



# 2026 Budget Staff Proposed



# AGENDA



Context



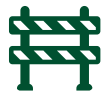
Communications



Comparators



Operating Budget



Capital Budget



Budget Summary



Next Steps

# Context



# 2026 Budget

## 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

# 2026 Budget

## 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

# 2026 Budget

## 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

# 2026 Budget

## 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



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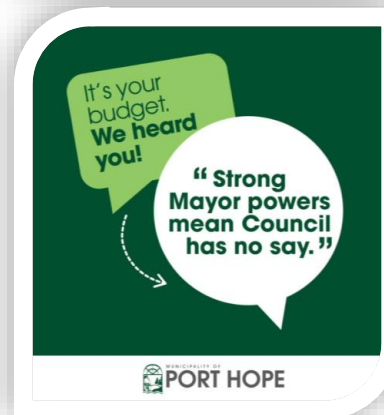
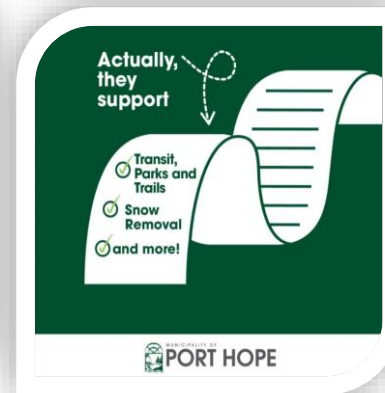
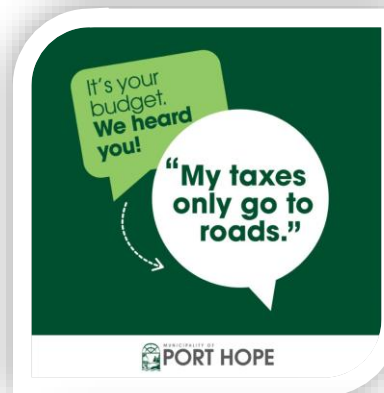
## Communications – Messaging

### 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](https://engage.porthope.ca/2026-budget)



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

[Engage.porthope.ca/2026-budget](https://engage.porthope.ca/2026-budget)



## Mayor's Corner Publication November 27, 2025

[porthope.ca/mayors-corner](https://porthope.ca/mayors-corner)



## Municipal Website News update December 17, 2025

[porthope.ca/news](https://porthope.ca/news)

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## Communications – Post Adoption Plan



Media Release

Council Backgrounder

Website Update - [Porthope.ca/budget](https://porthope.ca/budget)

Website Update - [Engage.porthope.ca/2026-budget](https://engage.porthope.ca/2026-budget)

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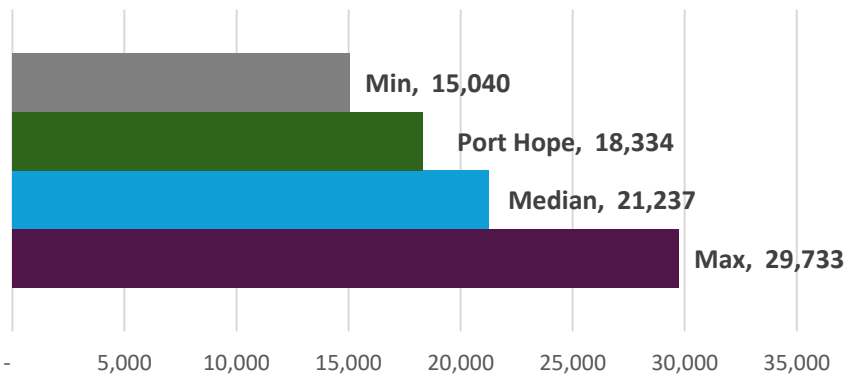
# Comparators (BMA Study)



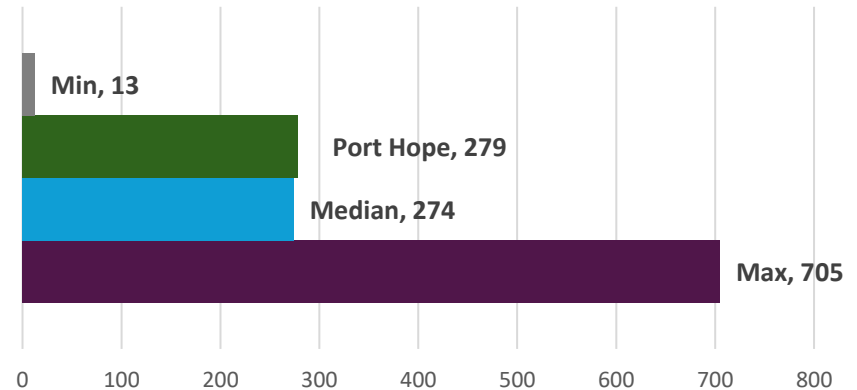
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## Population vs. Density

