

2026 Budget



2026 Budget Staff Proposed



AGENDA

-  Context
-  Communications
-  Comparators
-  Operating Budget
-  Capital Budget
-  Budget Summary
-  Next Steps

Context



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Notable Considerations

-  Integrating Asset Management
-  Improving the Infrastructure Funding Gap
-  Challenge - Low tax base growth, development charge revenue
-  Preparing for OPG accelerated growth in near future
-  Second phase of realigning base budget
-  Leveraging non-levy sources of funding
-  Minimizing impact to taxpayer
-  Implementing new Strategic Plan
-  Change in process - Strong Mayor Legislation
-  Operational impact of Election

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Roadmap Checkpoints

Recurring Annual Reports

- ✓ Grants Annual Update
- ✓ User Fees & Charges
- ✓ Tax Levy Allocation
- ✓ Building Reserve Annual Update
- ✓ Parkland Cash in Lieu Annual Update
- ✓ Development Charges Annual Statement
- ✓ Amortization & Post Retirement Benefits
- ✓ 2024 Audited Financial Statements

Other Notable Items

- ✓ Asset Management Levels of Service
- ✓ Library Budget
- ✓ Police Budget
- ✓ HBIA Budget
- ✓ Rural Transit Considerations
- ✓ GRCA Dam Funding Request
- ✓ Budget Kickoff Presentation
- ✓ Strategic Plan Establishment

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Guiding Forces

Port H.I.P

VISION

Heritage is where we come from.

Innovation is what we do.

Prosperity is where we are headed.

MISSION

To be responsive to the changing needs of Port Hope
using solution-oriented approaches

VALUES

Through our values, we will demonstrate that we are:

- Trustworthy
- Exemplary
- Inclusive
- Progressive
- Sustainable

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Strategic Plan Pillars

INCLUSIVE

Remove barriers and facilitate housing of all kinds

Continuously improve and address service levels and programming

Lead in fostering pride and inclusion in Port Hope

Grow and support community culture, heritage, events and recreation

INNOVATIVE

Support Staff and Council in developing the capacity to lead change, innovation and growth

Innovate to improve service delivery and operational excellence through the use of new technology and AI

Build a culture of customer service and enhance resident engagement

Grow capacity for cross-sectoral and inter-governmental collaboration

PROSPEROUS

Prepare for new nuclear investment in Port Hope through engagement, policy and infrastructure framework

Make Port Hope a premiere investment and development-ready location

Grow Port Hope as a sought-after tourism destination

Work with all relevant partners and stakeholders to develop the workforce

SUSTAINABLE

Enhance sustainability of current and future infrastructure through prudent fiscal management

Respond to the realities of climate change

Commit to enhancing emergency preparedness and community safety

Right-size the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) clean-up project and prepare for future use of public sites

2026 Budget Overview

\$20.1 million in
strategic plan
related items

\$22.9 million in
total capital
projects - **\$4.7**
million levy
funded

\$176 or **3.42%**
municipal
impact on total
tax bill



INCLUSIVE

\$0.5M

INNOVATIVE

\$1.4M

PROSPEROUS

\$0.1M

SUSTAINABLE

\$18.1M

Communications



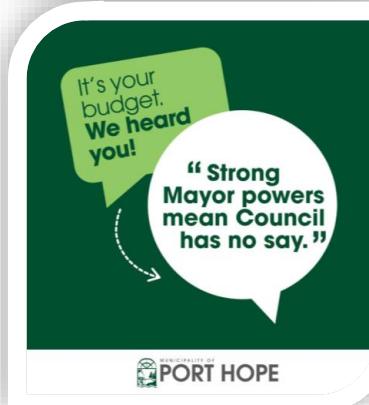
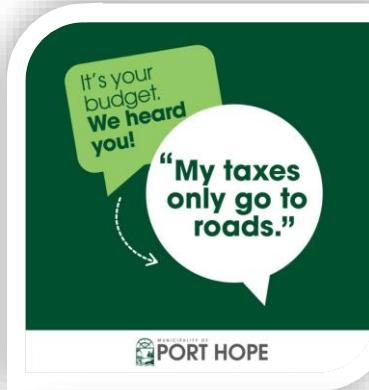
2026 Budget Communications – Messaging

FOCUS AREAS

Asset Management &
Infrastructure Gap

Budget Process Change
Strong Mayor Powers

Understanding Tax Dollar
Allocation



2026 Budget Communications – Published



Budget Engagement Page

Engage.porthope.ca/2026-budget



Digital Dialogue: Port Hope's Infrastructure Asset management Plan and Funding Gap

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Mayor's Corner Publication November 27, 2025

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2026 Municipal Budget Update

At its final meeting of the year, Municipality of Port Hope Council approved the schedule for the 2026 municipal budget process.

Since the introduction of Strong Mayor Powers in 2025, the budget process has changed. Under this regulation, the Mayor is responsible for preparing and presenting the budget to Council before February 1.

In October 2025, the Mayor confirmed that she would not use her authority to independently propose and adopt the 2026 budget. Instead, she instructed municipal staff to prepare the draft budget for Council's review, following the Municipality's traditional process of collaboration and discussion. This decision underscores a commitment to inclusivity and transparency, prioritizing democratic engagement over executive authority. The process will involve the Mayor in the budget development, the staff prepares and consensus-building, which strengthens the Municipality's governance framework and sets a precedent for future participatory approaches.

Staff have been working diligently through the summer and fall to develop both the capital and operating budgets. This process has involved a detailed review of all line items and consideration of current economic conditions, including rising costs for materials, fuel, and construction. The goal is to maintain essential services, while minimizing the impact on the tax levy by pursuing efficiencies, grants, and partnerships. Public input will be welcomed as Council works to strike the right balance for Port Hope.

Council has approved the staff-proposed budget meeting for January 13, 2026, in the Council Chambers at Town Hall. A follow-up meeting will be held on January 15, 2026, to review any recommendations from Council's first meeting, the Mayor's proposed recommendations, and staff's proposed budget. The Mayor's Proposed Budget, that will be published on the municipal website for public review and comment. Over the following week, Council members may submit proposed amendments to the Clerk in preparation for inclusion in the agenda for Council consideration at a meeting on February 3.

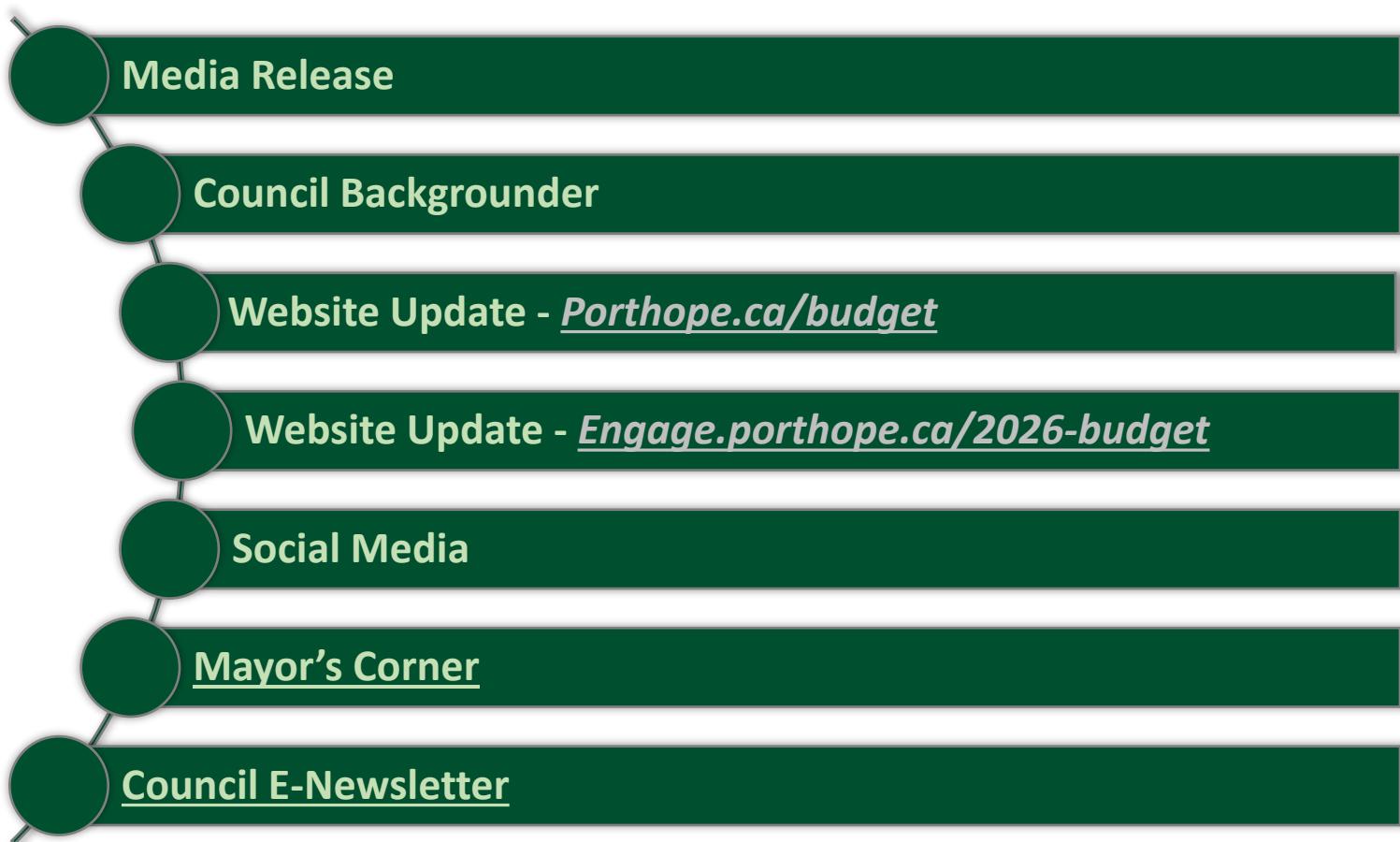
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Communications – Post Adoption Plan



