



Town of The Blue Mountains

Grey County/TBM Task Force

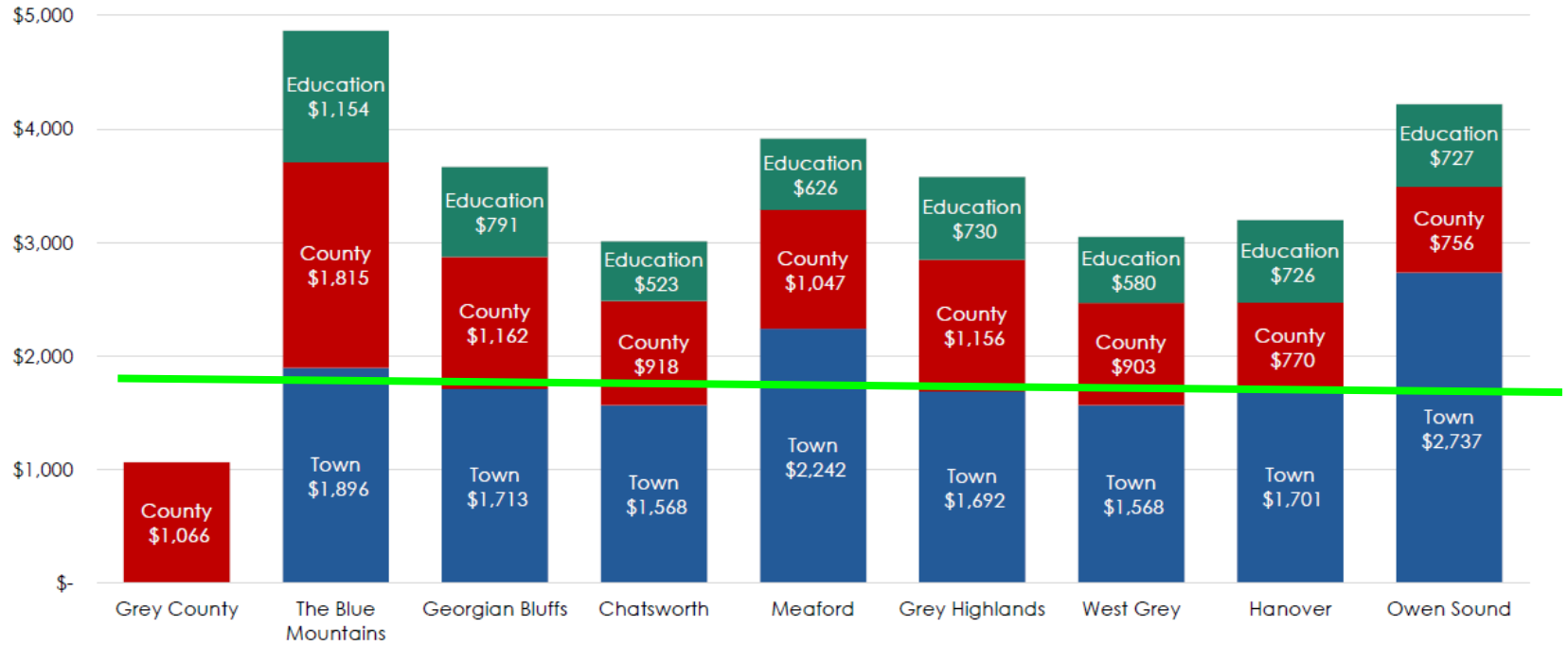
Town and County Taxation

- In 2018 the TBM paid \$14.5 M in taxes to Grey County
- This is 26% of County taxation or \$9.4 M more than the average paid by the other municipalities
- On a per household basis this translates to \$1820 per household for the TBM, vs an average of \$962 for the other municipalities
- While local taxation in the TBM is in line with the other municipalities, this disparity in County taxes is having a severe impact on service delivery and capital spending in the TBM
- This has serious impacts on the infrastructure needed to support growth in the TBM,---the very growth that has provided this tax bonanza to Grey County