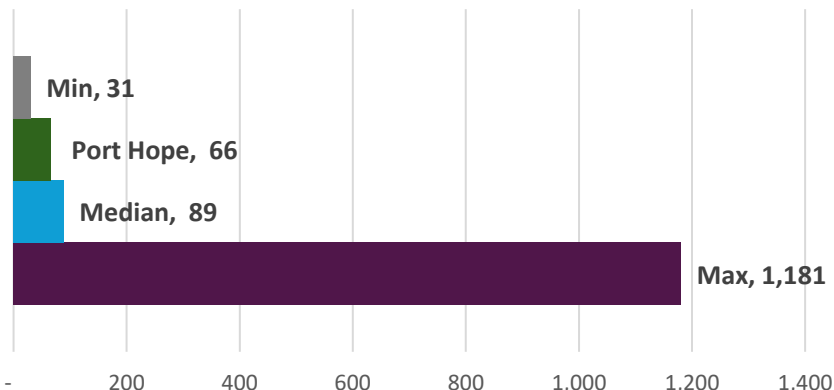
**2024 Population**



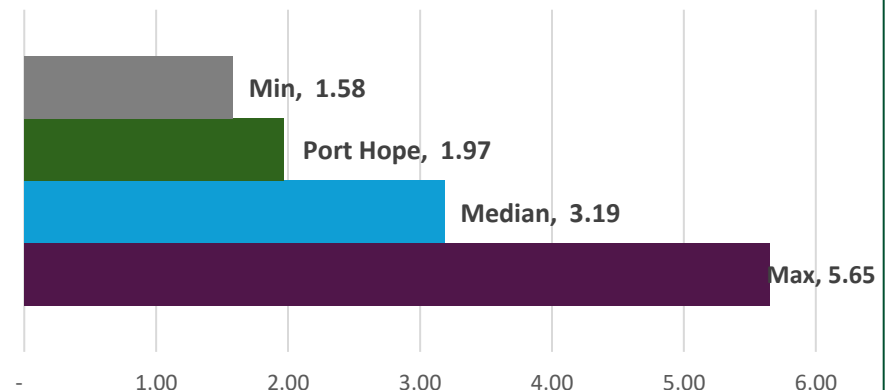
**2024 Land Area (Km<sup>2</sup>)**



**2024 Population Density (per sq. km)**



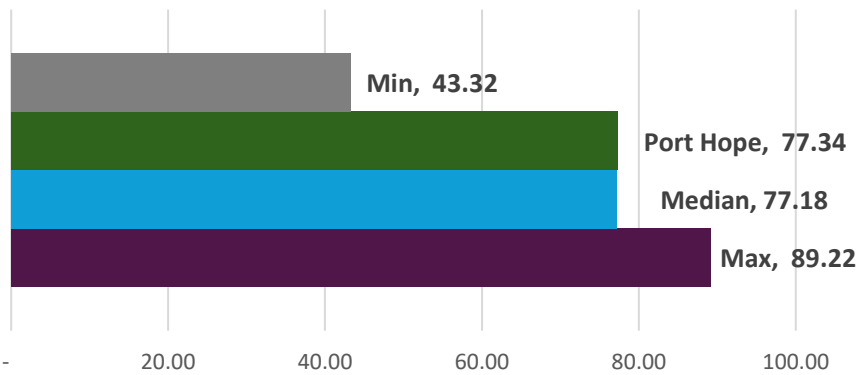
**2021-2024 Annual Population Increase (%)**