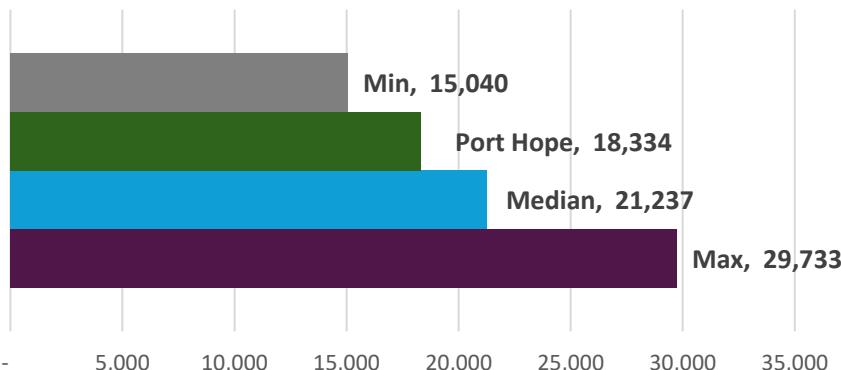
Comparators (BMA Study)



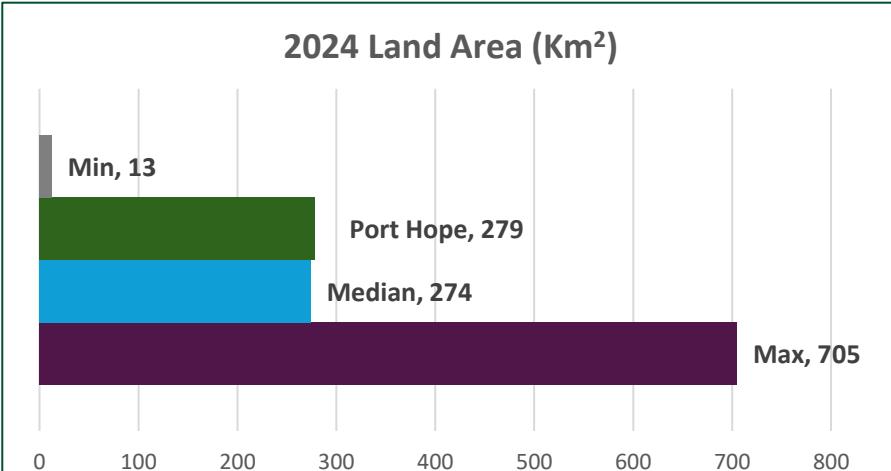
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Population vs. Density

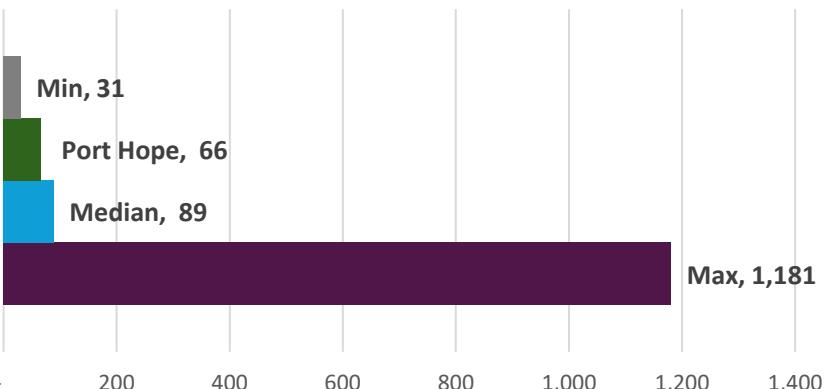
2024 Population



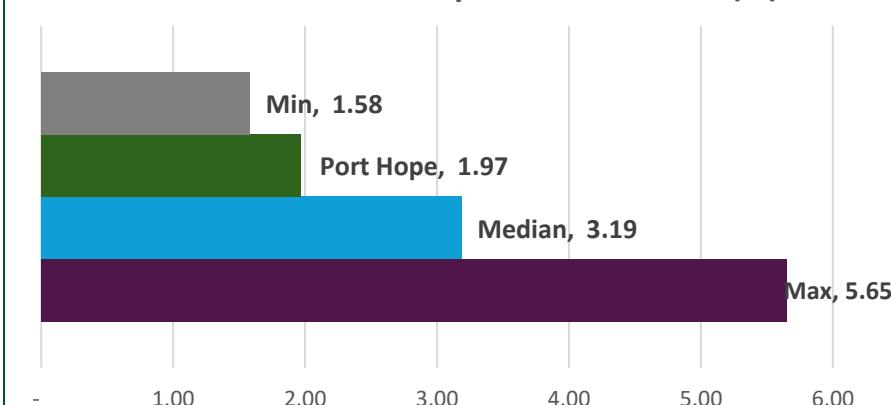
2024 Land Area (Km²)



2024 Population Density (per sq. km)



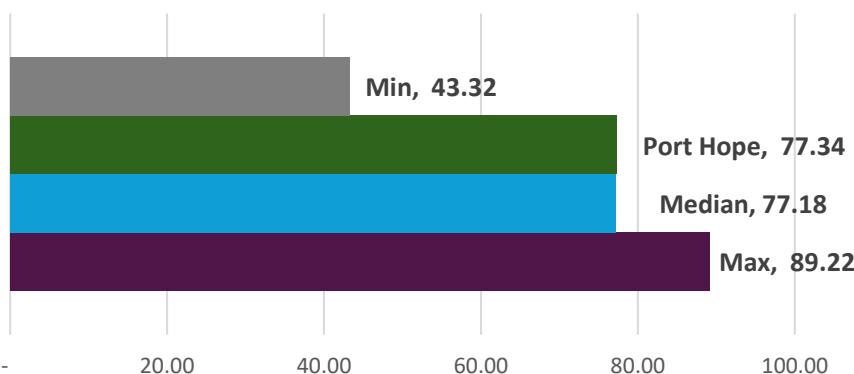
2021-2024 Annual Population Increase (%)



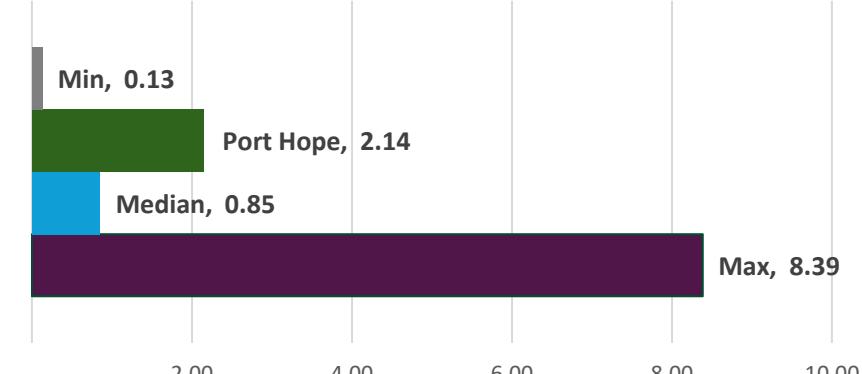
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Property Assessment Composition

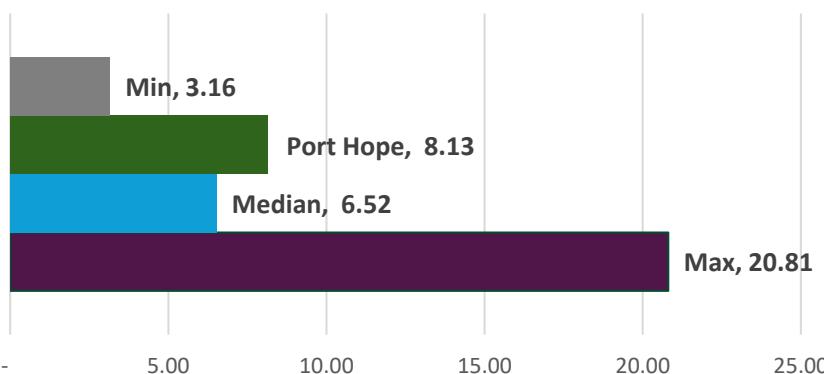
2024 Residential (%)



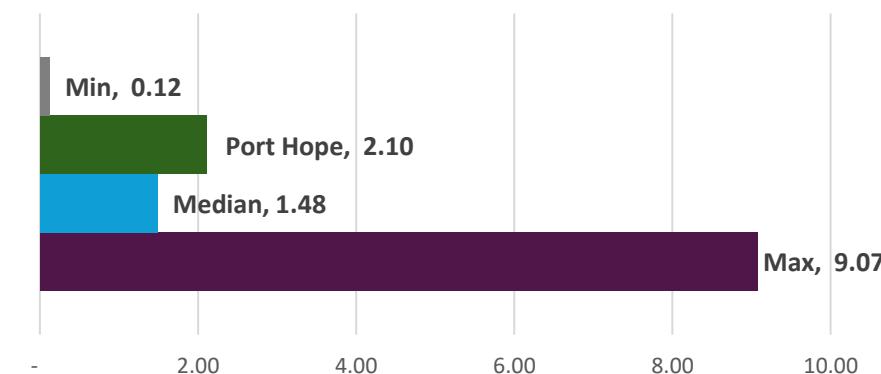
2024 Multi-Residential (%)



2024 Commercial (%)



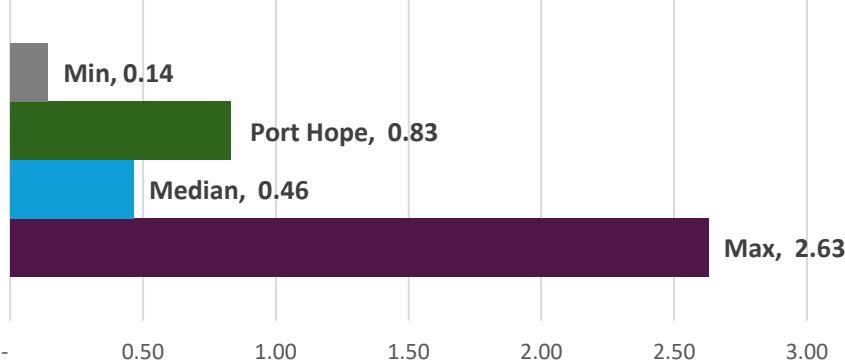
2024 Industrial (%)



