



2026 Strong Mayor's Budget
(Section 284.16 of the *Municipal Act*)

**Additions/Deletions to Draft
Staff Budget**

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Mayor Finch

Signature:

Budget: Capital

Budget Page # from draft staff budget, if applicable: 102

Department: Transportation Services

Division: Roads General

Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the specific wording for your addition/deletion.

Pull an additional \$125,000 from the Transportation Capital Replacement Reserve to fund capital project 2026-TS-10 Replacement of the 2006 Volvo G740B Grader #93

Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

To smooth the tax levy and utilize healthy reserve balance for Transportation Capital Replacement Reserve

Health & Safety Impact:

Please indicate whether this addition/deletion would pose impacts to health and safety of South Huron residents and/or municipal staff.

No impact.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

Please indicate whether this addition/deletion would result in an impact to the Tax Levy. Please include the financial cost (or cost savings) and the percentage amount(s) for Tax Levy increases or decreases, if applicable.

2026 Tax Levy Impact: \$ (125,000)

	Rural	Urban
Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase:	(1.15) %	(1.01)%

Consultation:

☒ I have consulted with the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer and CAO

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Department: General Government

Division: General Administration

Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the specific wording for your addition/deletion.

Pull forward the Town Hall Access Control project into the 2026 Budget Year, to be funded from the Tax Levy. Total project cost \$40,704

Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

Implementing an access control system would greatly improve security by allowing staff to track and control who enters the building and when.

The access control system would come with fobs the can be programmed with varying levels of access and restricted to specific time periods, improving control over facility usage. If a fob holder no longer requires access, staff can deactivate the fob—eliminating the need to retrieve physical keys. Additionally, unlike traditional keys, fobs cannot be duplicated, further increasing overall security.

Health & Safety Impact:

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See above.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

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2026 Tax Levy Impact: \$ 40,704

	Rural	Urban
Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase:	0.38 %	0.33 %

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Department: Recreation & Cultural Services

Division: Parks (Active/Passive)

Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the specific wording for your addition/deletion.

Addition of capital project for dog park in Exeter, to be funded from Parkland reserve. Estimated project cost of \$30,000 (including HST expense)

Preferred site - MacNaughton Park

Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

A delegation by a member of the public was presented to council on November 18 2024 to provide a dog park that would provide a safe space for both dog owners and non dog owners. A staff report on March 17 2025 provided options and preliminary costs for a dog park. A dog park strategically located west of the pavilion at MacNaughton Park as indicated in the report would allow the public to direct users to this location and away from other sports fields thereby providing a safe space for all. A dedicated location would also improve the mental health and well being and demonstrate very positively that South Huron is a welcoming and accessible community in its largest settlement area. It would also act as an economic driver for visitors and be an accessible location for those with disabilities as there is ample parking at this location and is also in relation to other amenities such as trail access, pool and splash pad.

Health & Safety Impact:

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See reasoning listed above.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

Please indicate whether this addition/deletion would result in an impact to the Tax Levy. Please include the financial cost (or cost savings) and the percentage amount(s) for Tax Levy increases or decreases, if applicable.

2026 Tax Levy Impact: No impact

Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase: No impact

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Department: Recreation & Cultural Services

Division: Facilities

Addition/Deletion:

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Defer capital project 2026-CS-12 Library Floor Replacement to a future year.

Shift all library projects back by one year in 10-year capital forecast.

Project Name - Anticipated Year to be Completed

Library Floor Replacement - 2027

Library Lighting Replacement - 2030

Library Interior Paint - 2032

Library Rubber Floor Replacement - 2032

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Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

Council Resolution 457-2025 - That South Huron Council recommends to the Mayor that the Library Floor Replacement (2026-CS-12) be deferred from the 2026 proposed budget to a future year.

Staff memo FIN-03-2025 provided at Nov. 10, 2025 noted discussions with library representatives and included recommendation from staff to defer Library Floor Replacement project to a future year. County will not provide financial contribution to this initiative.

Library would like all capital projects completed in the order they were originally presented in the 10-year capital forecast, therefore shifting all library projects back by one year.

Health & Safety Impact:

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None noted in capital budget request form or staff memo.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

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2026 Tax Levy Impact: \$ (41,976)

	Rural	Urban
Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase:	(0.39) %	(0.34) %

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Division: General Administration

Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the specific wording for your addition/deletion.

Change funding source for capital project 2026-TH-01 Engineering Services for Roof Replacement - Town Hall. Total cost of 2026 project, \$34,827, will now be funded from the General Admin Capital Replacement Reserve rather than split between the reserve and the levy.

Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

Council Resolution 427-2025 - That South Huron Council recommends to the Mayor that the 2026-TH-01 - Engineering Services for Roof Replacement - Town Hall project be funded completely from the Gen. Admin Capital Repl Reserve for the 2026 proposed budget.

Health & Safety Impact:

Please indicate whether this addition/deletion would pose impacts to health and safety of South Huron residents and/or municipal staff.

No impact on Health & Safety.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

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2026 Tax Levy Impact: \$ (22,935)

	Rural	Urban
Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase:	(0.21) %	(0.19) %

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Department: General Government

Division: General Administration

Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the specific wording for your addition/deletion.

