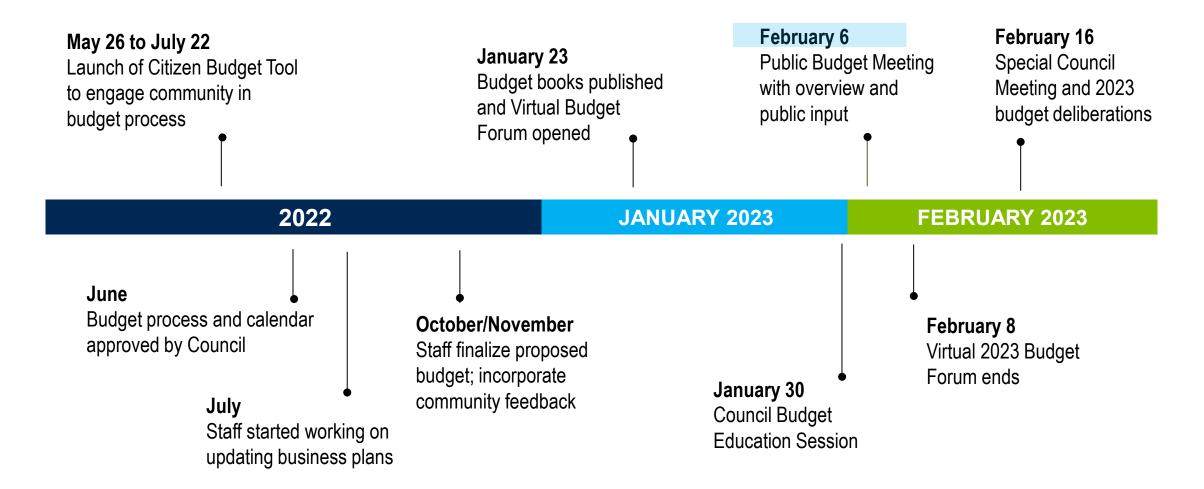
## 2023 Proposed Budget

Public Budget Meeting

Presented February 6, 2023



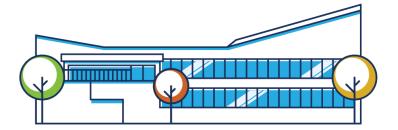
## **2023 Budget Process**





## **Building The 2023 Proposed Budget**





2023 Proposed Budget



## Citizen Budget Survey: What We Heard

#### **Top Budget Priorities**

- (1) Revitalization of Downtowns
- 2 More green space
- 3 Enhanced quality of Town's indoor/outdoor facilities

#### **Top response from participants**

was that they are comfortable with current taxation and service levels. Here's why:

- easy access to other regions
- liveable/enjoyable town
- green spaces
- safe community



## Citizen Budget Survey: Participation

#### **Participation**

57%

of participants said they learned something new by participating in the budget engagement process

Nearly 1,140 tool completions

(up from nearly 900 in 2021)

 $3,450 + {}_{tool\ completions}$ 

(up from 1,860+ in 2021)

 $630 + _{comments}$ 

(same as 2021)



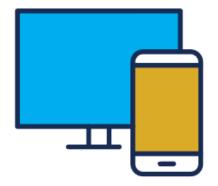
#### **Additional Social Engagement**

17K+ Engagements

277,000+ Impressions

**Engagements** include likes, comments, shares on Facebook and Twitter.

**Impressions** are the number of times content would have been seen.





## Maintain Services: MPI/CPI/Base Pressures





Inflation impacts
Town facilities, winter
maintenance materials

**Fuel: 81%** 

Natural Gas: 21% Insurance: 10%

Impact to maintain services in 2023 =

\$4.1M

(net of \$2.0 million of proposed budget reductions)



#### **Infrastructure Investments**

\$3.6M



\$1.9M

To keep \$2B of existing infrastructure in state of good repair (rehabilitation, replacement)

To pay for the Town's share of growth-related infrastructure (\$1B capital growth-related program)

\$5.5 \text{N Required for 2023}



### Whitby is Growing





## Maintain Services Due to Growth & New Programs/Service Improvements

+1,866

households added over 2 years (2020 & 2021)

+1,841

households in 2022



#### **Projected Growth in West Whitby:**

- +5 hectares of parks, trails and turf areas
- +4 hectares of new sports fields
- +4 splash pads (Total of 20 across the Town)



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Action Items included in the Town's Business Plan