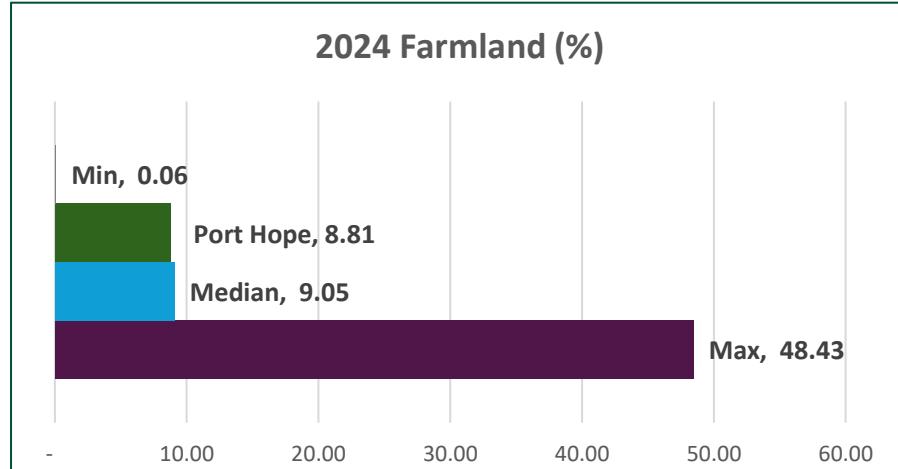
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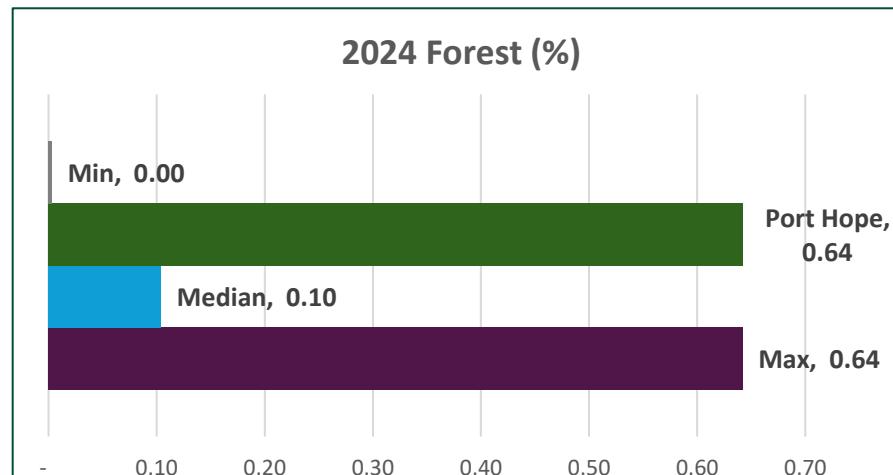
2024 Pipelines (%)



2024 Farmland (%)

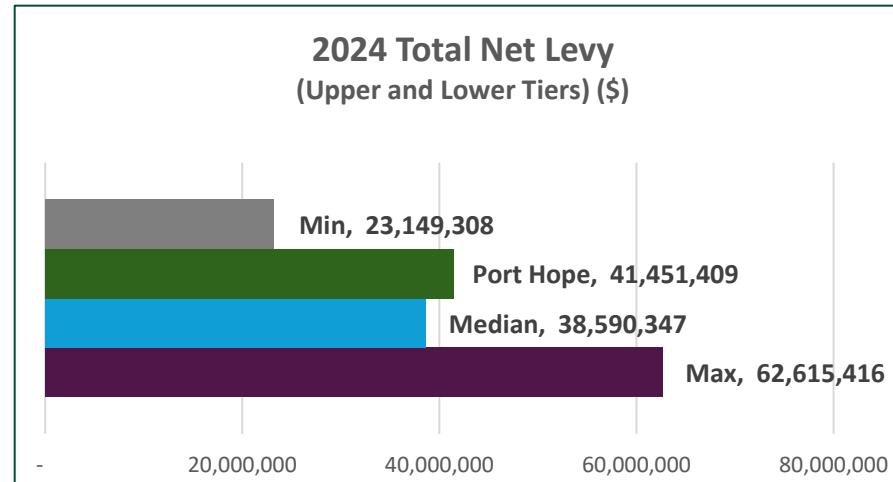
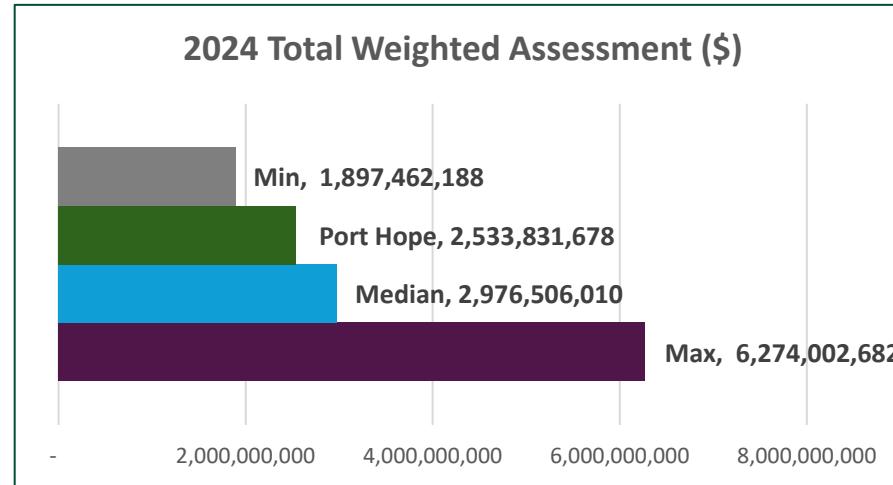


2024 Forest (%)



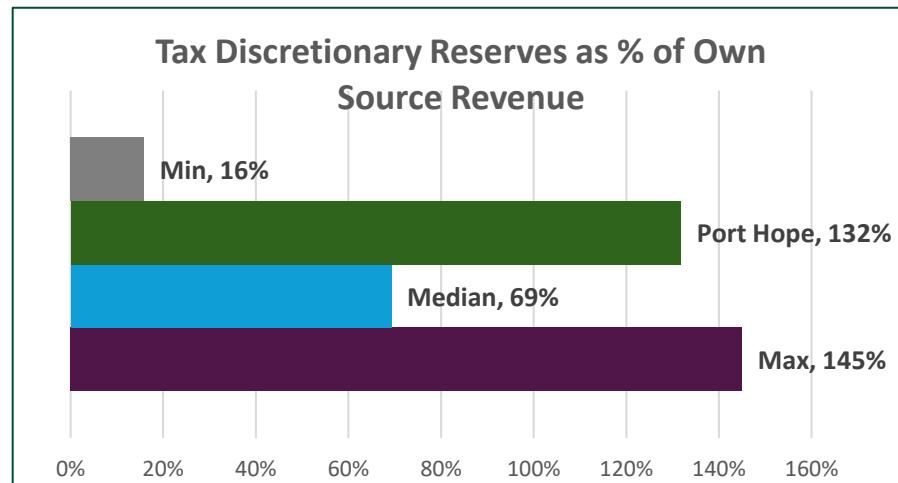
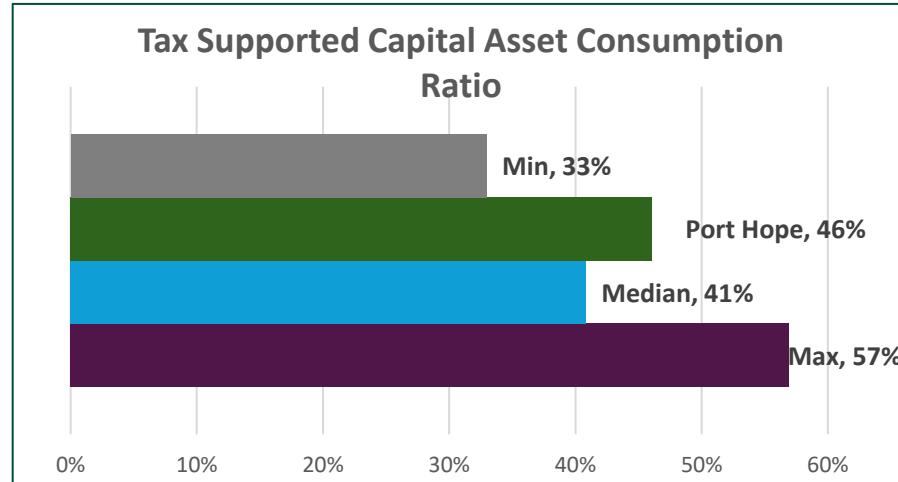
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Property Assessment + Levy



Comparators

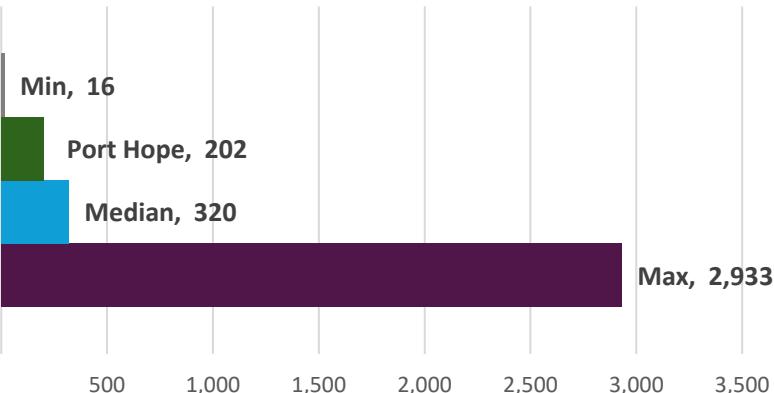
Financial Indicators



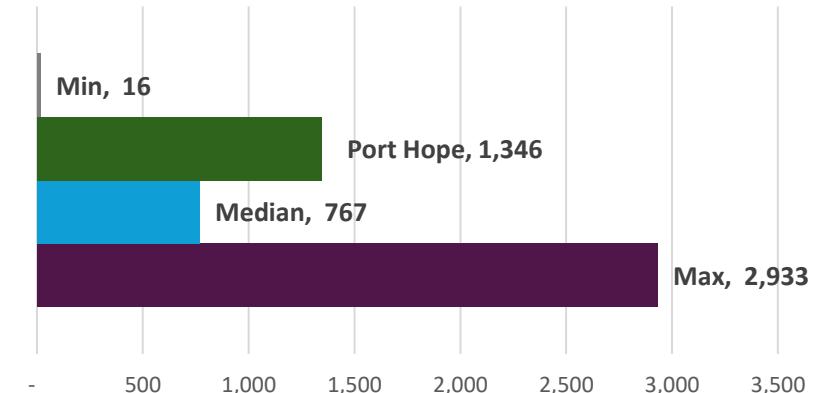
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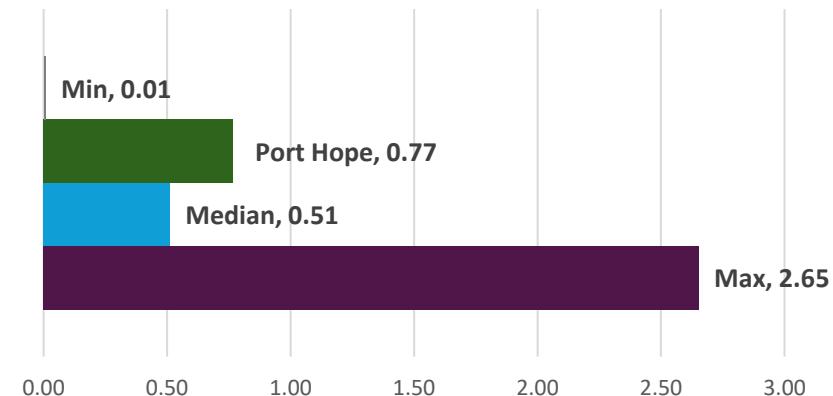
Tax Debt Outstanding per Capita (\$)