Change funding source for Huron Shores Area Transit system contribution initiative from tax levy to Working Fund reserve . Total cost of project, \$63,335 to be funded via Working Fund reserve.

Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

Council resolution 426-2025 - That South Huron Council recommends to the Mayor that the Huron Shores Area Transit System be funded from the Working Fund Reserve for the 2026 proposed Budget.

Health & Safety Impact:

Please indicate whether this addition/deletion would pose impacts to health and safety of South Huron residents and/or municipal staff.

No impact on Health & Safety.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

Please indicate whether this addition/deletion would result in an impact to the Tax Levy. Please include the financial cost (or cost savings) and the percentage amount(s) for Tax Levy increases or decreases, if applicable.

2026 Tax Levy Impact: \$ (63,335)

	Rural	Urban
Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase:	(0.58) %	(0.52) %

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Department: Recreation & Cultural Services

Division: Facilities

Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the specific wording for your addition/deletion.

Change funding source for capital project 2026-CS-04 Stephen Arena Flooring Replacement from tax levy to Wind Turbine Amenity Fee reserve . Total cost of project, \$178,080, to be funded via Wind Turbine Amenity Fee reserve.

Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

Excerpt from Council resolution 458-2025 - That South Huron Council receives the Wind Turbine Amenity Special Purpose Committee's recommendations as follows:

- Stephen Arena Floor Replacement project (\$178,080) be funded from the Wind Turbine Amenity Fee;

That Council recommends the Mayor include the above noted recommendations into the 2026 proposed budget.

Health & Safety Impact:

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No impact on Health & Safety.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

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2026 Tax Levy Impact: \$ (178,080)

	Rural	Urban
Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase:	(1.64) %	(1.44) %

Consultation:

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Department: Recreation & Cultural Services

Division: Parks (Active/Passive)

Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the specific wording for your addition/deletion.

Change funding source for capital project 2026-CS-09 Centralia Pavilion from tax levy to Wind Turbine Amenity Fee reserve . Total cost of project, \$27,475, to be funded via Wind Turbine Amenity Fee reserve.

Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

Excerpt from Council resolution 458-2025 - That South Huron Council receives the Wind Turbine Amenity Special Purpose Committee's recommendations as follows:

- Centralia Pavilion Project (\$27,475) be funded from the Wind Turbine Amenity Fee;

That Council recommends the Mayor include the above noted recommendations into the 2026 proposed budget.

Health & Safety Impact:

Please indicate whether this addition/deletion would pose impacts to health and safety of South Huron residents and/or municipal staff.

No impact on Health & Safety.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

Please indicate whether this addition/deletion would result in an impact to the Tax Levy. Please include the financial cost (or cost savings) and the percentage amount(s) for Tax Levy increases or decreases, if applicable.

2026 Tax Levy Impact: \$ (27,475)

	Rural	Urban
Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase:	(0.25) %	(0.23) %

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Department: General Government

Division: Corporate Services

Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the specific wording for your addition/deletion.

Contribute \$25,000 to the Sunset Community Foundation in 2026, to be funded from the Wind Turbine Amenity Fee reserve.

Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

Excerpt from Council resolution 458-2025 - That South Huron Council receives the Wind Turbine Amenity Special Purpose Committee's recommendations as follows:

- \$25,000 to the Sunset Community Foundation for the South Huron Vitality Fund, be funded from the Wind Turbine Amenity Fee

That Council recommends the Mayor include the above noted recommendations into the 2026 proposed budget.

Health & Safety Impact:

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No impact on Health & Safety.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

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2026 Tax Levy Impact: No impact

Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase: No impact

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Department: Protection Services

Division: Fire Services

Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the specific wording for your addition/deletion.

Partial change to funding source for capital project 2025-FD-04 Dashwood Fire Station Replacement. Additional \$300,000 to be funded via Wind Turbine Amenity Fee reserve rather than debt.

New project sources of funding will be as follows:

	Debt	\$1,837,800
Reserve - Turbine funds		609,370
Reserve - Fire Capital Repl		1,050,000
Total 2026 Capital Cost		\$3,497,170



Reason for Addition/Deletion:

Please provide the reason for the addition/deletion, including anticipated benefits to South Huron.

Excerpt from Council resolution 458-2025 - That South Huron Council receives the Wind Turbine Amenity Special Purpose Committee's recommendations as follows:

- \$300,000 from the Wind Turbine Amenity Fee be put towards the Dashwood Fire Hall Replacement project to lower the required debt financing.

That Council recommends the Mayor include the above noted recommendations into the 2026 proposed budget.

Health & Safety Impact:

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No impact on Health & Safety.

Tax Levy or Other Financial Impacts:

Please indicate whether this addition/deletion would result in an impact to the Tax Levy. Please include the financial cost (or cost savings) and the percentage amount(s) for Tax Levy increases or decreases, if applicable.

2026 Tax Levy Impact: No Impact

Approximate Impact on Tax Rate Increase: No Impact in 2026

Consultation:

I have consulted with the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer and CAO

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