#### **Projects/Strategies approved by Council:**

Customer Service Strategy
Zero Carbon Whitby Plan
Enterprise Resource Planning

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-Racism (IDEA) Project Economic Development Strategy



## **Workforce Plan (WFP) Study**

#### WFP 2023 Recommendation:









19.8 FTEs (Required for Projected Growth\*)

22.3 FTES (Close the Staffing Deficit)

42.1 FTES

**Proposed in 2023 Budget:** 

23.01 FTEs (\$1.4M)

\*No service level changes or new programs



#### **Assessment Growth And Other Revenues**

\$3.3M

#### **Assessment Growth**



Incremental property taxes mainly from a growing tax base (e.g. more homes and businesses) \$0.3M

#### **User Fee Increases**



Proposed fee increases to better match recovery of cost to provide a specific service/program



## **2023 Proposed Budget**

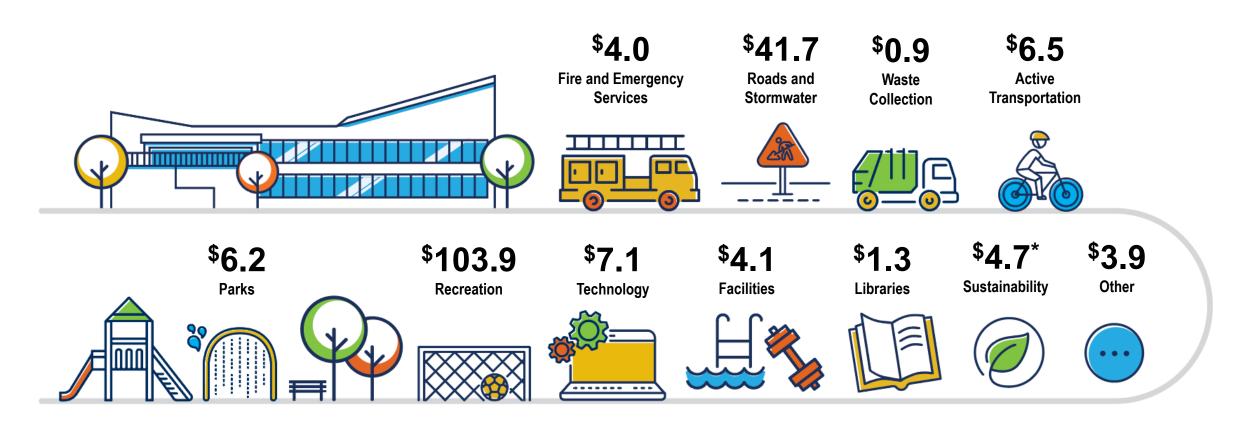
(6% Town Increase, 2% Overall Tax Impact)

Budget Pressure	Proposed Reduction	2023 Proposed Budget	
(A)	(B)	(A+B)	(\$ millions)
\$6.1			Inflation and Prior Decisions
	<b>-</b> \$0.8		Efficiencies
	<b>-</b> \$0.9		Other changes - volume based revenue increases, gapping
	-\$0.3		Proposed User Fee Increases
\$6.1	-\$2.0	\$4.1	Maintain Services
\$3.6		\$3.6	Maintain Infrastructure
\$1.9			Town's Share of Growth-related infrastructure*
\$1.4			Staff resources to extend and improve service delivery
	-\$1.0		Draw from reserves to smooth budget pressures, minor service level reductions and one time capital pressure
\$3.3	-\$1.0	\$2.3	Plan for Growth and Future
-\$3.3		-\$3.3	Assessment Growth
\$9.7	-\$3.0	\$6.7	Net Budgetary Pressure 6% which represents 2% on the overall property tax bill

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes impact of Bill 23



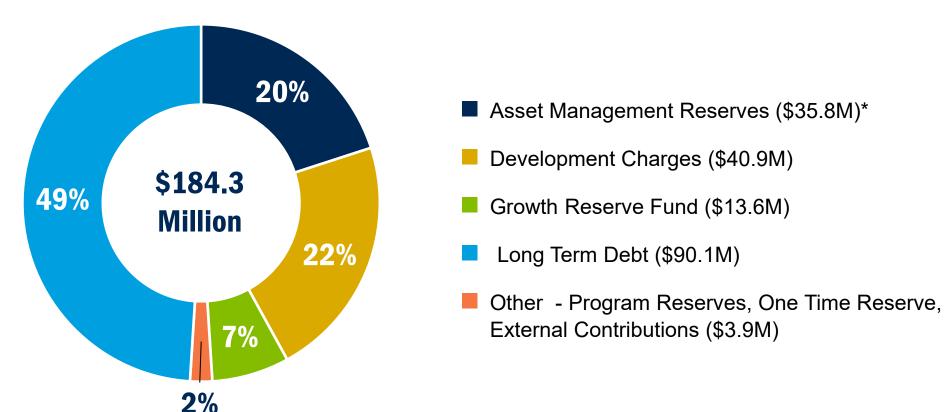
## **Proposed Capital Program: \$184.3 Million**