Total Debt Outstanding per Capita (\$)



Debt to Reserve Ratio



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Operating – MPH Highlights Strategic Plan - \$4.2M

INCLUSIVE
\$0.5M

Item	Cost
Official Plan Review	\$ 200,000
Waterfront Trail Upgrade <i>(Pending Grant)</i>	\$ 100,000
Strategic Community Initiatives	\$ 145,000
Special Events Assistant	\$ 28,704

INNOVATIVE
\$1.2M

Item	Cost
Centralized Customer Service Technology	\$ 200,000
Manager, Special Projects	\$ 173,846
Manager, Strategic Implementation and Business Optimization	\$ 125,626
Digital Twin & GIS Service Improvements	\$ 120,000
HR Generalist	\$ 52,472
Council Compensation Review + Implementation	\$ 30,000
Non-Union Compensation Review + Implementation	\$ 450,800
GovAI Software License	\$ 6,725

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Operating – MPH Highlights Strategic Plan (cont'd)

PROSPEROUS

\$1.0M

Item	Cost
Business Retention & Expansion Program (<i>Pending Grant</i>)	\$ 193,000
Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects Position	\$ 167,500
Development/Infrastructure Engineer	\$ 130,631
Economic Development Officer	\$ 111,302
Senior Planner	\$ 107,762
Employment Lands Strategy	\$ 85,000
Destination Marketing Coordinator	\$ 45,245
Destination Marketing Contract	\$ 45,000
Grant Facilitator Part-Time to Full-Time	\$ 38,862
Legal Clerk	\$ 37,500

SUSTAINABLE

\$1.5M

Item	Cost
Dig & Go Remediation	\$ 850,000
Manager, Environmental Strategy	\$ 174,846
Floodplain Mapping	\$ 145,000
Subwatershed Study	\$ 100,000
Marina Business Plan	\$ 85,000
Parks and Playground Plan	\$ 60,000
Library Interior Lights	\$ 25,000
Station 1 Bunker Gear Racking	\$ 18,000
Storm System Operating & Maintenance Manual Development	\$ 15,000
Lithium Ion Firefighting Equipment / Truck tablets	\$ 14,100
Sand Dome Inspection	\$ 5,000

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Operating – Utilities Highlights - \$0.4M

Strategic Pillar	Item	Cost
None	Walton St. Emergency Bridge & Pipe Repair and Restoration	\$100,000
Sustainable	Utility Rate Study	\$76,000
Innovative	SCADA IT Security Assessment & Penetration Testing	\$52,000
Sustainable	Water Treatment Plant 5YR Condition Assessment	\$50,000
Sustainable	Jocelyn St. Pumping Station 5YR Condition Assessment	\$25,000
Sustainable	Wastewater Collection Hydraulic Model	\$40,000

INCLUSIVE

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INNOVATIVE
\$0.1M
PROSPEROUS

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SUSTAINABLE
\$0.2M
GENERAL
\$0.1M

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Operating – Utility Highlights

Wastewater Rate Increase = 11.0%

Aligned to 2025

Water Rate Increase = 3.5%

Aligned to Rate Study forecast

Contributing factors

- Rate study developed in 2019 prior to significant post-2021 inflation
- Supply chain disruptions resulting in higher costs and longer project timelines
- Increase in material prices, external labour and energy costs
- Lower than projected consumption in rate study
- Reserve funds trending down vs. projected increase in rate study
- Unforeseen increase in biosolids disposal cost due to facility closure
- Growth and resulting DC and consumption revenue below rate study projections
- Prior rate increases intended to resolve underfunding consumed by above conditions
- Above conditions improved by replacement of aging water meters with capital replacement program

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Operating – Boards Highlights

Police

- Changes from Council presented budget
 - Reduced financial requirement by \$72K due to additional secondment of an Officer.
 - Reduced OPP cost by \$163K based on billing statement.
- Total revised 2026 budget increase of \$391K.

Library

- Change from Council presented budget - \$7K in minor adjustments.
- Total revised 2026 budget increase of \$71K.

HBIA

- 5% levy increase approved by HBIA membership at AGM.
- \$5K unfunded expenditures covered by prior years' surplus.

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Operating – Deferred/Reduced Items Highlights

Strategic Pillar	Project/Initiatives	Department	Cost
Innovative	Service Delivery Review	CAO	\$ 200,000
Sustainable	Town Hall - Swipe Cards	Corporate Facilities	\$ 50,000
Innovative	Innovation Event	Development Services	\$ 15,000
Prosperous	Heritage Guidelines Update	Development Services	\$ 100,000
Welcoming and Livable	Affordable Housing CIP	Development Services	\$ 65,000
Prosperous	Community Initiatives Funding	Multiple Departments	\$ 50,000
Innovative	GIS Needs Assessment / Strategic Plan	Finance & Information Technology	\$ 50,000
Inclusive	25th Anniversary Event	Parks, Recreation and Culture	\$ 10,000
None	Summer Student	Multiple Depts	\$ 24,352

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Operating – Deferred Item

Community Care Transportation

- Potential Tax Levy Impact - \$9,500.
 - Historically funded through Community Grant Program for \$9,500.
 - Special Service would be charged to Rural Area.
- Community Care Northumberland's Rural to Urban program, established in 2015, created to address Rural transportation needs.
- Initial ROLLS pilot program discontinued due to low demand and budget review recommendation.
- Potential loss of current service levels without municipal support.

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Strategic Community Initiatives - Resolution

“...Council approves transitioning from a grant-based model to a strategic initiatives-based model, whereby the Municipality will seek proposals from local community organizations to advance strategic goals identified in Port Hope’s Strategic Plan;...”

[Resolution 131-2025](#)

- **No special meeting**
- **Include in Budget:**
 - Opportunities for Foundational Funding Recipients
(Capitol Theatre, Critical Mass, Float your Fanny Down the Ganny)
 - Funding for proposal opportunities aligned to strategic initiatives

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Strategic Community Initiatives - \$145K