Grey County

Town, County, and Education Levy by Household (excluding Southgate)



| Tax Levy | Grey County | The Blue Mountains | Georgian Bluffs | Chatsworth | Meaford | Grey Highlands | West Grey | Hanover | Owen Sound |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Town | \$ 0 | \$ 1,896 | \$ 1,713 | \$ 1,568 | \$ 2,242 | \$ 1,692 | \$ 1,568 | \$ 1,701 | \$ 2,737 |
| County | \$ 1,066 | \$ 1,815 | \$ 1,162 | \$ 918 | \$ 1,047 | \$ 1,156 | \$ 903 | \$ 770 | \$ 756 |
| Education | \$ 0 | \$ 1,154 | \$ 791 | \$ 523 | \$ 626 | \$ 730 | \$ 580 | \$ 726 | \$ 727 |
| Total | \$ 1,066 | \$ 4,865 | \$ 3,655 | \$ 3,009 | \$ 3,915 | \$ 3,578 | \$ 3,050 | \$ 3,197 | \$ 4,220 |
| Percent of County Levy | | 26% | 11% | 5% | 11% | 12% | 10% | 5% | 14% |
| Percent of Households | | 15% | 10% | 6% | 11% | 11% | 12% | 7% | 20% |
| Average Assessment | | \$ 522,036 | \$ 321,379 | \$ 253,340 | \$ 315,115 | \$ 316,995 | \$ 240,680 | \$ 211,350 | \$ 244,051 |

