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A Letter to the Residents of Wilkie

The Council of the Town of Wilkie would like to share with the residents of Wilkie the economics of running recreation facilities within our community.

Firstly, the areas included in the numbers being given include the Saskcan Community Center (arena, curling rink and dance hall), swimming pool and parks. The parks budget includes the maintenance of the green spaces around town.

A very brief breakdown of the recreation budget for the last four years are as follows:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Revenues	\$646,787	\$253,677	\$314,939	\$196,782
Expenses	\$875,632	\$628,959	\$652,414	\$501,338
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$228,845)</b>	<b>(\$375,282)</b>	<b>(\$337,474)</b>	<b>(\$302,442)</b>

Taxes Levied for the last four years are as follows:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Tax Levy	\$921,409	\$957,018	\$998,129	\$996,073

In relation to the tax revenue the Town of Wilkie levied in each of these years, 24.8% of the tax levy funded the deficit in the recreation budget for the year 2017, 39.2% for the year 2018, 33.8% for the year 2019 and 30.3% for the year 2020.

Recreation is a vital part of a community and it is what attracts and keeps people of all ages in the community but it does come at a cost to the taxpayer. It is with these numbers in mind Town Council has made decisions such as choosing not to open the swimming pool for a short 2020 season or closing the arena earlier than normal for the 2020/2021 season.

It is also with these numbers in mind that new recreational programs aren't provided at this time. To start new programs that can't break even or bring in extra revenue causes a further deficit that falls onto the taxpayers in the community.

It is hard to balance all the needs of the community but that is what we are tasked with doing and we will continue to make decisions based on the needs of the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

*Mayor & Council*  
Town of Wilkie