**Critical
Mass**

**CAPITOL
THEATRE**
Port Hope

\$ 100,000

**Innovation
Event**

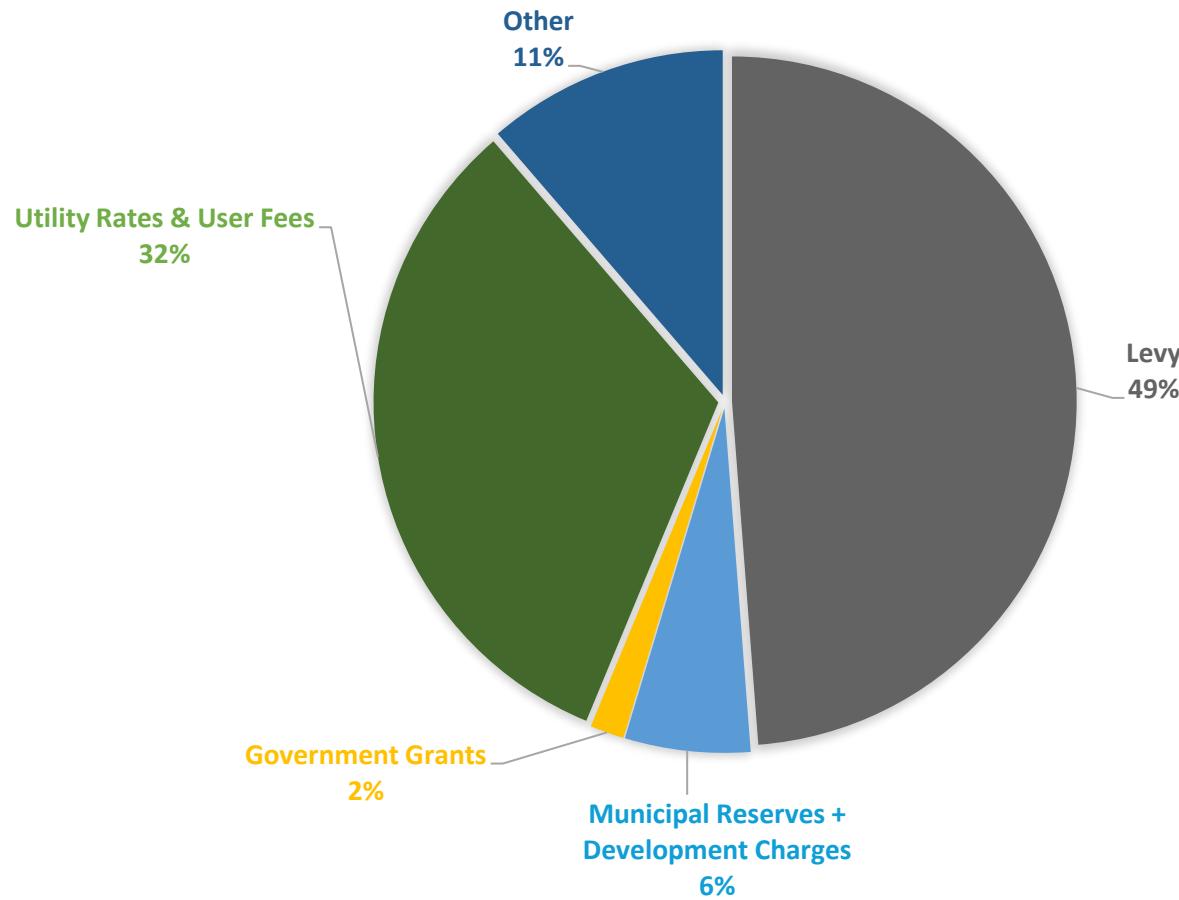
**Seeking
Sponsor**

**To Be
Awarded**

\$ 45,000

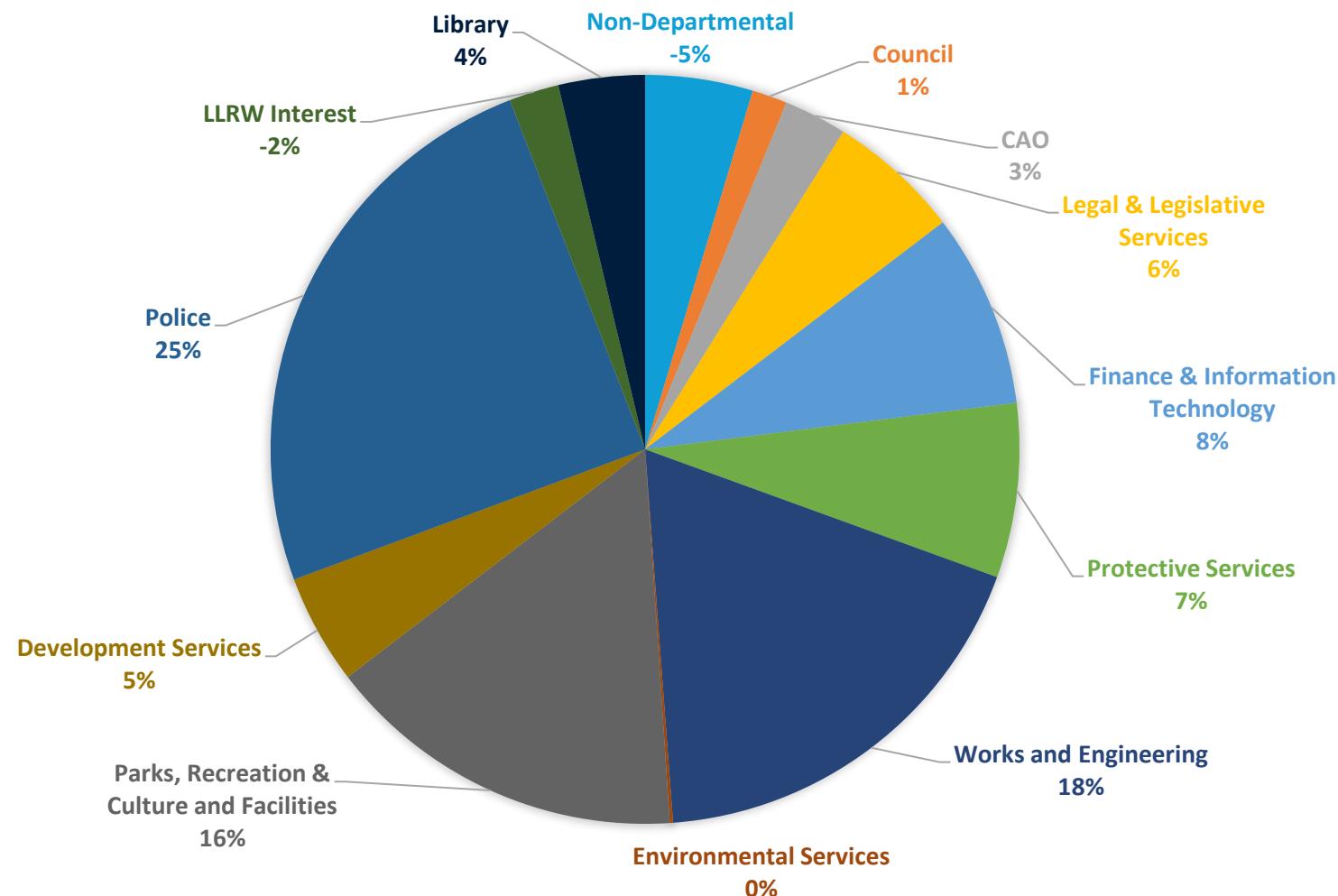
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Operating - By Funding Source



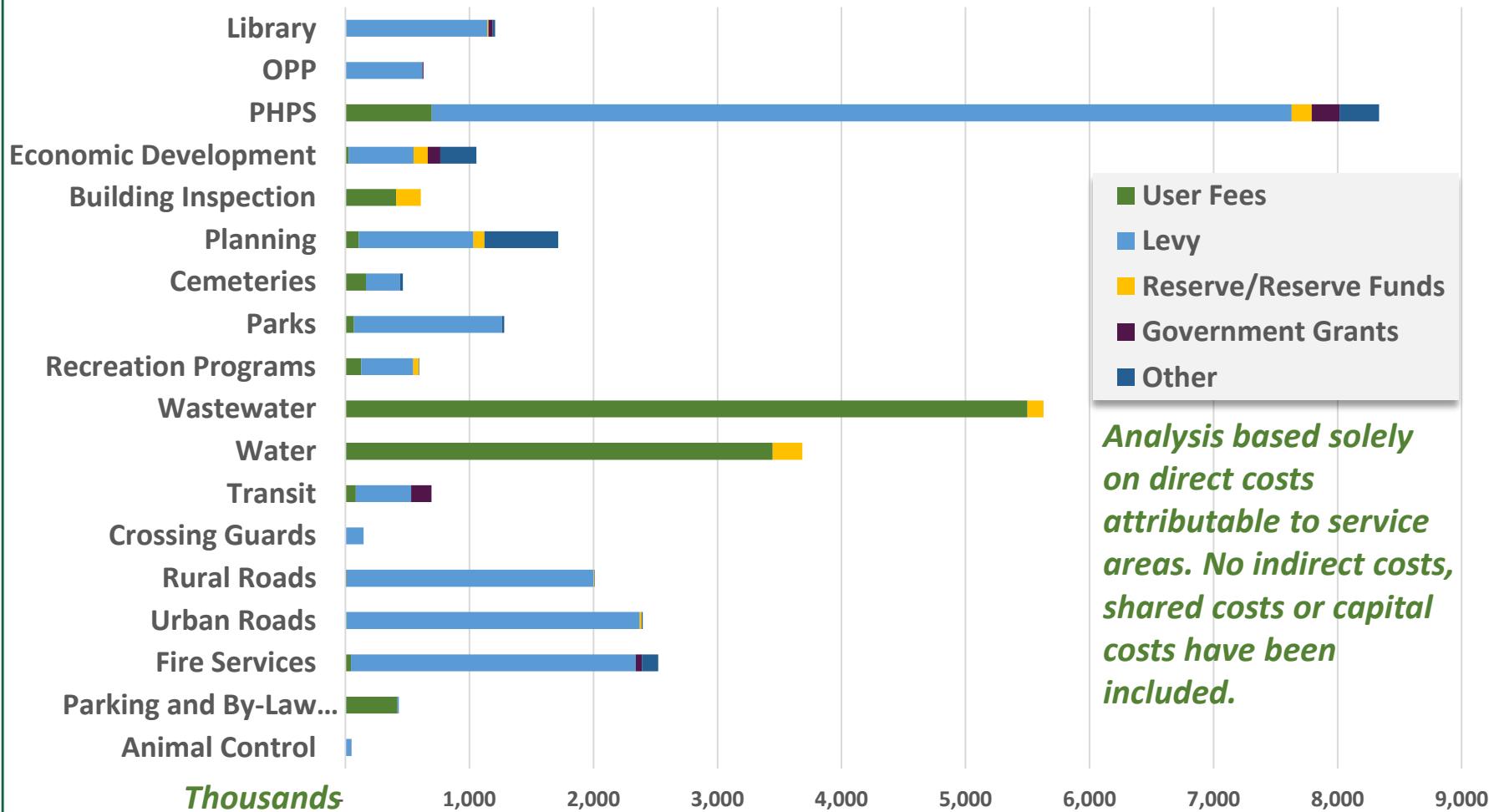
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Operating– Levy Impacted Expenses



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Funding Breakdown by Service