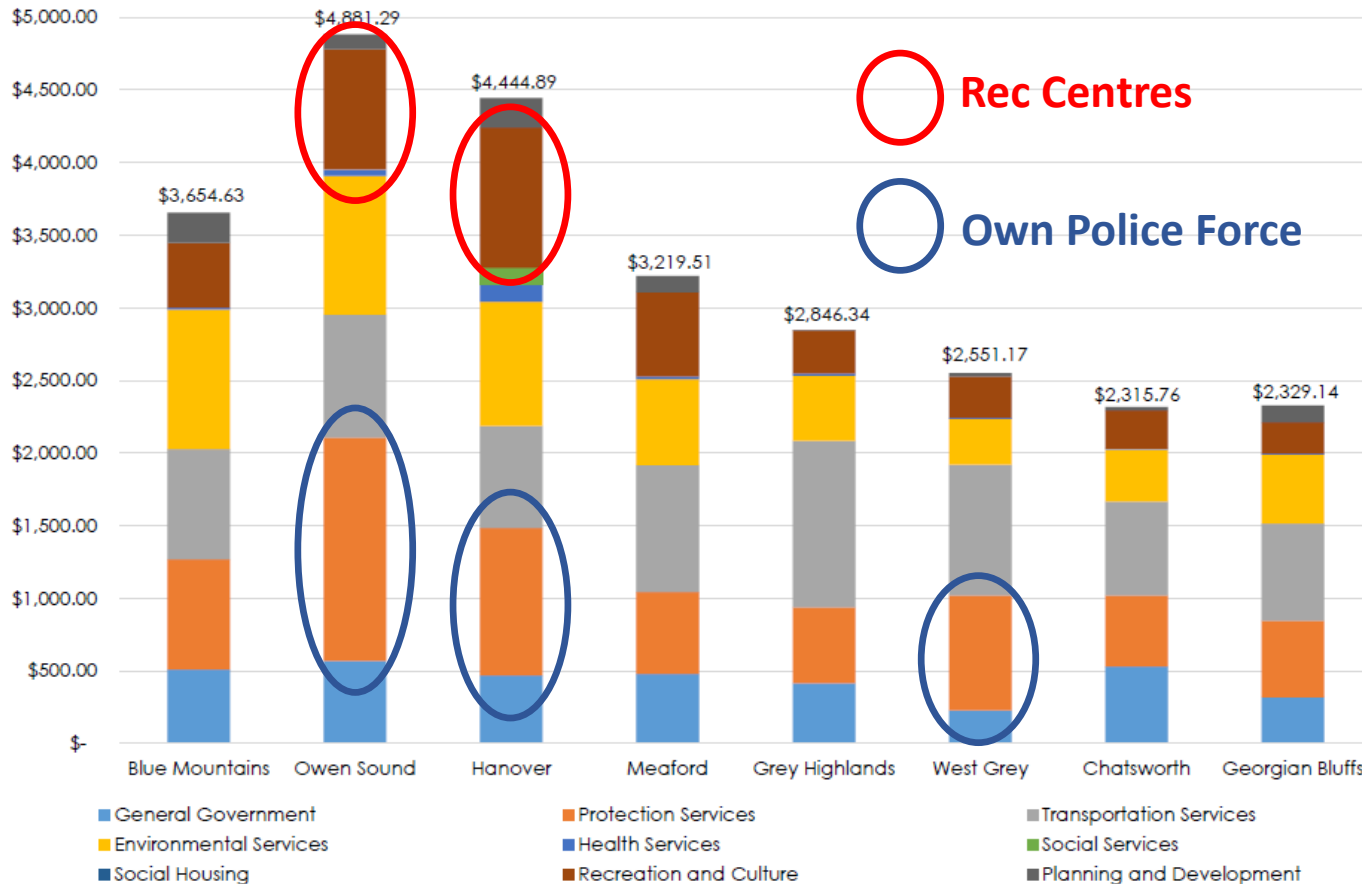
Source 2017 FIR data



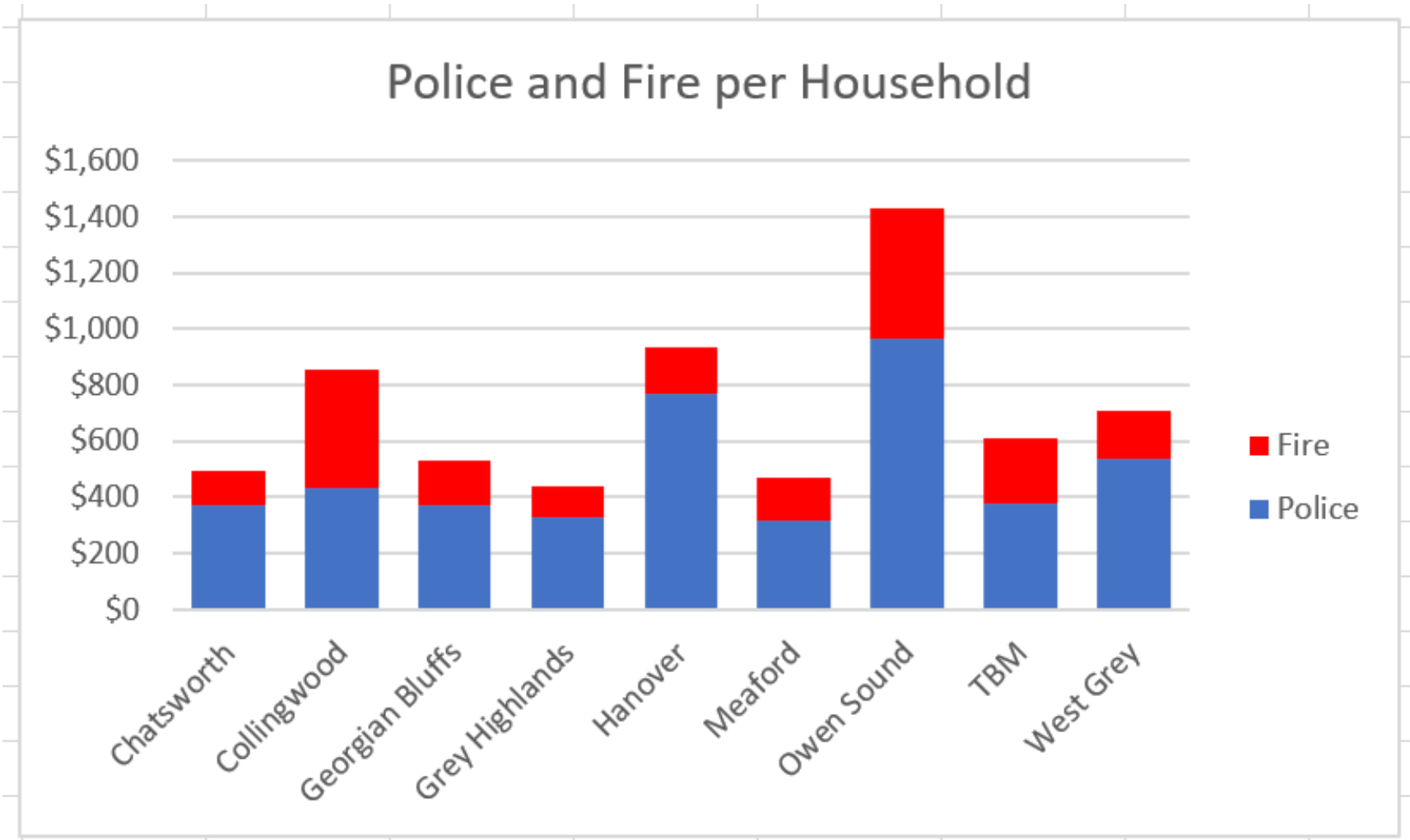
Lower contribution to County, allows for higher local spending for services

