodge Line to City Limits;
2. Salford Road from Culloden West for 1.5 kms;
3. 2% of the levy is put away to help with the cost of fiber development for internet to rural areas;
4. Installation of a Generator at the Township Office;
5. Air Conditioner for the Brownsville Hall;
6. Beachville Museum – basement parging;
7. Dereham Hall – new floors in the main hall, install air conditioning unit;
8. Hilltop Park – parking lot;
9. Mt Elgin Hall – replace entrance doors & windows;
10. Mt Elgin Park – ball fence repairs & upkeep to the diamond;
11. Mt Elgin Hall – upgrade electrical panel to accommodate the future purchase of a generator;
12. New Garbage/Recycling Truck;
13. New tractor and mower, new  $\frac{3}{4}$  tonne pickup.

The pie chart below illustrates where dollars are going that are needed to maintain the services of the Township:



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