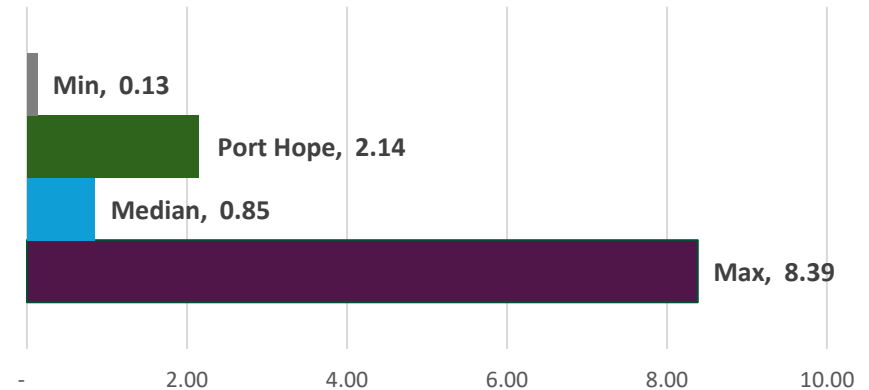
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## Property Assessment Composition

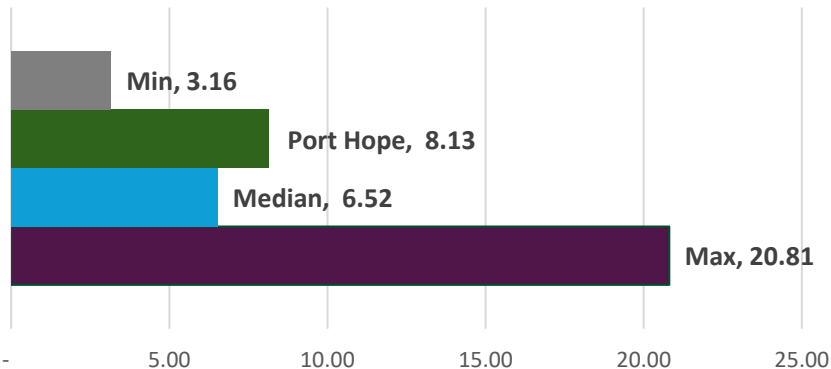
**2024 Residential (%)**



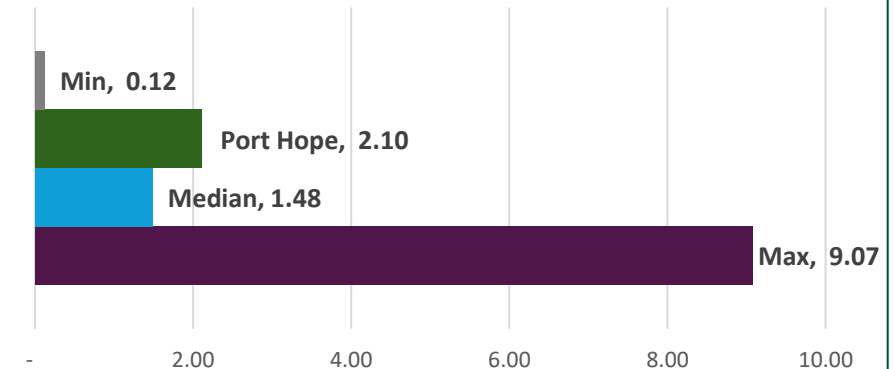
**2024 Multi-Residential (%)**



**2024 Commercial (%)**



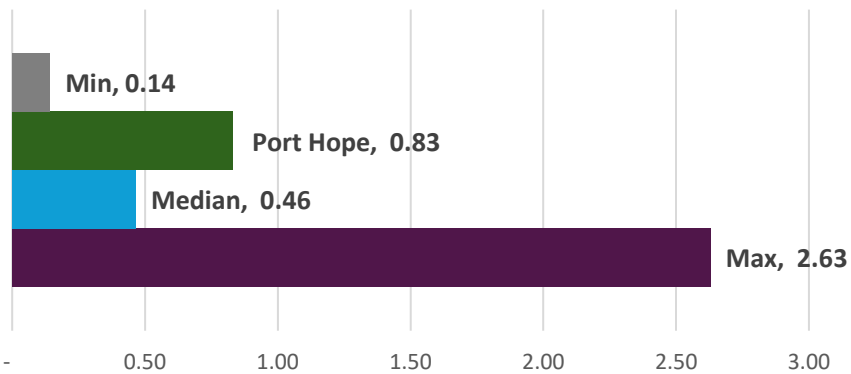