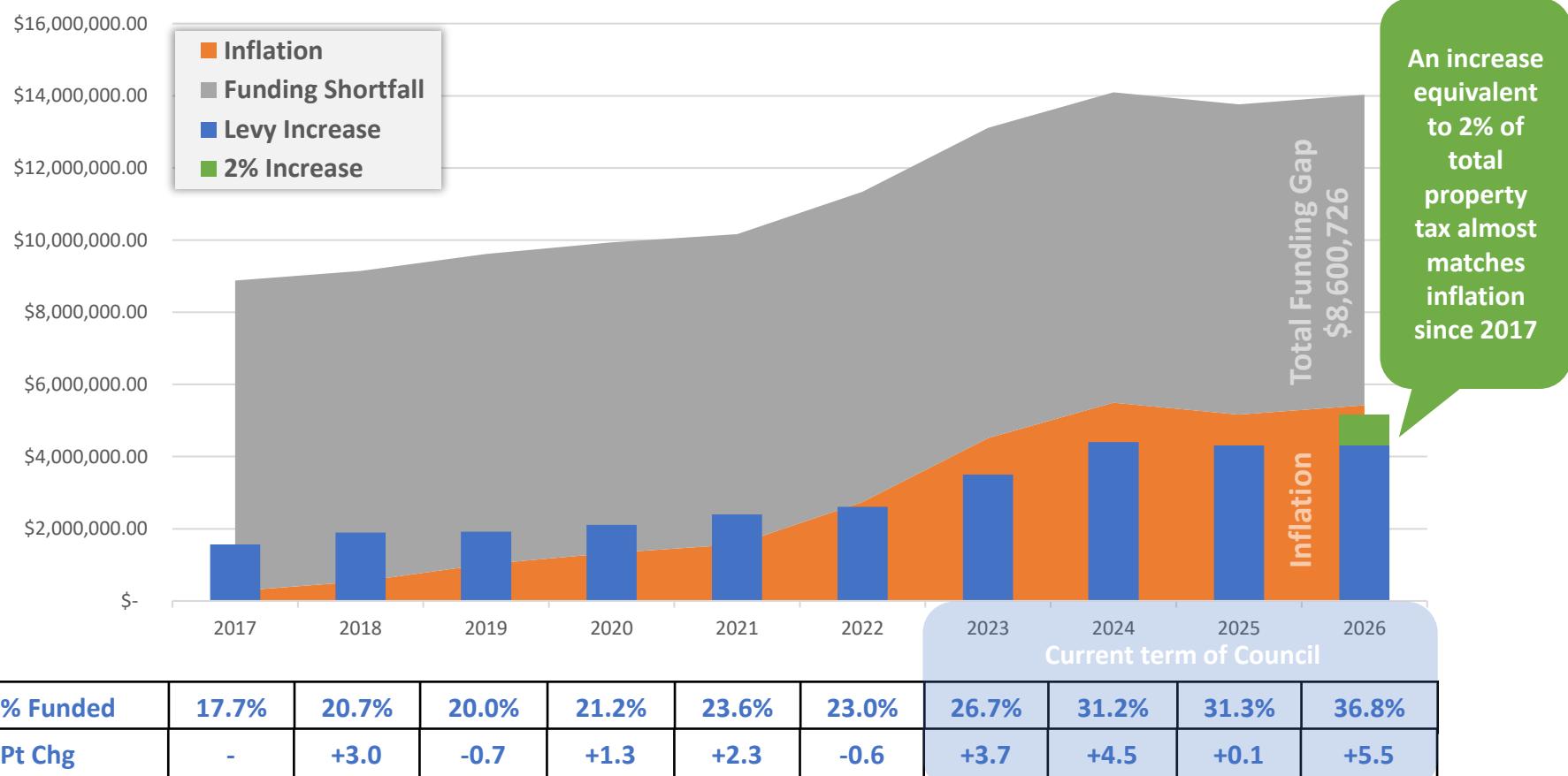


2026 Budget Capital



Infrastructure Funding

Funding Gap with Recommended Financial Strategy



A 2% increase would improve the Municipality's funded % by +5.5% to 36.8% without an increase to capital the funded % will decrease by -0.6% to 30.7%.

Infrastructure Funding

Financial Strategy – Impact of ~2% Annual Increase

Project	Expenditure
Ridout St Asphalt Repair	\$ 70,000
Parks 1 Ton Truck w/ Dump Box	\$ 95,000
Snowplow Cameras	\$ 13,300
Rural Roads Office Space	\$ 275,000
Woodland Ave Street Light Refurbishment	\$ 55,000
Grass Mowers	\$ 120,000
Welcome Park Development Tennis Court	\$ 75,000
Fire Station 2 (Phase 1)	\$ 185,000
Total Value	\$ 888,300

Increasing Capital Expenditure will enable the above projects to be realized in 2026

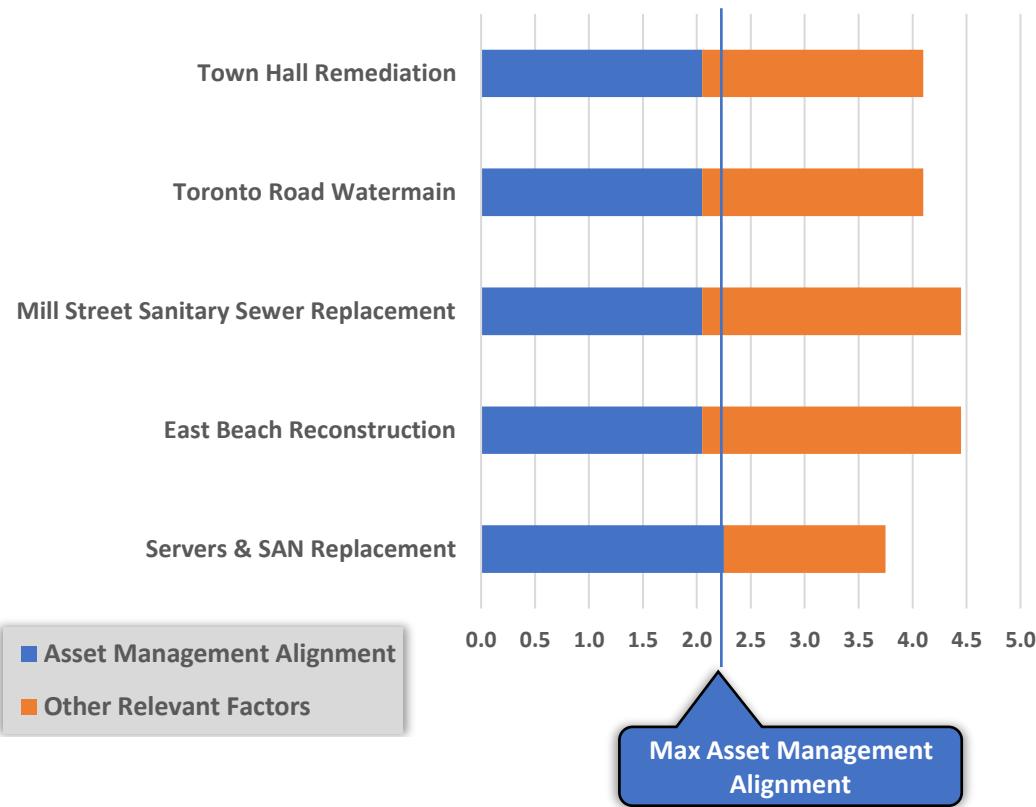
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Capital – Alignment with Asset Management

Example of Top 5 Asset Management Aligned Projects

DECISION CRITERIA

- Asset Condition & Risk
- Service Level Impact
- Legislative Compliance
- Public and Staff Safety
- Strategic Alignment
- Funding Availability
- Economic Impact
- Growth/Development
- Community Benefit



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Capital – Carryforwards

Categorization	Count	Remaining Expense
External Dependency	15	\$ 2,650,411
MPH Dependency	12	\$ 1,860,370
Future Project Dependency	7	\$ 391,384
Phased Project	3	\$ 2,905,886
Project Design	2	\$ 154,897
Water Tower	1	\$ 11,579,701
Total	40	\$ 19,542,649

Above is a breakdown of the status of all Capital Carry Forward projects. The majority of these projects are dependent on external factors or have future project dependencies.

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Capital - Preapprovals

Project	Department	Amount
Refrigeration Plant*	Parks, Recreation & Culture	\$ 550,000
Rural Roads Office	Works & Engineering	\$ 275,000
Total		\$ 825,000

****Chiller, Cooling Tower and Panel. 44+ week lead time. Rink operations hinge on these assets. Cost includes labour + inflation.***

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Capital - MPH Projects - Strategic Plan

Description	Project Cost	Levy Funding	Utilities Funding	Other Funding	Impact on Annual Requirement
Website Upgrade	125,000	125,000	-	-	2,940
Toronto Road Watermain	2,200,000	-	1,237,728	962,272	22,029
Victoria St. Reconstruction	3,400,000	36,189	934,563	2,429,248	10,796
Marsh Street Storm Water Improvements	750,000	50,000	-	700,000	11,700
East Beach Reconstruction	2,500,000	-	-	2,500,000	
Optimist Park Remediation	2,500,000	-	-	2,500,000	
Town Hall Remediation	3,000,000	-	175,000	2,825,000	
Rapley Park Basketball/Multisport Pad	187,200	-	-	187,200	-
PHFES 192 Mini Pump Replacement	600,000	415,000	-	185,000	-
PHFES 193 Mini Pump Replacement	600,000	415,000	-	185,000	-
Fire Station 1 - Roof Repair	90,000	60,000	-	30,000	
Fire Station 2	185,000	185,000	-	-	-
Snowplow Cameras	13,300	13,300	-	-	6,076
Rural Roads Office Space (Additional Funding)	275,000	275,000	-	-	3,324
Henderson Street Urbanization - Additional Funding	55,200	-	-	55,200	-
15	16,480,700	1,574,489	2,347,291	12,558,920	56,865

INCLUSIVE

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INNOVATIVE
\$0.1M
PROSPEROUS

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SUSTAINABLE
\$16.3M

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Capital - MPH Projects - General

Description	Project Cost	Levy Funding	Utilities Funding	Other Funding	Impact on Annual Requirement
Hub Heat Pump	7,300	7,300	-	-	-
Town Hall Furnaces	32,000	32,000	-	-	-
81 Mill St Furnace	15,000	15,000	-	-	-
Mill Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement	550,000	-	550,000	-	8,938
Barrett Street Pedestrian Bridge	100,000	100,000	-	-	-
Servers & SAN Replacement	116,000	116,000	-	-	11,368
Core Switch & Wireless Replacement	57,000	57,000	-	-	5,586
Main Heat Pump - Library	15,000	-	-	15,000	-
TPRC Generator	360,000	360,000	-	-	9,310
Refrigeration Plant	550,000	550,000	-	-	-
Welcome Park Development Tennis Courts	75,000	75,000	-	-	-
Grass Mowers	120,000	120,000	-	-	11,760
Parks 1 Ton Truck with Dump Box	95,000	95,000	-	-	1,451
Cemetery Dump Box Insert	12,000	12,000	-	-	-
Slide-in-Sander (Urban)	13,000	13,000	-	-	-
Municipal Tractor Replacement	225,000	225,000	-	-	-
Poletran Replacements	210,000	210,000	-	-	-
Slide-In-Sander (Rural)	13,000	13,000	-	-	910
East Townline Road Culvert Replacement	300,000	300,000	-	-	-
Rural Roads Resurfacing	700,000	700,000	-	-	-
Ridout St Asphalt Repair	70,000	70,000	-	-	-
Woodland Ave Street Light Refurbishment	55,000	55,000	-	-	-
Rolls Transit Vehicle Replacement	200,000	-	-	200,000	12,368
Transit Buses - Tariff Impact	30,000	-	-	30,000	-
24	3,975,500	3,125,300	550,000	300,200	61,690

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Capital - Utilities Projects

Description	Project Cost	Levy Funding	Utilities Funding	Other Funding	Impact on Annual Requirement
Victoria St. Booster Station Building Upgrades	90,000	-	90,000	-	1,170
Fire Panel Replacement	175,000	-	175,000	-	
Chemical System Improvements	550,000	-	550,000	-	
Train 3 Membrane Replacement	520,000	-	520,000	-	
Wastewater Garage	950,000	-	950,000	-	20,400
Water Treatment Plant Smoke Detectors	19,000	-	19,000	-	
Wastewater Tube/Circular Shoring	9,000	-	9,000	-	
Water Tube/Circular Shoring	9,000	-	9,000	-	
8	2,322,000	-	2,322,000	-	21,570