Statement of Operations per Household

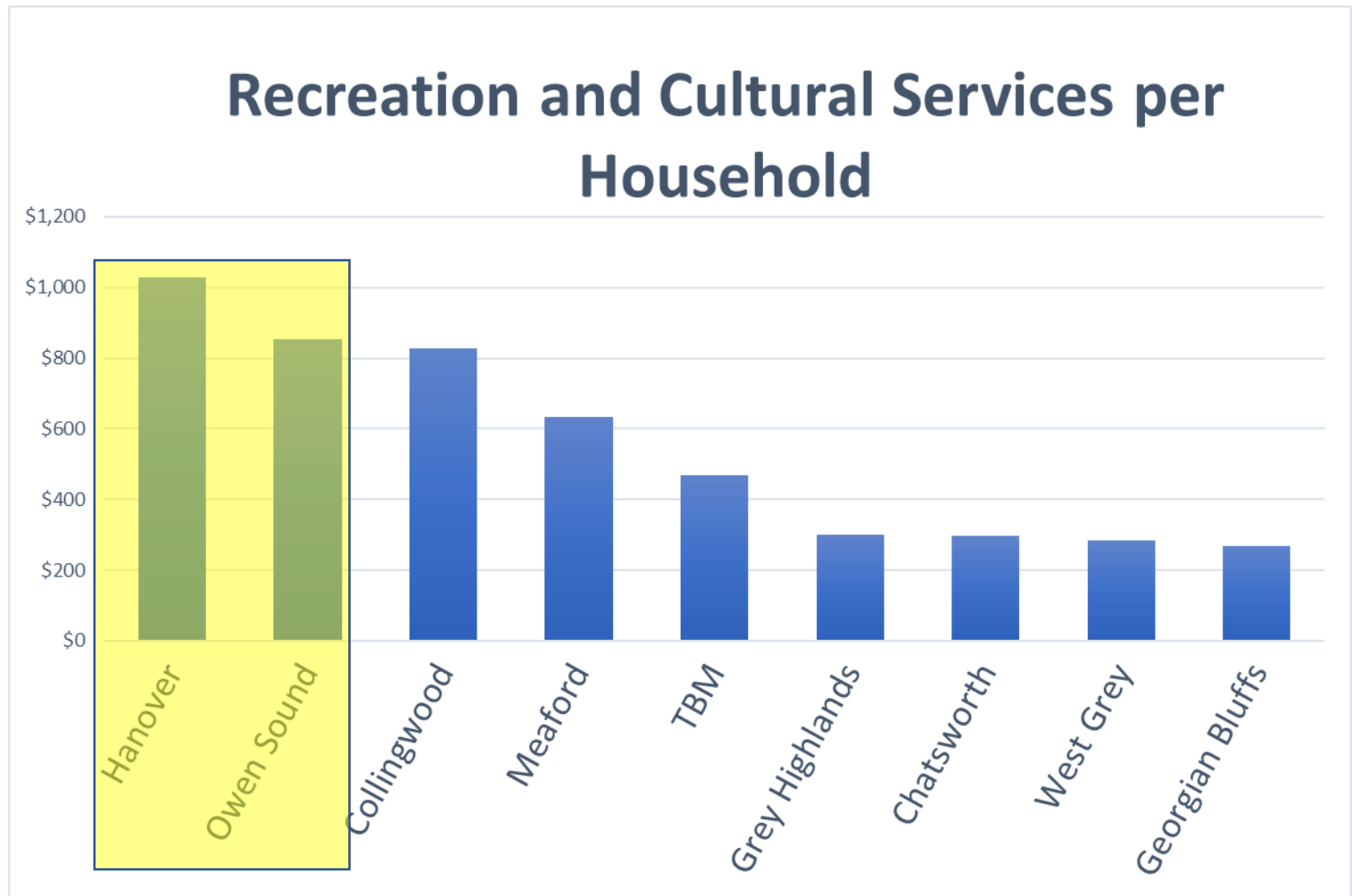
Using the FIR this graph compares, by dollar per household, excluding Southgate, what each lower tier spent in 2017 in the large cost centres. The total expenses per household for 2017 are listed above each bar graph.



