



During the 2008 budget deliberations, Council strived to provide value for your property tax dollar. The goal was to have a budget that is responsible and reasonable; that protects West Grey services and directs funding to where it is needed most.

The approved Budget provides for an Operation and Maintenance Budget of \$10,789,008, which supports a Capital Budget in the amount of \$6,524,167. The revenues necessary to offset the expenditures for the year are raised from several sources, including grants, donations, user fees, and of course taxation.

The local West Grey tax levy represents an increase of 5.28%, taking into account assessment growth realized during 2007. This translates into an overall tax impact, based on \$100,000 of residential assessment, of \$38.99 or a 2.94% increase. In addition to the West Grey local tax levy, the overall tax impact takes into account the Upper Tier or Grey County tax levy as well as the Education tax levies.

2008 Budget Highlights

\$\$ The Administration Department will upgrade its municipal accounting software from its current DOS-based system to a Windows-based environment.

\$\$ A new Fire Truck has been budgeted for the Neustadt Fire Station arriving in 2009.

\$\$ The Public Works Department received \$1,901,896 for roads & bridges capital needs, of which \$680,000 will be spent in 2008 and the balance transferred to reserve for future roads & bridges work.

\$\$ The budget includes \$2.3 million for the Saugeen River Erosion project in Neustadt. (Project partially funded through a COMRIF grant which provides both Federal & Provincial funding)

\$\$ The Normanby Arena has budgeted \$50,000 for two new dehumidifiers.

\$\$ HYDRO ONE donated \$9,000 towards a new outdoor basketball court installed at the Normanby Centennial Hall.

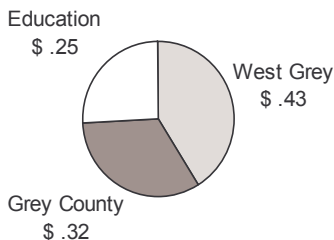
\$\$ HYDRO ONE donated \$10,000 towards the previously purchased Olympia ice resurfacers at the Durham Arena.

\$\$ The Durham Arena budgeted \$42,000 for a new chiller and pump for its ice plant.

\$\$ Renovations to the Neustadt Arena, which include insulation and siding of the exterior walls, upgrades to the heating system and ventilation levers for a budget of \$85,000. (Partially funded through a \$50,000 Trillium Grant and a \$17,500 donation from Neustadt Recreation Fundraising).

\$\$ Construction of the \$1.2 million Neustadt Community Hall. (Project partially funded by grants, reserves, fundraising & donations)

Apportionment Per Dollar Taxation



Your Loonie goes a long way. For every \$1 of taxation received, West Grey keeps only \$.43. The other \$.57 is split between the School Boards and the County of Grey.

Where is my tax dollar going?



What services do I get for my Loonie?

Want to Know How Your Loonie Is Spent?

What services do I get for my Loonie? Where is my tax dollar going? These are some of the questions often asked.

Operating Expenditures Per \$

Council & Admin.	\$.11
Fire	\$.07
Police	\$.23
Other Protection	\$.04
Roads/Transit	\$.39
Health/Safety	\$.01
Recreation	\$.08
Library	\$.04
Planning/Development	\$.03
	\$ 1.00