



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer
From: **Julia Roberts, Deputy Treasurer**
Sandy Becker, General Manager of Financial Services/Treasurer
Date: April 4 2022
Report: FIN07-2022
Subject: 2021 Fourth Quarter Operating Budget Variance Report

Recommendations:

That South Huron Council receives the report from J. Roberts Deputy Treasurer and S. Becker General Manager of Financial Services/Treasurer re: 2021 Fourth Quarter Operating Variance Report for information.

Purpose:

For information.

Background and Analysis:

The operating variance report represents the municipal financial activity for the period ending December 31, 2021, on a basis consistent with that of the budget adopted by Council.

This is a final report to Council as an update prior to the final review and release of the financial statements. As such, the results included in this report are considered unaudited and some may be adjusted due to the timing of year end processes and procedures that are currently underway.

Operational Considerations:

As this report is being presented for information purposes only, no alternatives are presented.

Financial Impact:

Financial transactions and operations throughout 2021 have continued to be impacted by COVID-19. A high-level impact related to COVID-19 is noted on the budget variances per departments in Appendix A.

The following is a list of some of the control measures implemented and operational difficulties faced throughout 2021 as a result of COVID-19; closure of facilities, limited recreational programs, redirected staff resources, halted seasonal hirings related to limited programs, staff working remotely, and supply chain delays. These measures and operational changes have particularly impacted the following budgeted expenses which were typically under-budget corporate-wide for 2021: training and conferences, repairs and maintenance, supplies, and utilities.

The provincial government provided financial support (Safe Restart) to support municipal operating pressures and recovery from the impact of COVID-19. The Municipality has used the funds received during 2021 to offset additional expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19 related to personal protection, physical distancing applications, signage, and technology solutions for staff and the public.

It is anticipated that as COVID-19 restrictions have lifted in 2022 the direct impact of the pandemic on the Municipality's budget will be lessened and operational revenues and expenses will start to return to normal.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Communication Actions:

There are no communication actions for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Policies/Legislation:

By-Law 72-2020 – to Adopt 2021 Budget

Consultation:

Don Giberson, General Manager of Infrastructure and Development

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, General Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

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Jeremy Becker, General Manager of Community and Emergency Services

Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental Services

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Related Documents:

FIN07-2022 Appendix A – 2021 Fourth Quarter Operating Budget Variances

Respectfully submitted,

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