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**2026/2027 Budget Meeting Summary  
Council Chambers, 414 Woodlawn Drive  
Thursday, March 26, 2026  
8:30am to 4:30pm**

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:**

Warden Penny Smith  
Deputy Warden Heidi Wagner  
Councillor Paula Sutherland via Microsoft Teams  
Councillor Sherry Thorburn Irvine  
Councillor Angie Shand  
Councillor Dale Richardson

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Warren MacLeod, CAO  
Erin Hartley, Deputy CAO  
Michelle Williams, Director of Finance  
Marcia d'Eon, Director of Operations via Microsoft Teams  
Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation & Parks  
Jenn Bell, Administrator of Protective Services  
Nicole Blades, Recording Secretary  
Members of the Public

**REGRETS:**

Councillor Ron Coole

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

Warden Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting for the 2026/2027 Budget.

CAO MacLeod presented a letter received from the Town of Shelburne requesting cost-sharing support for the MacKay Memorial Library and Council was provided considerations prior to deliberations. A discussion was held and Council unanimously agreed that the Municipality would not be providing additional funding at this time and staff were directed to draft a response letter.

CAO MacLeod provided an overview of the continued 2026/2027 Budget process and then Management presented Council with some additions to the budget for consideration. A discussion was held and Council approved all additions that will be included in the final draft budget at the Special Council Meeting on April 15, 2026.

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CAO MacLeod presented Council with three economic model scenarios with different assessment lifts. A discussion was held and Council gave consensus to implement Scenario Two with no changes to tax rates.

Public feedback will be accepted, on the draft budget and scenarios presented, until noon on March 31, 2026. The compiled public feedback will be presented at the next 2026/2027 Budget meeting being held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 8:30am. Council will also request any budget changes, finalize tax scenario option and review actions items of the Strategic Plan Appendix B.

It was noted that all documentation and a recording of the meeting will be available on the Municipality's website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.