**2024 Industrial (%)**



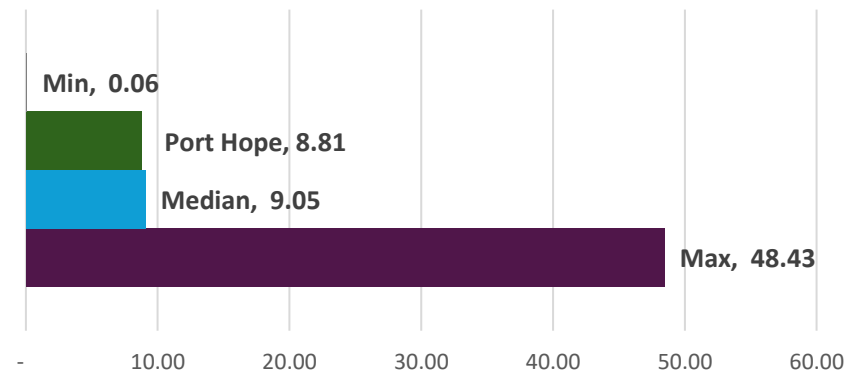
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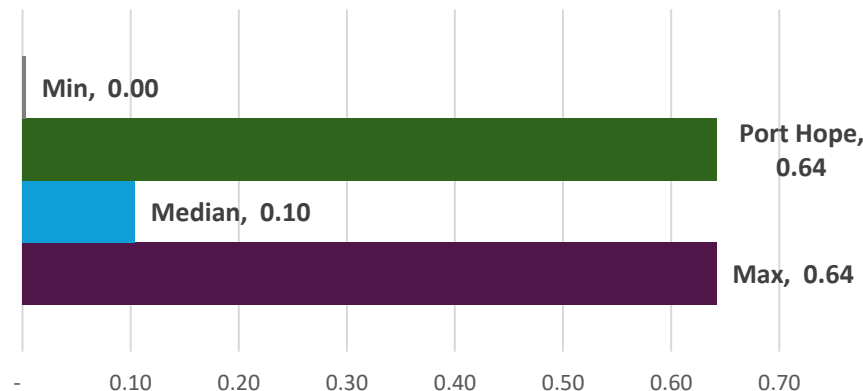
**2024 Pipelines (%)**



**2024 Farmland (%)**



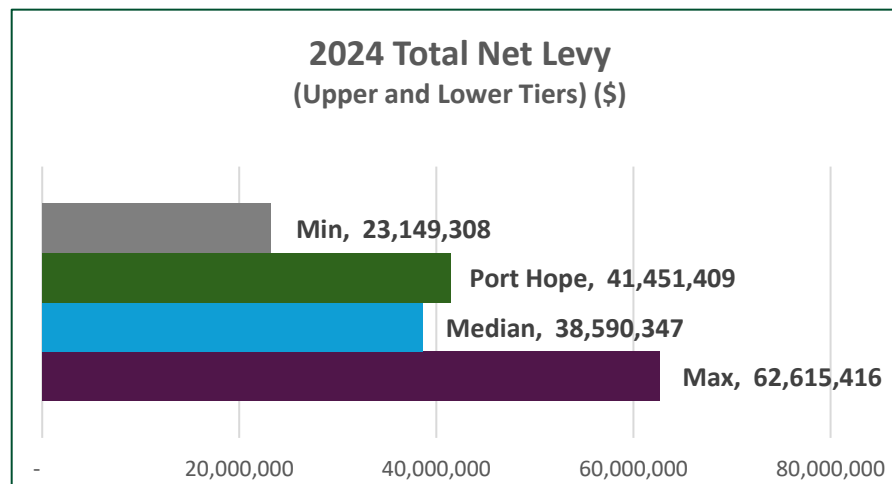
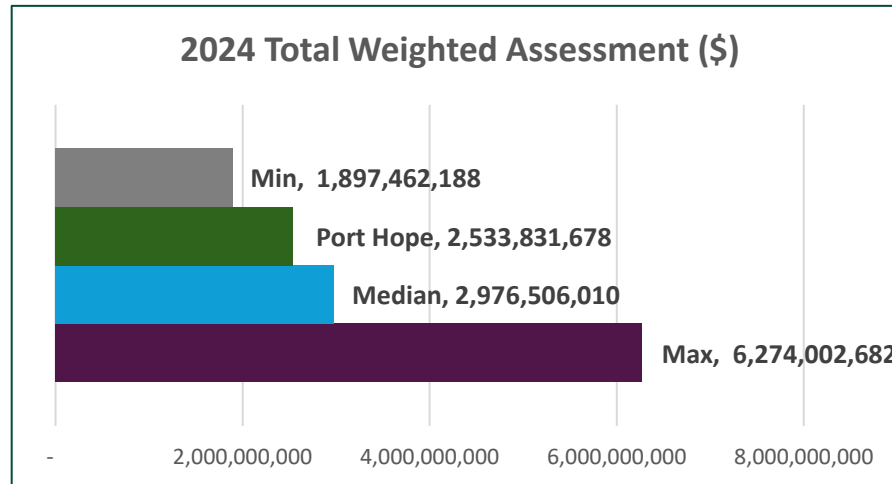
**2024 Forest (%)**