Police and Fire



Local Spending for Culture and Recreation is highest in those communities which send the least to County



Less sent to county allows for local capital projects

Asset Sustainability Ratio

Each year municipalities are required to complete the Financial Information Return (FIR) and submit it to the Province. The data collected is then used to calculate different ratios, one of those ratios is the Asset Sustainability Ratio. This ratio takes the current year capital spending and divides it over the current year depreciation. This gives the reader a rough idea of how well the municipality is at replacing their assets. The target ratio as per the Province is 90%, in other words for every dollar worth of depreciation the Town should spend \$0.90 on capital. The chart below looks at 2009 to 2017 for all lower tier municipalities in Grey County as well as the County.

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Average | Total |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Grey Highlands | 38% | 94% | 136% | 49% | 122% | 61% | 103% | 75% | 92% | 86% | 86% |
| Meaford | 50% | 119% | 18% | 54% | 61% | 69% | 150% | 148% | 210% | 98% | 95% |
| West Grey | 261% | 152% | 61% | 83% | 71% | 74% | 77% | 117% | 112% | 112% | 110% |
| Chatsworth | 150% | 265% | 270% | 68% | 123% | 78% | 70% | 53% | 60% | 126% | 124% |
| Blue Mountains | 297% | 190% | 207% | 51% | 63% | 102% | 153% | 77% | 83% | 136% | 133% |
| Georgian Bluffs | 193% | 489% | 86% | 62% | 128% | 64% | 223% | 171% | 126% | 171% | 167% |
| Southgate | 224% | 227% | 199% | 95% | 186% | 205% | 134% | 179% | n/a | 181% | 180% |
| Hanover | 181% | 1007% | 358% | 98% | 227% | 48% | 171% | 92% | 106% | 254% | 231% |
| Owen Sound | 288% | 493% | 615% | 178% | 75% | 179% | 547% | 327% | 1031% | 415% | 421% |
| Grey County | 122% | 89% | 63% | 46% | 85% | 86% | 121% | 93% | 123% | 92% | 92% |

Source 2017 FIR data

As the fastest growing part of Grey County one would expect TBM capital spending to far exceed or depreciation and for the TBM to have the highest asset sustainability ratio

Funds have not been available for critical capital projects



Health Care and Hospital Funding



The 2018 budget has been drafted with taxation of \$200,000 in funding being provided for the Grey Bruce Health Services – “The Hospital Campaign”, and \$71,700 in taxation being transferred to reserves for Health Care Initiatives funding for a total from taxation of \$271,700 or ½ of 1% of the 2017 budgeted levy contribution of \$54,340,234.

Simcoe County has committed \$45M over 15 years or 1.91% of their current tax levy



Conclusions

- Current County taxation levels are not sustainable and are resulting in reduced service delivery and postponement of badly needed capital projects in the TBM
- Solutions to this are not simple
- We look forward to working with the Grey County-Blue Mountains Task Force as we look for solutions to keep The Blue Mountains a viable part of Grey County

