

The Gibbons Viability Report focuses on five key areas

DID YOU KNOW?

	TOWN SCENARIO	HAMLET SCENARIO
FINANCES	42% property tax increase (all at once or split over several years); minimal reserves in place	30% property tax increase (all at once or split over several years); strong reserves in place
REPRESENTATION	7 local councillors	1 - 2 local councillors + Local Advisory Board
INFRASTRUCTURE	Additional taxes needed (on top of 42%) for new costs or repairs; Gibbons may need upwards of \$20 million to address its needs <i>(*1% property tax increase generates about \$40,000)</i>	Additional taxes not expected (on top of the 30%) for new costs or repairs; County integrates future needs into its existing budget <i>(*1% property tax increase generates about \$1,000,000)</i>
SERVICES	Reduced services to contribute to balancing budgets; further reductions may be required	Maintained service levels, in some cases new or enhanced services become available
ADMINISTRATION	Service delivered through permanent and contracted staff (approx. 25 Gibbons staff)	Service delivered mostly through County's approx. 270 permanent staff; staff savings possible by reducing duplication

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FINANCE: TAXES, DEBT, RESERVES



Under a hamlet scenario, the County would apply a 30% increase (either all at once or smoothed over several years). Having this elevated rate in place over ten years (or less) will pay back the community's debts. After the debt is paid back, County Council could decrease the tax rate for Gibbons, either right away or over time.

The County has strong savings in place to manage new projects and to deal with unforeseen costs. About half of the County's reserves are in place to cover specific circumstances (called restricted reserves) and the other half are in place to address community needs.

GOVERNANCE: Representation

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The province noted in its Viability Report that one Council member is likely to be added to Sturgeon County Council if Gibbons becomes a hamlet. Under the *Municipal Government Act*, an even number of Council members is allowed if directed by the province.

Regardless of how representation is directed by the province, (or where any councillor is from), “council costs” are covered by the Sturgeon’s overall tax rates and are not applied to any specific hamlet or area.



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SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY



- Under a hamlet scenario, no services are expected to be changed in the Gibbons community. In some instances, service levels would increase (*emergency and protective services, planning and development, utility and infrastructure maintenance, etc.*)
- New services would also become available to the Gibbons community (*in-house engineering, procurement, economic development, etc.*)



INFRASTRUCTURE: NEW ASSETS, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE

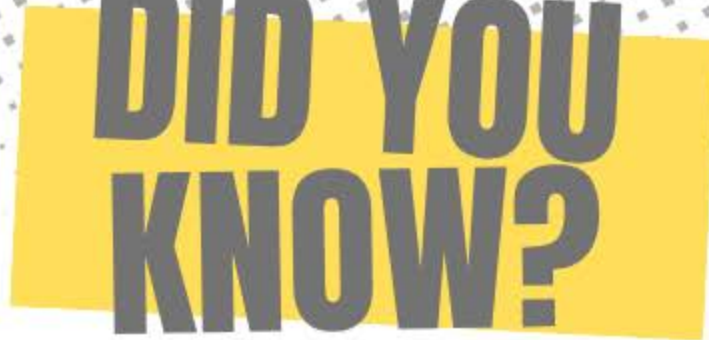
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- If Gibbons becomes a hamlet, its infrastructure needs would be managed proactively, helping ensure service levels are maintained and assets are renewed on schedule
 - The County has reserves in place to deal with unforeseen costs that arise within its hamlets and the broader Sturgeon community
 - In 2026, the County approved a \$64 million capital budget guided by a transparent, best practice asset management program (road maintenance, water/sewer networks, parks/trails, facilities, etc.)
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The Gibbons Community



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Even with some unknowns ahead, Gibbons will remain a community of friends and neighbours.

If the hamlet scenario occurs, residents will not notice many day-to-day changes, and Gibbons will continue to feel like home—drawing on the added benefits of a broader tax base, reliable infrastructure, regional expertise, and coordinated services—all to help maintain stable finances over time.

