











**2019 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FINANCING**

**GENERAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

From operating and surplus	469,200
From Infrastructure grants	351,420
From long term debt	1,600,000
From reserves	953,500
From non-government organizations	<u>166,000</u>
	<u>3,540,120</u>

**WATER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

From operating and surplus	429,921
From infrastructure grants	<u>566,667</u>
	<u>996,588</u>

**SEWER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

From operating and surplus	248,667
From capital contributions	80,383
From infrastructure grants	<u>300,000</u>
	<u>629,050</u>

**TOTAL CAPITAL**

5,165,758

**TOWN OF CRESTON FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

The Town of Creston Financial Planning Guidelines reflects Council's direction to increase alternative revenue streams wherever possible to reduce reliance on property taxes in order to maintain existing programs and services. Council is also committed to having the sufficient funding available to ensure that current infrastructure is proactively maintained thereby delaying much higher replacement costs as long as possible. In order to insure that funding is available for planned capital replacement and infrastructure renewal, Council policy is to have reserves funded for those purposes.

The Financial Plan for 2019 shows property taxes is 36.5% of proposed funding sources identified in section 165(7) of the *Community Charter*. This is a normal amount and is slightly higher than 2018 (35.6%). With the requirement to pay for 70% of the RCMP costs since 2012, the reliance on taxation has increased.

Council has considered the distribution of property taxes among the various property classes. It is Council's policy to adjust the mill rates such that the ratio of taxes paid by the various classes remains relatively constant from year to year taking into account new construction.

Permissive tax exemptions approved by Council are a means of supporting organizations within the community that furthers Council's objectives of enhancing the quality of life and delivering services economically.

As part of the Town of Creston's economic development strategy, Council may establish one or more revitalization tax exemption programs to encourage investment in the Town's existing commercial enterprises and the development of new commercial ventures, such as tourism related businesses, with the objectives of stimulating new economic growth and revitalization of existing commercial uses in the Town.