\*Includes \$0.4 million in grant dependent projects



## Where Does the Money Come From? (Capital Budget)



<sup>\*</sup> Includes \$5.7M from Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax Grant)



## Proposed Investments: Revitalization of Downtowns





- Downtown Whitby and Downtown Brooklin Community Improvement Plan Grants
- Cycling facility on Mary Street (from High St. to Garden St.)
- Pedestrian Traffic Signal @ Dundas/Centre
- Sidewalk Patio Boardwalk program
- Parking Lot @ Green/Colborne construction to start 2023
   + EV Charging Station
- Limited implementation of the Economic Development Strategy
- Continued support of the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area



## **Proposed Investments: Green Space & Waterfront**







#### \$6.2 million in Park investments including:

- Playground / Accessibility improvements at 7 locations including Rotary and Powell Parks;
- Brooklin Memorial Park Cricket Mat improvements;
- Lighting projects for Baseball at Kelloryn Park and Tennis at D'Hillier Park

#### **Trail Improvements:**

- Rehabilitation of the John Hulley Trail;
- Start of Construction for Corbett Creek Pedestrian Bridge / Trail Widening and Expansion by the Waterfront



### **Proposed Investments: Roads**







- \$1.3 million investment in multi-use paths & cycling facilities
- \$2.0 million planning for next phase of Mid-Arterial Roadway (Garden to Thickson)
- \$0.8 million for Traffic Safety Initiatives including:
  - \$0.3 million for traffic calming;
  - Signalization @ Lakeridge Rd/Churchill Ave;
  - Turning Lanes @ Brock/Burns
- White Bridge replacement on Columbus Road



## **Proposed Investments: Other**

**\$4.2 million** in Asset Management/Replacement projects that include investments to reduce GHG emissions

**\$0.6 million** for Port Whitby Marina – Pier #2 Improvements

#### **Community Grants**

- Durham College Expansion
- Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre

#### **Whitby Sports Complex**

Finalization of detailed design for construction tender





## **Programs to Support Residents**

#### **Tax Rebate Programs**

- Low Income Seniors and Low Income Persons with Disabilities (indexed to \$472 from \$462)
- Heritage Tax Rebate
- Charity Rebates

## Access Program for Recreation

- Funding for recreation programs
- 55+ Recreation Services Membership

#### **Tax Deferral Program for Seniors**

Co-ordinated through the Region

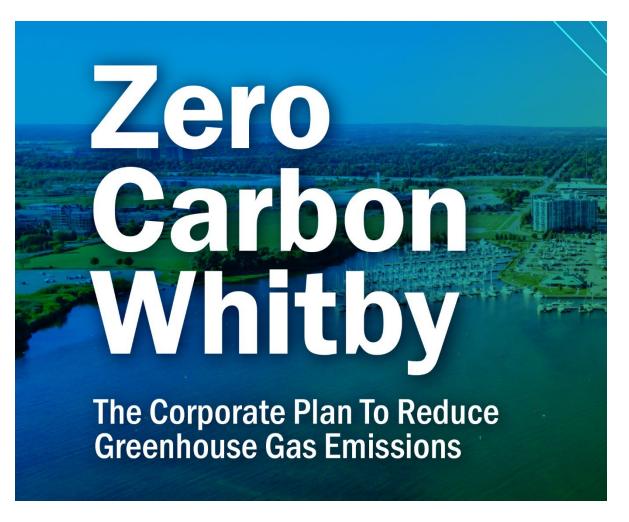
## Seniors/Accessibility Snow & Windrow Program

#### **Town Support of Regional Programs**

- Donation of Land for Otter Creek Cooperative Homes;
- Leases for Family Transitional Home/Shelter and Warming Centre



## **Zero Carbon Whitby**



Goal: 100% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2045 (based on 2019 levels) = 5,525,000 Kg of CO2 equivalent (KgCO2e)

