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Statement from The City of Humboldt on PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

Humboldt, SK – Administration has prepared the Proposed City of Humboldt 2021 Budget for City Council’s consideration at the Budget Deliberation Meetings scheduled for Monday, December 7th, 2020 and Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

The draft 2021 budget is targeted at keeping the City’s services operating at traditional levels while also completing some high-priority capital projects. During its deliberations Council will review all operational areas of the City, as well as all proposed Capital projects and fleet purchases.

In the proposed budget, Administration has provided a five-year capital plan, along with an indication of a five-year operational summary that illustrates that the capital plan can be achieved. A change introduced in the last budget, and is again proposed for the 2021 budget, is to allocate the entire operational surplus to reserves, and then in turn, fund all capital purchases from those reserves.

While awaiting the final approval for the Wastewater (Lagoon) project from the Federal Government, Administration is not including the initiative as a 2021 capital project but has started “earmarking” revenue to be used to pay for the City’s anticipated portion of the project.

City Manager, Joe Day says “If approved by the senior levels of government, the Wastewater enhancements will be the largest project that the community has experienced in recent memory.



Administration believes we have developed a strategy that can get this work accomplished without imposing a significant burden upon taxpayers.”

Administration is confident that the proposed 2021 Budget will maintain the positive momentum that has been created over the past few years with proactive maintenance where practical, along with a commitment to the replacement of its aging assets when necessary, all while recommending a modest tax increase that is competitive with other cities in the Province.

A copy of the draft City of Humboldt 2021 budget can be found on the City’s website at www.humboldt.ca.

Budget deliberation meetings are scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. These meetings will be closed to the public due to Public Health Restrictions. However, they will be livestreamed for public viewing on the City’s website at www.humboldt.ca/city-council-meetings/.

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