

Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

2021 Budget

Urban Assessment

Briefing Note required for:

-items >\$50,000

-changes in FTE

Dept	Division	Business Unit	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
IES	Drainage	Drainage – Clerks/Admin	Urban Assessment	S	\$ 65,000	
IES	Drainage	Drainage – Clerks/Admin	Urban Assessment	S	\$731,013	
			Total:		\$796,013	

Background:

Municipal drainage charges are accumulated throughout the year and charged out at year-end. This cost is for urban areas only, as rural areas assessed for projects under the Drainage Act pay individual property assessments.

The current 2021 base budget for urban assessment is \$440,000.

Comment:

The total urban assessment account required for 2021 is \$1,236,013. However, \$731,013 of this total is from the emergency repair to the McFarlane Drain outlet under Grand Ave West in Chatham in 2019. To mitigate the impact on urban ratepayers, this project was assessed over two-years. \$731,000 represents the second installment.

This amount will be area rated to the urban areas throughout Chatham-Kent. The process of assessing costs to the urban communities of Chatham-Kent has been in place since 2001.

IMPACT IF NOT FUNDED

If not funded, \$1,236,013 would be left on the books to be dealt with in future years. This would also affect the municipality's ability to levy remaining assessments to other parties for projects.