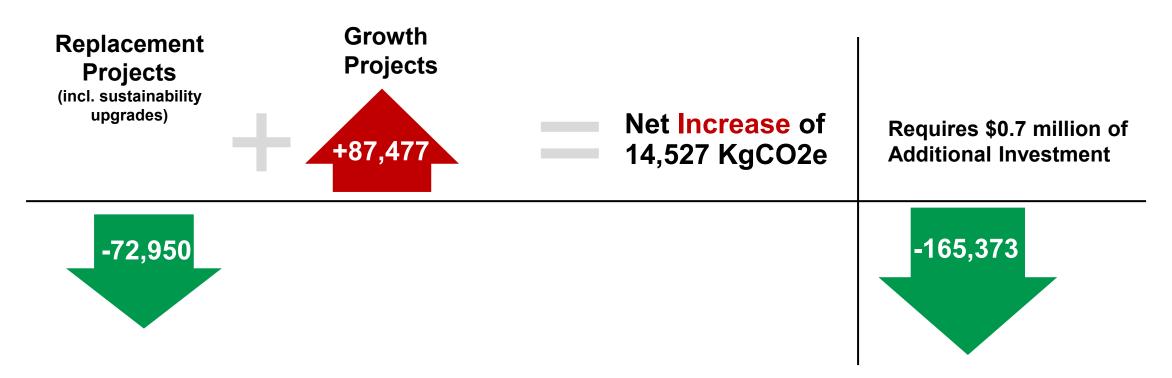
#### **Interim GHG reduction goals:**

 Reduction of 1,105,000 KgCO2e by 2025 (or 20% below 2019)



## **Carbon Budgeting**

(KgCO2e)



2025 Interim Reduction Goal 1,105,000 KgCO2e



## **Combined 2023 Property Tax Bill Impacts**



Education Target Budget: 0% 14% of Property Tax Bill



Municipal Proposed Budget: 6% 34% of Property Tax Bill



Region Budget Guideline: 5% 52% of Property Tax Bill

**Projected Overall** Tax Bill Increase:

Overall Impact: 0%



**Overall Impact: 2%** 



Overall Impact: 2.6%





## **Proposed Budget Impact On Average Home\***



= \$9.83 per month or \$0.32 per day



<sup>\*</sup>Based on the 2022 average residential assessment value of \$503,000 as determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

<sup>\*\* \$23.46</sup> per \$100,000 of assessment

## **Proposed Budget - Municipal Comparators**

Lower Tier - 2023 Proposed/Approved Taxes (based 2022 Average House Assessed at \$503,000)

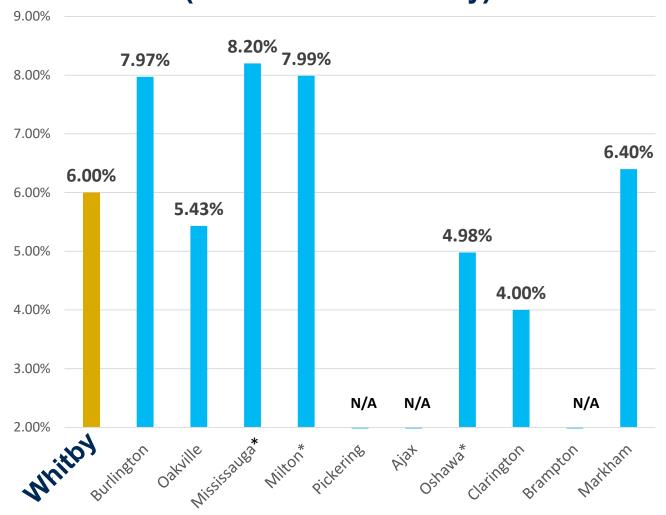


<sup>\*</sup>Note: Waste management is at the Regional Level for Pickering, Ajax and Clarington. Waste management represents \$82 in Whitby's 2022 taxes. N/A – Pickering and Ajax's preliminary 2023 budget not available at this time; 2022 property taxes shown \*\* - Oshawa Budget approved



## 2023 Proposed/Approved Budget Increases

(Local Increases Only)



N/A = Not available at this time
\* - Approved



### **Next Steps**

Proposed Budget Available Online

January 23, 2023

connectwhitby.ca/Budget

Virtual 2023 Budget Forum

January 23 to February 8

connectwhitby.ca/Budget

Budget Public Meeting

February 6

whitby.ca/Livestream

Special Council Meeting

February 16

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