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## 2017 Town of Minto Budget Approved

The Town of Minto 2017 budget was set by Council at its April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The overall rate including County and Education portions, results in an increase of about 2.2% for the average residential ratepayer or about \$65 annually. The Town's share of the increase is 1.2% once increases in average assessment and tax policy changes at the County are considered. Budget meetings were December 1, 2016, January 24, 2017 and the public open house March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The approved budget includes just over \$6 million in capital work with \$4.8 million in Public Works improvements split between water, sewer and roads. Minto Fire has \$330,000 of capital work, Facilities \$500,000 and Economic Development of \$150,000. Projects include George Street in Harriston, start of work on Elora Street Clifford, finishing Jane Street and Inkerman Street in Palmerston as well as taking possession of the new tanker to replace the 28 year vehicle for Minto Fire. A number of plant and pumping station improvements are slated in the area of water and sewer. A block of Ann Street in Clifford will be serviced to open up additional lots for sale. There is no increase to water or sewer proposed in this budget.

Mayor George Bridge thanked "the Provincial and Federal government for stepping up infrastructure funding which makes completing capital work much more affordable." Finance Chair Councillor Mary Lou Colwell noted "the budget process was again strong this year with clear reports and information to help with approval."

The 2017 budget theme "Keeping it Real" recognized the need to keep user increases to property tax payers reasonable while achieving infrastructure and operational improvements. Council budget meetings are broadcast on the local cable channel and accessible on YouTube by way of the Town website. The Minto Budget process allows all ratepayers to see all the reports and documents Council reviews when considering the budget.

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