



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

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2019-M-003

☒ Staff
☐ Committee

Subject: Budget Guidance
Agenda Date: December 13, 2018
Attachments: 2019 Draft Budget Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Temagami approve the 2019 Budget Guideline;
AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to use a maximum increase in taxation revenue, and a guide for COLA adjustments of 2.5% as the 2019 budget is being developed for consideration

INFORMATION

There are many parts to the development of a municipal budget. Our asset management plan does include some items with a suggested time frame for completion. There are also some unplanned major items that seem to arise from time to time.

A guideline for budget completion is attached to this report. This guideline sets out the milestones and provides guidance for budget formulation.

As Staff are developing a draft budget for Council's consideration, one of the key areas where guidance is required is the tolerance for future tax increases. Many municipalities use the Consumer Price Index as this guideline. While it is not always a true reflection of the financial pressures faced by municipalities, using the CPI does give a reasonable overview of the economic climate. According to Statistics Canada, the CPI for Ontario, annualized, is 2.5% for the month of October 2018. This is the latest information available on their website.

As Staff works through the preparation of a draft budget, using this guideline will assist in formulating other recommendations that are included in the annual budget.

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