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COUNTY OF DUFFERIN BUDGET UPDATE

The County of Dufferin Budget deliberations are moving along. The three standing committees went through a budget review in January and number of reductions were made across several departments. The combined total of \$1,447,078 or 4.615% was either taken out of the budget or new revenue was incorporated.

Two additional reductions are being proposed by staff and will be before Council on February 12:

- a 1% reduction to be found through efficiencies and in-year savings (\$318,538) The department heads will be asked to look for ways to save money during the year either through finding efficiencies, by realizing savings on tenders/purchases/ or contracted services, finding additional revenue
- spreading the hospital foundation request over 4 years instead of 3. (\$375,000 per year equalling the totaling request of \$1.5 million

The committees' and staff recommendations will be before Council on Thursday, February 12. If Council approves these reductions, then the net increase on the Dufferin County portion of the property tax bill is 2.498% or just under \$34 on a house with average assessment of \$338,000.

"I am proud of the work that has been done by staff and Council. We've all worked very well together." said Warden Warren Maycock. With all of the proposed changes the draft budget increase on the Dufferin County portion of the property tax bill is 2.498% or just under \$34 on a house with average assessment of \$338,000.

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Reference Documents :

Full Draft Budget Package : http://www.dufferincounty.ca/files/releases/2014-12-24_Draft_2015_Budget_release.pdf
Presentation from Treasurer in January : <http://www.dufferincounty.ca/files/content-pdf/2015-01-08-council-budget-presentation.pdf>

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