

# Mayoral Directive



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**Number:** MD-2026-01  
**Date:** May 21, 2026  
**Subject:** **Direction to Staff Regarding the Preparation of the 2027 Operating and Capital Consolidated Budget**

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I, Wilma Wotten, Mayor of the Township of Scugog, in accordance with the authority granted to the head of council under Part V1.1, Sections 284.3 and 284.16 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the "Act"), and pursuant to regulation 530/22, as amended and made under the Act, do hereby direct the Chief Administrative Officer, the Township Treasurer and staff with regards to the 2027 consolidated budget, as follows:

- a) Continue to fund critical infrastructure projects through tax levy transfers in support of the Township's asset management strategy.
- b) Investigate whether and to what extent the use of debentures is feasible to address needed capital improvements to Township roads and related infrastructure.
- c) Maintain the current level of operating services with a budget increase no greater than the current annual Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- d) Prioritize the completion of capital projects identified in the forecast. Any proposed changes to approved capital projects such as deferrals, removals, or additions (excluding those added to the fifth year) must be discussed with me as part of budget deliberations.
- e) Review all planned asset replacements to ensure they are necessary. Assets should not be replaced based solely on age. If an asset remains in good condition and is functioning well, staff must assess whether its useful life can be extended through repairs or upgrades.
- f) Begin preparing the Township's internal systems and financial plans to incorporate a 10-year capital forecast for future budgets, as part of the development of a long-term Scugog Community Strategic Plan.
- g) Bring forward the 2027 Fees and Charges By-law to Council for consideration prior to the end of June 2026.

- h) Provide a timeline for the 2027 budget process to Council in an information report in May 2026. Such a timeline should include a plan to have sufficient public consultation and communication for the 2027 budget.
- i) Provide me with regular updates on the budget progress, as requested.
- j) In consideration of the above, continue work on the staff recommended consolidated 2027 budget based on the 2027 budget timeline.

This directive shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the date set out above and shall remain in effect unless, and until such time that, it is amended, rescinded, or revoked in accordance with the provisions of the Act.



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Wilma Wotten  
Mayor



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Received by Blair Labelle  
Director of Corporate Services / Clerk