



Staff Report

Administration – Chief Administrative Officer

Report To: Committee of the Whole Meeting
Meeting Date: September 27, 2022
Report Number: FAF.22.148
Title: Additional Follow Up Information Relating to Service Delivery
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.22.148, entitled “Additional Follow Up Information Relating to Service Delivery” as supplementary information to Staff Report FAF.22.110.

B. Overview

The purpose of this report is to provide supplementary information related to previous [Staff Report FAF.22.110](#) that was brought forward to Council on July 4, 2022.

C. Background

During the Council discussion of Staff Report FAF.22.110, staff noted that additional data regarding 2021 Household Income would be released by Statistics Canada in July of 2022 and that that data would be reported back to Council.

Through this review, staff have compiled a significant amount of information relating to the efforts made by this Council, along with previous Terms of Council, regarding the Grey County and Town relationship. Staff believe that this information will be helpful for a future report and potential inclusion on the Town’s website for ease of access for those wishing to review the efforts made relating to the Grey County and Town relationship.

D. Analysis

This report provides information that was sourced from Statistics Canada. Staff focused on the specific data points that provided an updated insight as to the Community Profile and the Average Total Household Income.

Average Household Income

The 2021 data indicated that the Average Household Income (before taxes) in The Blue Mountains rose by 28% from \$122,199 in 2015 to \$157,000 in 2021. This is more than inflation

as measured by the Consumer Price index (7.25%) or the rise in the average hourly wage in Canada (11.23%).

This data is consistent with what Council and staff had predicted to be the case through the COVID-19 Pandemic which was an increase in the number of residents reporting their homes in The Blue Mountains as their permanent residence.

The data in Table 1 below, provides a summary of the change in Average Household Incomes (before tax) between 2015 and 2021 for each of the municipalities within Grey County as well as the percent increase of each.

Table 1: Statistics Canada Average Household Income Data (2015 and 2021)

Municipality	2015 Income Before Tax	2015 Income After Tax	2021 Income Before Tax	2021 Income After Tax	Difference +/- Between 2015 & 2021 Income Before Tax
Chatsworth	\$77,439	\$66,515	\$93,010	\$80,200	+20.10%
Georgian Bluffs	\$94,702	\$79,598	\$116,200	\$95,800	+22.7%
Grey Highlands	\$94,481	\$77,324	\$106,300	\$88,600	+12.5%
Hanover	\$66,933	\$58,511	\$83,900	\$72,900	+25.34%
Meaford	\$82,314	\$69,767	\$100,600	\$84,300	+22.21%
Owen Sound	\$66,185	\$57,317	\$77,300	\$67,600	+16.79%
Southgate	\$78,333	\$67,419	\$98,900	\$85,300	+26.25%
The Blue Mountains	\$122,199	\$93,297	\$157,000	\$118,000	+28.47%
West Grey	\$76,924	\$66,418	\$96,400	\$81,700	+25.31%
Grey County	\$81,644	\$68,737	\$100,700	\$84,100	+23.3%

Municipal Assessment

Table 2 provides an overview of the number of residential properties within the range of eight (8) assessment bands throughout Grey County. These assessment bands were used out of convenience and do not represent a specific or required banding by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Town staff appreciate the resources supplied by Grey County required to provide this information that reflects 2021 property assessments in Grey County.

Table 2: Number of Residential Properties by Municipality in Each MPAC Assessment Band

Municipality	Less Than \$250K	\$250K to \$500K	\$500K to \$750K	\$750K to \$1M	1M to 1.5M	1.5M to 2M	2M to 3M	More Than 3M
Chatsworth	1,403	947	73	4	0	0	0	0
Georgian Bluffs	1,900	2,150	371	56	14	4	0	0
Grey Highlands	2,230	1,598	368	85	31	4	0	0
Hanover	1,756	681	7	1	0	0	0	0
Meaford	2,065	1,905	312	75	41	11	1	0
Owen Sound	4,766	1,496	32	7	2	0	0	0
Southgate	1,467	1,035	66	7	2	0	0	0
The Blue Mountains	1,135	2,856	1,516	571	448	134	40	10
West Grey	2,614	1,593	139	19	4	2	0	0
Total	19,336	14,261	2,884	825	541	155	41	10
Share of County	50.8%	37.5%	7.6%	2.2%	1.4%	0.4%	0.1%	0.00%
TBM Share of County	5.9%	20.0%	52.6%	69.2%	82.8%	86.5%	97.6%	100%

Additional tables showing the breakdown of 2022 taxes by municipality in Grey County for residential properties assessed at \$500,000, \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 are included in Attachment 1 to this report.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders.

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

None.

G. Financial Impacts

The Grey County and Town relationship has significant impacts relating to the impacts financially to the Town, its residents and the eight (8) other municipalities that are within the Count of Grey.

Staff also identify that it is critical that staff are actively considering and reviewing the potential of shared services, and shared services should be reviewed collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities and including Grey and Simcoe Counties.

H. In Consultation With

Financial Services Staff

Grey County Staff

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer, cao@thebluemountainians.ca.

J. Attached

1. Additional Tax Breakdown Data

Respectfully submitted,

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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