Township of Georgian Bluffs

Mayoral Direction – MD2026-05

To direct staff to prepare and present the 2027 budget.

Under the Authority Part VI.1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 284.3 – Directions to municipal employees and 284.16 – Powers and duties related to budget.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Township of Georgian Bluffs has decided and directs as follows:

1. The Manager of Finance/Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer are to prepare a draft Township of Georgian Bluffs 2027 Operating and Capital Budget within the requirements of the Act.
2. Staff are to prepare a draft 2027 Operating Budget using the same levels and types of services as in previous years.
3. That a review of 2026 and prior approved capital projects be reviewed and reported back to Council with any options for deferring projects to create capacity for capital funding for other priorities to a Strategic Session in December 2026.
4. Staff are to bring forward all Business Plan Reports for consideration for all proposed changes in operating levels of services, any one-time or capital projects for the 2027 year to a Strategic Session in December 2026.
5. Staff are to bring forward to Council any other required decisions with finance implications on or prior to a Strategic Session in December 2026.
6. Staff are to bring forward a comprehensive summary of the Estimated Reserve and Reserve Fund Balances, detailing the impact of all proposed projects and identifying any reserve that fall outside the policy's minimum or maximum thresholds, to a Strategic Session in December 2026.
7. Staff are to bring forward a comprehensive list of any unaddressed municipal risks, instances of legislative non-compliance, and outstanding action items from Council approved Plans – including, but not necessarily limited to, the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, the 2024-2028 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, the Recreation & Trails Master Plan, the 2023 Corporate Climate Action Plan, and the 2024 Asset Management Plan – to a Strategic Session in December 2026.

8. That the draft budget be provided to each Member of Council and the public at a Strategic Session in January 2027.
9. This Mayoral Decision comes into effect on April 15, 2026, and remains in effect until amended or revoked.

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Original Signed by Sue Carleton, Mayor

Dated: April 15, 2026