INCLUSIVE

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INNOVATIVE

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PROSPEROUS

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SUSTAINABLE
\$0.1M
GENERAL
\$2.2M

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Capital - Police Projects

Description	Project Cost	Levy Funding	Utilities Funding	Other Funding	Impact on Annual Requirement
Police Website	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
Police In-Car Cameras	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
New Police Cruiser	90,000	-	-	90,000	-
Police Rooftop HVAC Carrier	15,000	-	-	15,000	-
New Furniture	18,000	-	-	18,000	-
Upgrade Furniture	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	218,000	-	-	218,000	-

Not included is the Capital contingency of \$100K from Council Presented Budget

- Inconsistent with municipal practice
- Creates administrative challenges
- Additional funding can be requested if needed

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Capital – Summary

Project Status/Category	Year	# of Projects	Remaining Budget
Carried Forward Projects		40	\$19,542,649
2026 Initiated Projects Proposed – Strategic Plan	2026	10	\$9,705,500
2026 Initiated Projects Proposed – General	2026	35	\$6,040,300
Additional in 2026 for Existing Project – Strategic Plan	2026	6*	\$6,865,200
Additional in 2026 for Existing Projects - General	2026	2*	\$330,000
Total Proposed Projects	2026	45	\$22,941,000
<i>*Included in “Carried Forward Projects” count</i>			
Total Active Projects		85	\$42,483,649

INCLUSIVE

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INNOVATIVE
\$0.1M
PROSPEROUS

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SUSTAINABLE
\$16.4M
GENERAL
\$6.4M

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Capital – Future Items for Consideration

Zone 1 Elevated Tank

Pending confirmation from external funding sources

- Dorset Standpipe is at end of life and failure could result in water loss to portion of town
- To be replaced with new Elevated tank at a new location
- Supports substantial growth and entices infill development in urban boundary

Walton St. Water Main & Bridge

Exploring replacement options which range from \$50K - \$2 million

- Possible watermain options:
 - reconnect as is
 - re-line watermain and reconnect, replace watermain in entirety
 - abandon watermain and leave as 2 dead-ends
 - install new small diameter heat traced watermain under bridge to maintain water quality
 - Leave disconnected if water model shows no requirement

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Capital – Future Items for Consideration (cont'd)

GRCA Dam

Pending confirmation from internal and external sources

- GRCA is looking to secure funding from MPH to repair failed dam in Garden Hill
- MPH and GRCA will be working together to determine ownership and condition of dams within the Municipality
 - Dam is located on County Rd 9

Repair

Initial Cost Estimate – Year 1

\$125,000 - \$150,000

(Split with County)

50% Ask of Council = \$37,500

Decommissioning

Initial Cost Estimate – Year 1

\$125,000 - \$150,000

50% Ask of Council = \$75,000

Initial Cost Estimate – Year 2

\$500,000 - \$600,000

50% Ask of Council = \$300,000

Initial Cost Estimate – Year 2

\$400,000 - \$500,000

50% Ask of Council = \$250,000

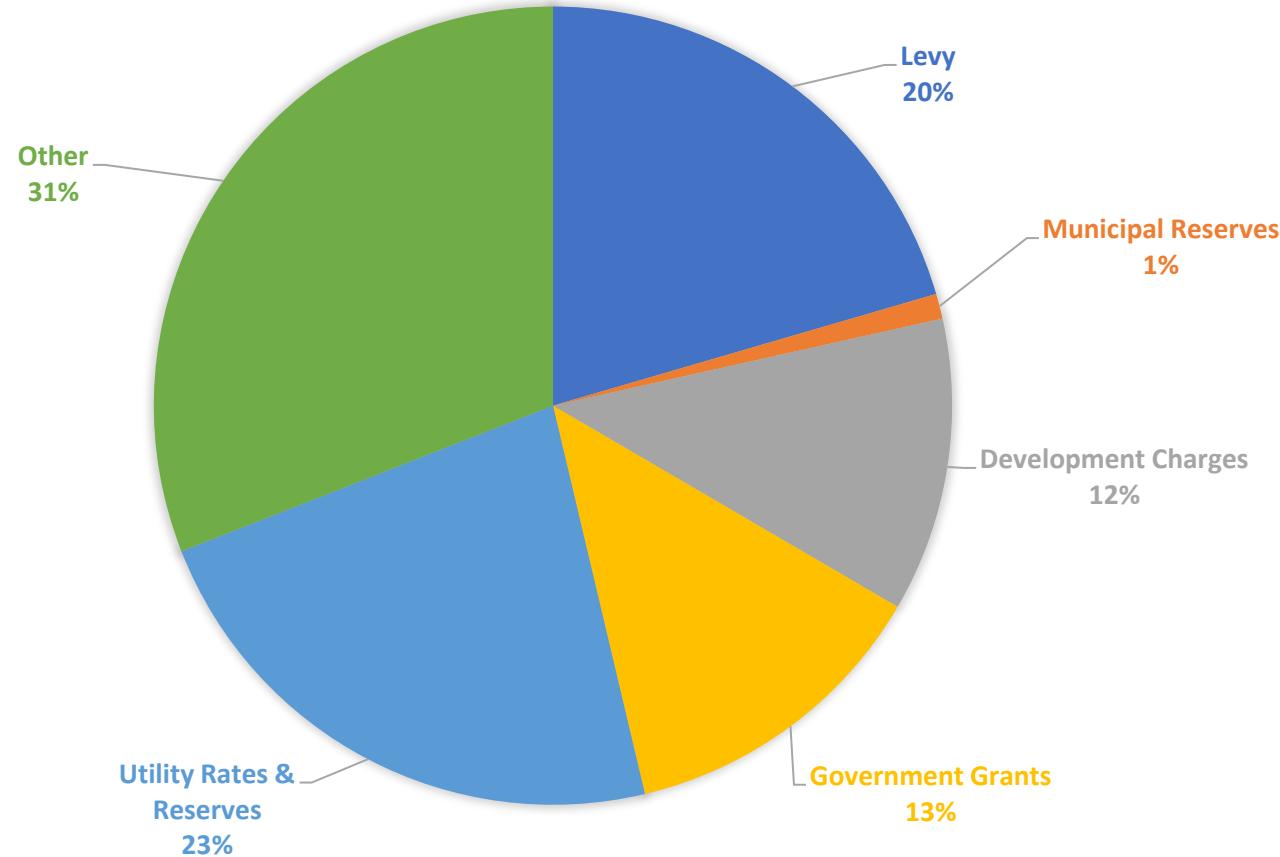
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Capital – Deferred Items

Description	Project Cost	Levy Funding	Utilities Funding	Other Funding	Impact on Annual Requirement
Firewall Replacement	70,000	50,000	20,000	-	6,860
Memorial Park Playground	300,000	300,000	-	-	-
Memorial Park - Elias Street Pedestrian Improvements	300,000	300,000	-	-	4,800
Roseveer Blvd Pulverize and Pave	150,000	150,000	-	-	-
Wheel Loader Replacement	385,000	385,000	-	-	-
Lakeshore Road Resurfacing	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	-
Toronto Road Mill and Pave	250,000	-	-	250,000	-
A/V Upgrades Canton Hub Committee Room	125,000	103,886	-	21,114	-
Urban Roads Supervisor Truck Replacement	80,000	80,000	-	-	-
Mini Excavator	230,000	230,000	-	-	8,932
Hub Exterior Repair	45,000	45,000	-	-	-
Little Creek Trail Development/Assessment	50,000	50,000	-	-	-
Rural Park Playground- Hub	150,000	150,000	-	-	-
Lions Revitalization	200,000	200,000	-	-	-
Caroline Street Rink Boards	75,000	75,000	-	-	-
15	4,410,000	4,118,886	20,000	271,114	20,592

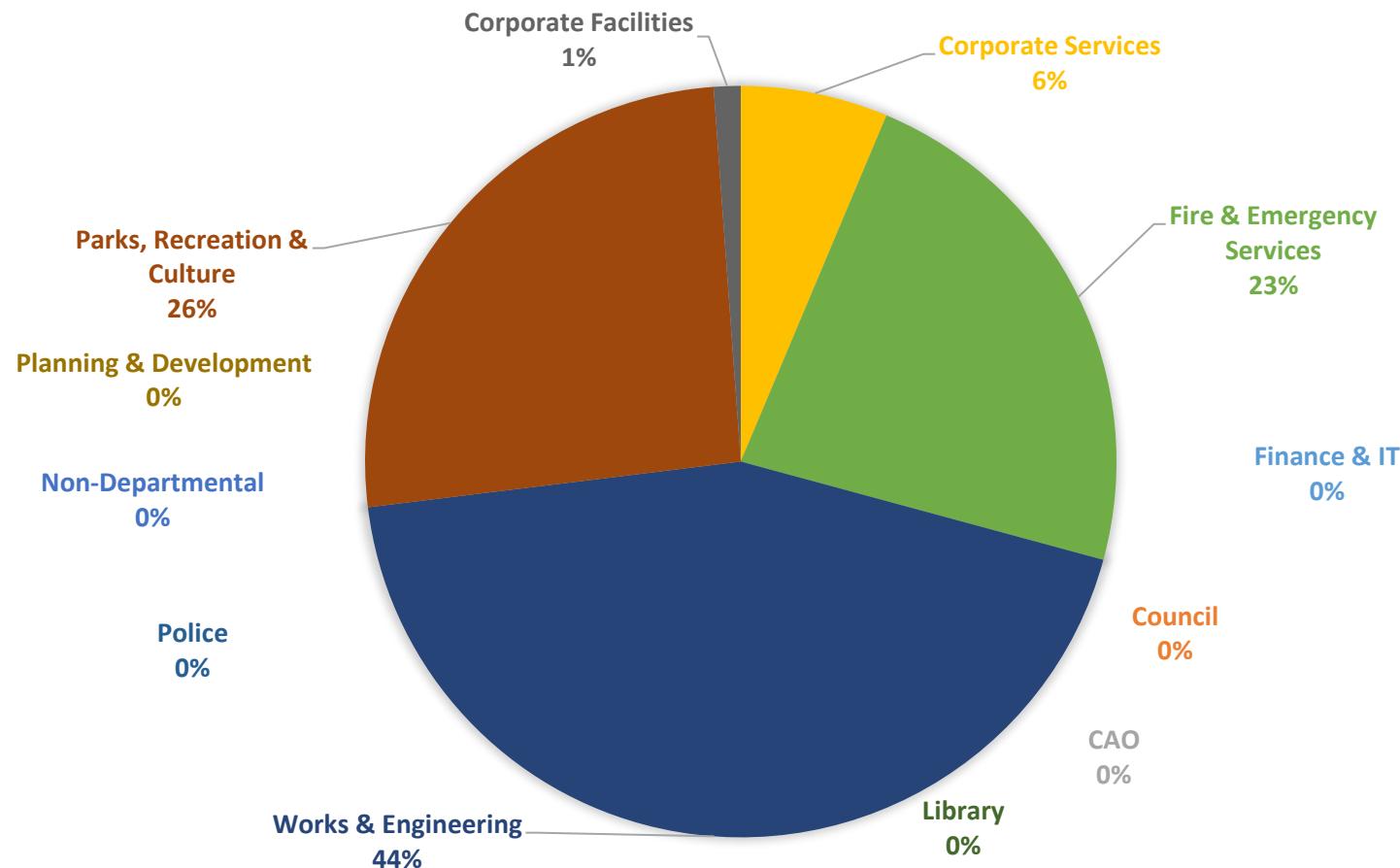
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Capital - By Funding Source



