

# TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH 2014 OPERATING BUDGET

## 2014 REQUESTED BASE BUDGET INCREASES

Department

**Elections**

Priority

**1**

### 1 - Purpose of Expenditure

For the purpose of the upcoming 2014 Election.

### 2 - Need

The voting tabulators provide an audit trail feature that allows results to be audited down to each individual ballot.

### 3 - Benefit of the Investment

The main benefits of a ballot tabulation system are speed and accuracy. This system allows the ability to automatically generate election results quickly, greatly improving the efficiency of the election. The system removes human subjectivity from the election. All ballots are scanned and tabulated exactly the same across the whole election, providing fairness and accuracy. There is a full audit trail, including a digital image of every ballot, to ensure all the information is available in case of close results or potential recounts. The system enhances accuracy and is an efficient means of tabulating ballots.

### 4 - Risk Assessment

How votes are tabulated throughout the County of Wellington:

Centre Wellington - Vote by mail with tabulators

Mapleton - Vote by mail with tabulators

Minto - Vote by mail hand count

Guelph Eramosa - Vote by mail hand count

Wellington North - No response as of this date

Erin - Vote by mail with tabulators

### 5 - Financial Impact

One-time request for 2014 Budget only?

Yes

### Revenues Earned/Reserves Utilized

	Revenues	Reserves	Beginning Balance in Reserves	Ending Balance in Reserves
IT Hardware Working Reserve	\$0	\$12,000	\$13,696	\$1,696
IT Software Working Reserve	\$0	\$10,000	\$12,485	\$2,485
<b>Total Revenues/Reserves</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>	<b>\$26,181</b>	<b>\$4,181</b>

### Expenses Incurred

Voting Tabulator System	\$22,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>

### Net Expense/(Revenue)

**\$0**

Furniture/Fixtures Required for new staff?	N/A
Computer Required for new staff?	N/A
Fleet Vehicle Required for new staff?	N/A