

## COUNTY OF OXFORD

### BY-LAW 6795-2026

**BEING** a by-law to adopt the estimated expenditure for the year 2026.

**WHEREAS** Section 289 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, directs County Council in each year to prepare and adopt estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the County;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 401 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a municipality may incur debt for municipal purposes, whether by borrowing money or in any other way, and may issue debentures and prescribed financial instruments and enter prescribed financial agreements for, or in relation to, the debt;

**AND WHEREAS** the Treasurer has calculated an updated limit for the County of Oxford using its most recent debt and financial obligation limit determined by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in accordance with the provisions of *Ontario Regulation 403/02*, and has calculated the estimated annual amount payable by the County of Oxford in respect of the projects described in this by-law and has determined that such estimated annual amount payable does not exceed the Limit;

**AND WHEREAS** the total taxable assessment according to the 2026 Assessment Roll as returned, has been received.

#### **THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF OXFORD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Budget Summary, attached as Schedule "A", including a General Levy in the amount of \$96,680,548, be adopted.
2. That the General Levy be raised by all lower tier municipalities within the County of Oxford.
3. That the Budget Summary, attached as Schedule "B", including a Library Levy in the amount of \$6,297,357 be adopted.
4. That the Library Levy be raised by the following lower tier municipalities within the County of Oxford:
  - Township of Blandford-Blenheim;
  - Township of East Zorra-Tavistock;
  - Township of Norwich;
  - Township of South-West Oxford;
  - Township of Zorra;
  - Town of Ingersoll; and
  - Town of Tillsonburg.

5. That a Woodstock Police Services Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant Levy in the amount of \$61,266 be adopted.
6. That the Woodstock Police Services Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant Levy be raised by the following lower tier municipalities within the County of Oxford:
  - Township of Blandford-Blenheim;
  - Township of East Zorra-Tavistock;
  - Township of Norwich;
  - Township of South-West Oxford;
  - Township of Zorra;
  - Town of Ingersoll; and
  - Town of Tillsonburg.
7. That the Capital Plan, attached as Schedule “C”, be undertaken and shall be financed in accordance with the plan.
8. That the following capital projects commencing in the 2026 Budget Year are hereby authorized and that the net cost of the capital projects shall include debenture financing, upon project completion, up to the following amounts:
  - Embro CT Enhancement Study - \$660,000
  - Plattsville WWTP Operational Enhancements - \$4,700,000
  - Tavistock WWTP Expansion - \$17,840,000
  - Woodstock Thornton Feedermain - \$4,500,000
  - Plattsville New Well - \$1,000,000
  - Plattsville Manganese Filtration - \$1,360,000
9. That the following capital projects that commenced in a prior budget year and included debenture financing upon project completion, have updated cost estimates as the projects progressed resulting in revised debenture financing requirements, up to the amounts as listed below:
  - Thamesford WWTP Solar PV - \$541,883
  - Woodstock WWTP Biogas Utilization - \$3,071,584
  - Hamilton Road Sanitary Extension - \$2,837,334
  - Thornton Solar PV - \$2,116,536
  - Highland Patrol and 16 George Johnson Solar PV - \$296,000
  - Woodstock North East Industrial Park Water and Wastewater Expansion - \$2,375,767
  - Mt Elgin WWTP Expansion Phase 3 and 4 - \$3,495,000
  - Lansdowne Sanitary Pumping Station – \$2,529,000
  - Thamesford WWTP Screening - \$3,415,000

**READ** a first and second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

**READ** a third time and finally passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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MARCUS RYAN, WARDEN

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LINDSEY A. MANSBRIDGE, CLERK