

Village of Hilton Beach

Resolution No. 2025-06

Meeting: January 15, 2025

Moved by SB. Sarah Brown

Seconded by KR. Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the we do support Township of Tarbutt's resolution to object the increase in the levy imposed by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, given they have been relieved of the responsibility of providing municipal enumeration services, including the creation of a Preliminary List of Electors, and will have reduction in service provision and staffing requirements, and this this service will be provided at no cost by Elections Ontario.

RS/H

CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE YES

NO

Mayor Robert Hope

Councillor Sarah Brown

Councillor Sally Cohen

Clerk Hilton Beach

From: Carol Trainor <clerk@tarbutt.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2024 2:08 PM
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Subject: RE: 2025 Municipal Levy

Good day:

Thank you for the information regarding the 2025 municipal levy.

At it's meeting of January 2024, the Council of The Township of Tarbutt passed the resolution below.

*Resolution No: 2024 – 11
 Moved by: D. McClelland Seconded by: D. Farrar
 Be it resolved that correspondence items a. through h. on the consent agenda dated January 17, 2024 be received; and
 That The Township of Tarbutt circulate a resolution objecting to the increase to the 2024 levy imposed by MPAC, given that they have been relieved of the responsibility of providing municipal enumeration services, including the creation of a Preliminary List of Electors, and will have a significant reduction in service provision and staffing requirements, and that this service will be provided at no cost by Elections Ontario.
 Carried*

As levies continue to soar from all parties, we continue to question the justification of the MPAC increase, given the reduction in enumeration and election related services being provided, as noted in the resolution. The financial strain of the pandemic, with fewer staffing and overhead costs, should not be forcing continued increases four and five years post covid without a significant increase in service levels.

Coincidentally, Tarbutt's 2025 levy increase amount is almost exactly the same percentage as the assessment change from 2024 to 2025.

Your response would be appreciated.

Thank you.

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From: Nicole McNeill <Nicole.Mcneill@mpac.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 12:54 PM
To: Carol Trainor <clerk@tarbutt.ca>
Subject: 2025 Municipal Levy



MUNICIPAL
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CORPORATION

December 18, 2024

Carol Trainor

CAO/Clerk

Tarbutt Township

Subject: 2025 Municipal Levy

As a municipal service provider, MPAC is committed to supporting municipal priorities. With that in mind and given the additional financial strain caused by the pandemic, the corporation kept the levy stable from 2021 to 2023 without any increases. Last year, we implemented a 2.1 per cent increase due to inflation and rising labour costs.

As we continue to work to meet the evolving needs of our partners, we are writing to inform you that MPAC's Board of Directors has approved the corporation's 2025 operating budget with a 3.4 per cent levy increase. This year's budget increase is crucial for managing fiscal challenges, smoothing future levy impacts, and funding service enhancements.

We understand the challenges faced by municipalities and want to assure you that MPAC is committed to strategically using reserves and finding efficiencies, ensuring a balanced approach when levy targets are established. MPAC strives to ensure that budget increases are below a target rate that combines inflation and year-over-year growth in property counts. This increase is consistent with that target.

MPAC's 2025 budget is a strategic investment in the future, enabling the modernization of our assessment system and providing municipalities with enhanced data and services essential for informed decision-making. For example, we are working to grant you more access to Electronic Assessment (EAI) files in 2025.

In 2025, MPAC will launch our new Strategic Plan which includes investments to enhance service delivery by continuing to collaborate and create valuable products that meet your diverse needs. We look forward to sharing further updates in 2025. In the meantime, we invite you to read the [2024 Municipal Partnership Report](#) to learn more about our collective work to build strong communities across Ontario together this past year.

Not all municipalities will see a 3.4 per cent increase. Individual municipal levies are determined by a funding formula under the *Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act* based on the weighted average of two factors: the municipal share of the total assessed value and the number of properties compared to the rest of the province. An explanation of how MPAC calculated the municipal levy is available [here](#).

Your first bill will be delivered later this month, followed by equal quarterly invoices thereafter. You will also receive your Assessment Change Summary from your local MPAC Account Manager, which provides a high-level description of the assessment changes within your municipality.

We look forward to continuing to provide you with timely information that supports your work and decision-making, collaborating on forward-looking initiatives and forming new and valuable partnerships.

If you have questions about MPAC's funding requirements, please contact:

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Yours truly,

Alan Spacek

Chair, MPAC Board of Director

Nicole McNeill

President and Chief Administrative Officer, MPAC

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