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### **THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN ESTABLISHES A "0" PERCENT BUDGET INCREASE FOR 2023**

**CENTRAL ELGIN** - Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin has set its 2023 Budget with a "0%" percent increase in taxes. With total annual expenditures expected to be approximately \$42.5 million, the 2023 Budget includes major capital projects valued at approximately \$19 million. The capital work includes investments in the Municipality's parks system, upgrades to wastewater treatment facilities, annual road resurfacing, bridge and culvert works, dredging at the harbor in Port Stanley, and the stabilization of Front Street in Port Stanley.

Mayor Sloan states, "This was a challenging budget to manage. Not only was the budget process new to the entire municipal council, but members of council were also aware of the competing needs to manage the Municipality's infrastructure while recognizing that the ratepayers in Central Elgin were looking for a fresh approach to the establishment of property taxes."

"Council appreciates the work undertaken by administration in the development of the budget and for their patience as it was considered," states Mayor Sloan.

While Central Elgin's budget has been set at "0%", residents of the Municipality will see property tax impacts through budgets established by the County of Elgin and the local school boards.

In the coming months, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin looks forward to connecting with its residents through a series of town hall meetings.

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