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**BRUCE COUNTY**

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## **The County of Bruce adopts 2016 Budget**

Bruce County Council accepted the recommendation from the Corporate Services Committee for the 2016 Budget today. The County of Bruce implemented Program Budgeting beginning with the 2016 budget.

The Corporate Services Committee underwent an extensive review of the 2016 draft budgets and recommended approval of the 2016 Operational and Capital Budgets with a net levy requirement of \$41,902,020. This represents a \$1,479,968 or 3.66% increase to the levy. The estimated 1% increase in new assessment growth will reduce that increase to 2.6%.

The 2016 tax rates will be established based on the new assessment and phased-in assessment adjustments. This budget recognizes the County's Corporate Strategic Plan and an investment in the County's infrastructure.

Warden Mitch Twolan reflected on the difficult task of preparing the 2016 budget and the pressures related to that process. Warden Twolan stated, "I am very pleased with the results of the 2016 budget process. We have passed a budget that invests in infrastructure and those in need in Bruce County with a net increase of 2.6%."

CAO, Kelley Coulter commented, "The team have worked very hard to get to this stage for County Council. The launch of Program Budgeting was a monumental undertaking. For the staff to be at the approval stage, with a modest net increase of 2.6%, is a major achievement."

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