

TOWNSHIP OF  
**PUSLINCH**  
EST. 1850

# Proposed 2020 User Fees and Charges Public Meeting

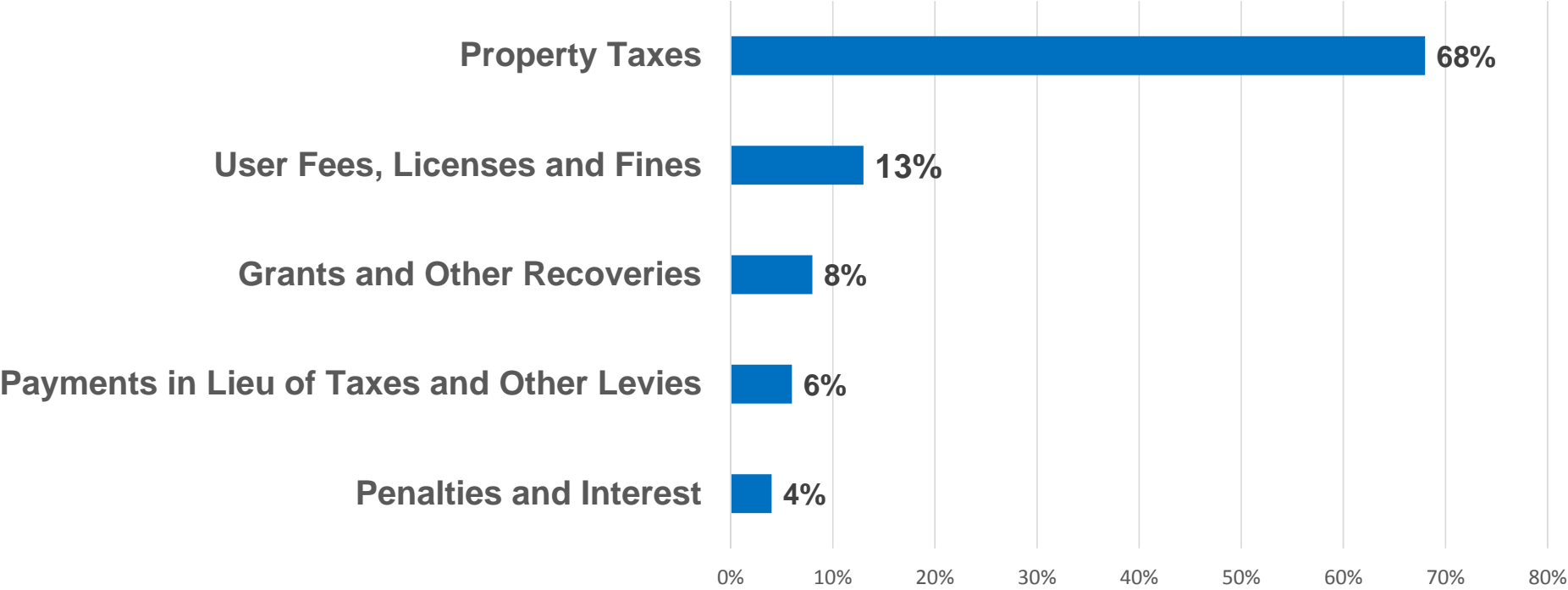
September 12, 2019



# Tonight we will discuss...

1. Where do Township revenues come from?
2. Why do we collect user fees?
3. What changes are being proposed for 2020?
4. Feedback from the public.

# Where do Township Revenues come from?



# User fees are an important input into the Operating Budget

- August/September 2019 – Budget Development by Department Heads
- September 12, 2019 – User Fee Public Meeting
- September 25, 2019 – Present 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Capital Budget to Council
- October 23, 2019 – Present 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Operating Budget to Council
- November 27, 2019 – Present 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of Capital/Operating to Council
- January 16, 2020 - Public Information Meeting – Budget Input
- February 19, 2020 – Council Adoption of 2020 Budget

# Why do we collect User Fees?

- Primary reason: to allocate costs to the users of the service
- Most services are not full cost recovery, the share of the recovery depends on fair market costs and the service levels set by Council.
- The Building Department is legislatively mandated to be fully funded from building permit fees.
- The Planning Act stipulates that planning application fees be designed to meet only the anticipated costs to the Township.

# What changes are being proposed for 2020?

- The changes have been proposed to:
  - Better reflect the costs for providing the service
  - Be in line with comparator municipalities
  - Adjust based on the 2020 projected Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate of 2.0%

# Corporate

- It is recommended that the Township provide a roster of vendors directly to individuals requiring flags due to the infrequency of the sale of flags.

# Public Works

- Incorporation of the following categories for entrance permit fees:
  - Entrance Permit - Commercial/Industrial - \$400
  - Entrance Permit - Farm Field - \$200
  - Entrance Permit – Residential - \$240



# Fire and Rescue Services

- Fees based on the per hour per truck rate be increased to \$477 per hour per truck in accordance with the Standard Ministry of Transportation (MTO) rate.
- Establish Fee - Smoke Alarms - \$7.30 (net of HST)
- Establish Fee - Carbon Monoxide Alarms - \$19.75 (net of HST)

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# Building

- Shed and Boathouse Permit Fee – Change from a flat fee of \$156 to a per square foot fee of \$0.79.

# Planning and Development

- It is recommended that a refund schedule be incorporated similar to the refund schedule noted in the Township's Building By-law.
- Establish Fee - Pre-Consultation Fee - \$615 - credited from the future application fee for the following planning applications:
  - Zoning By-law Amendment
  - Site Plan
  - Plan of Subdivision or Condominium
- Establish Fee - Ownership List Confirmation - \$70

# Parks, Optimist Recreation Centre, Puslinch Community Centre

- Puslinch Community Centre – Commercial Rentals – Minimum 10% surcharge and up to 25% upon consideration from Council
- Puslinch Community Centre - Non-Resident Rentals – Minimum 10% surcharge and up to 25% upon consideration from Council
- Cancellation and Payment Terms – continue as status quo based on comparator municipality data and limited issues with current process

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Questions or  
Comments?