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Capital – Levy Impacted Expenses



2026 Budget Summary



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	2025 Total Budget	2026 Total Budget	2026 vs 2025 Budget Incr./(Decr.)
Non-Departmental	(477,575)	(1,416,233)	(938,658)
Infrastructure Levy	3,811,116	4,700,000	888,884
Council	387,847	462,139	74,292
CAO	727,971	830,074	102,103
Legal & Legislative Services	1,451,110	1,754,458	303,348
Finance & Information Technology	2,310,323	2,555,742	245,419
Protective Services	2,129,929	2,296,420	166,491
Works & Engineering	5,307,805	5,570,282	262,477
Environmental Services	62,179	42,515	(19,664)
Parks, Recreation & Culture	3,684,533	4,216,710	532,177
Corporate Facilities	483,055	556,641	73,586
Development Services	1,483,314	1,448,557	(34,757)
Total General Municipal Levy Requirement	21,361,607	23,017,305	1,655,698
Police	7,163,445	7,554,487	391,042
Less: LLRW Interest Applied to Special Service	-	(657,000)	(657,000)
Library	1,065,026	1,136,330	71,304
Total External Boards Levy Requirement	8,228,471	8,033,817	(194,654)
Total Municipal Levy Requirement	\$ 29,590,078	\$ 31,051,122	\$ 1,461,044

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Changes – LLRW Funds Interest Application

- Continuing to use LLRW Funds interest to reduce property taxes on an area specific basis
- Method Changing:
 - Only special services can be allocated on an area specific basis for property taxes
 - Applying LLRW Funds interest to Police Services, which are established as special services, to impact urban and rural areas separately
 - Requires inclusion in budget (not after)
 - Timing change requires including LLRW Funds interest amount before actuals known
- Budgeted amounts estimated to be same as last year (80% of net earnings per direction)

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Changes – Payments in Lieu of Taxes

- Continue to reduce the amount paid for property taxes from other taxpayers
- Method Changing:
 - Most were previously included directly in budget as a general revenue
 - Moved all that can be out of the budget and into the tax base
 - Payments in lieu of taxes that are calculated on a linear basis instead of property assessment remain in the budget as cannot be calculated using regular tax rates (example: railway lines)

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Common and Special Services

Combined Operating and Capital Budget Amounts

		Urban	Rural	Total
Weighted Assessment %		71.9%	28.1%	
COMMON SERVICES	\$ 17,135,240	\$ 6,686,286		\$ 23,821,526
SPECIAL SERVICES				
Police Service (PHPS/OPP)	\$ 6,817,913	\$ 620,627	\$ 7,438,540	
LLRW funds to reduce Police Services	\$ (321,000)	\$ (336,000)	\$ (657,000)	
Transit	\$ 445,056		\$ 445,056	
Christmas Tree Pickup	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000	
Total Special Services	\$ 6,944,969	\$ 284,627	\$ 7,229,596	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 24,080,209	\$ 6,970,913	\$ 31,051,122	

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Estimated Impact to Residential Taxpayer

	AVERAGE
COMMON SERVICES	2,511
SPECIAL SERVICES	
Police Service (PHPS/OPP)	784
LLRW funds to reduce Police Services	(69)
Transit	47
Christmas Tree Pickup	0
Total Special Services	762
TOTAL MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX	3,273
Increase Compared to Prior Year	176

Based on a typical single detached residential home value as determined by MPAC of \$272,000 as of 2016 (the latest Province wide property assessment)

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Estimated Impact to Taxpayer

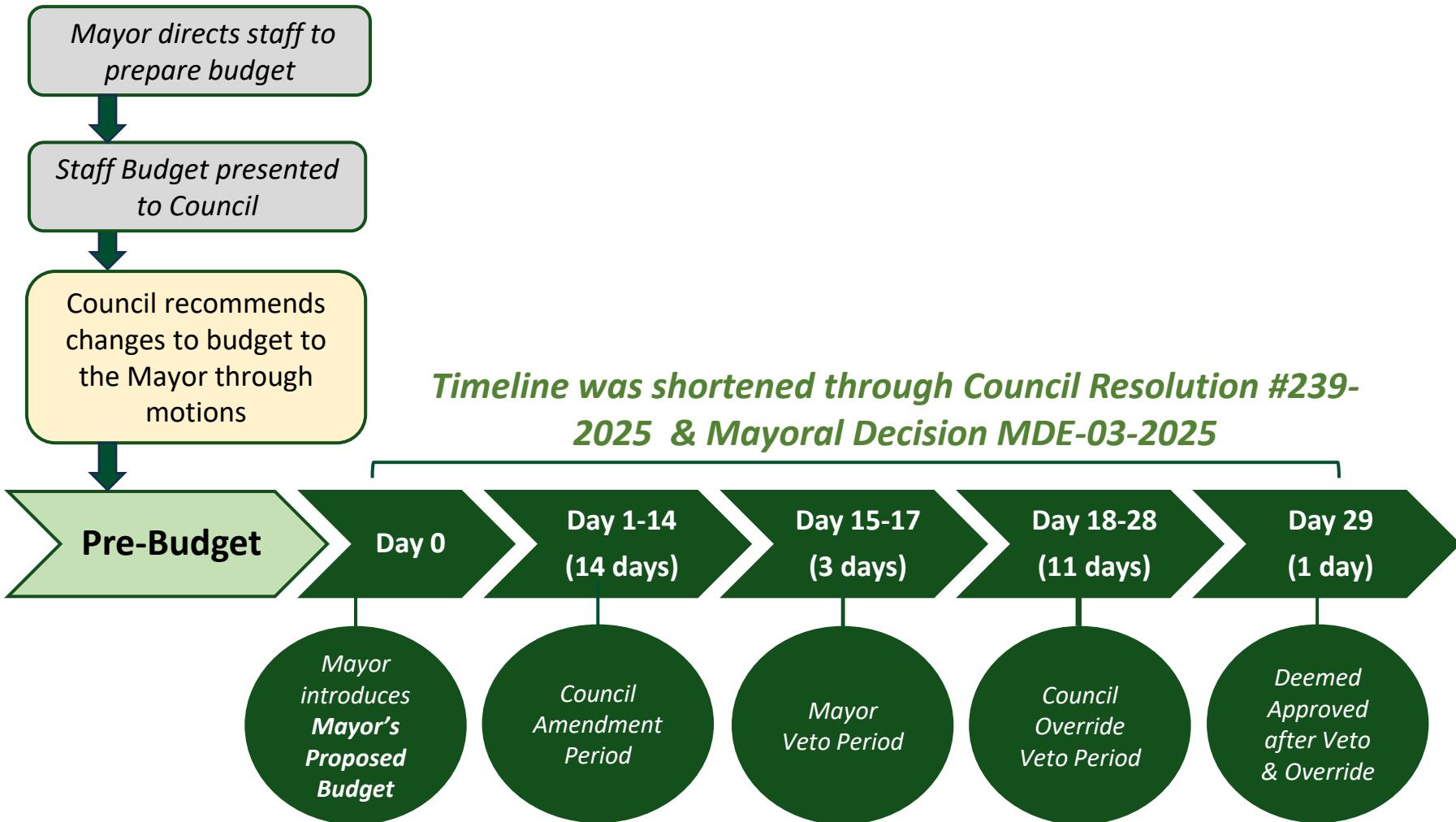
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
Municipal Increase only	\$176	\$15	\$3
Municipal Portion of Total Property Tax Bill	\$3,273	\$273	\$63

Based on a typical single detached residential home value as determined by MPAC of \$272,000 as of 2016 (the latest Province wide property assessment)

Next Steps



2026 Budget Timeline



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Date	Milestone
January 13 th Special Meeting	Staff Proposed Budget Presentation (Meeting)
January 15 th Special Meeting	Staff Proposed Budget Review of Proposed Recommendations by Council (Meeting)
January 20 th	Mayor's Proposed Budget Published on Website
January 28th (8 days)	Council Proposed Amendments Submission Period For Inclusion in February 3 rd COW Agenda posted on January 29 th
February 3rd Special Meeting	Mayor's Proposed Budget Vote on Council Proposed Amendments (Meeting)
February 6 th (3 days)	Mayor's Veto Period
February 11 th (5 days)	Council Override Request Period For Inclusion in February 17 th Council Agenda posted on February 12 th
February 17 th	Mayor's Proposed Budget Vote on Council Overrides (Meeting)

ONLY IF REQUIRED

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Council Recommendations to Mayor

Council to submit written motions to Clerk prior to January 15th meeting for Mayor's consideration.

Motion Example

"That Council recommend that the Mayor include [Project/Program Name or Dollar Value] in the 2026 [Operating/Capital] Budget."

"That Council recommend that the Mayor [decrease/increase] the [Budget Item] by \$XXX in the 2026 Operating/Capital Budget."

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Path from Budget to Tax Rates



MPAC finalizes Property Tax Assessment Roll

County establishes 2026 Tax Ratios

County finalizes 2026 County Tax Rates



Province finalizes 2026 Education Tax Rates

Port Hope (MPH) finalizes 2026 MPH Tax Rates

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