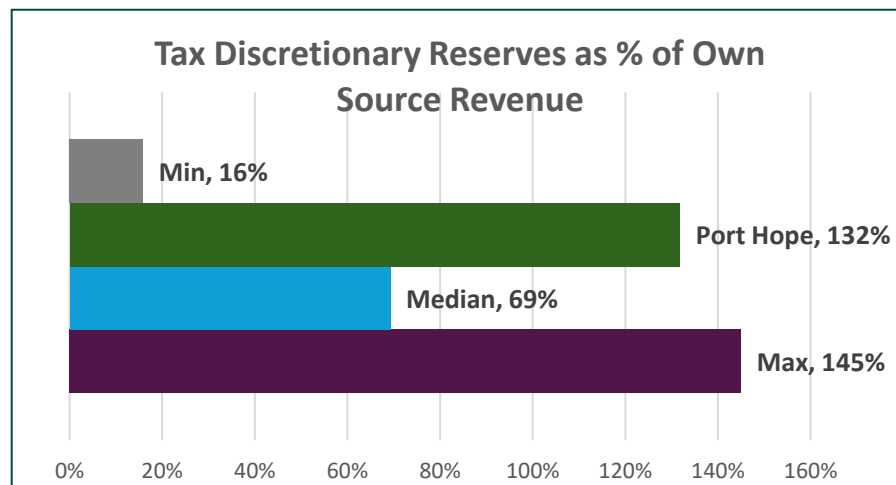
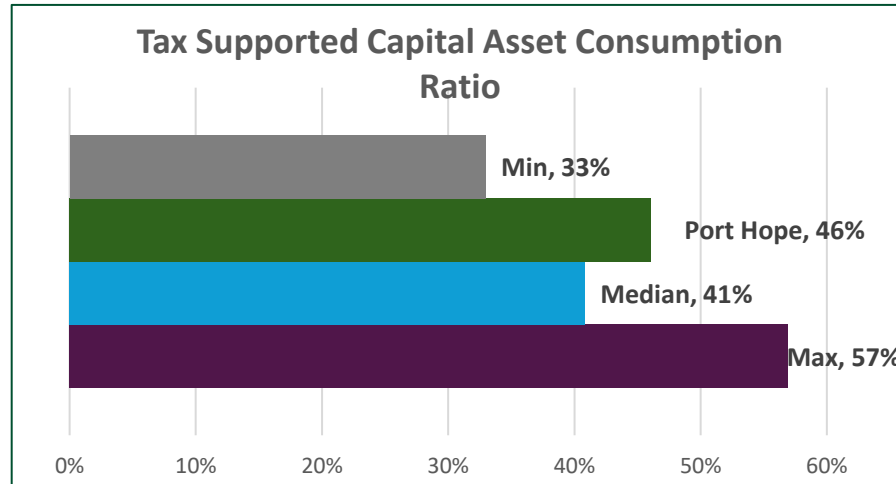
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## Property Assessment + Levy



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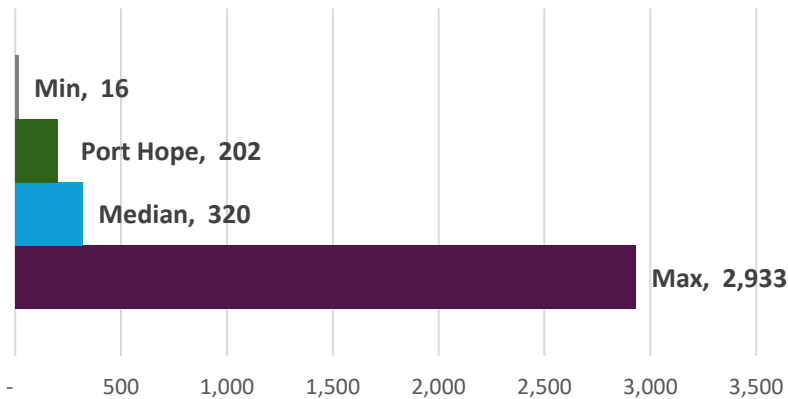
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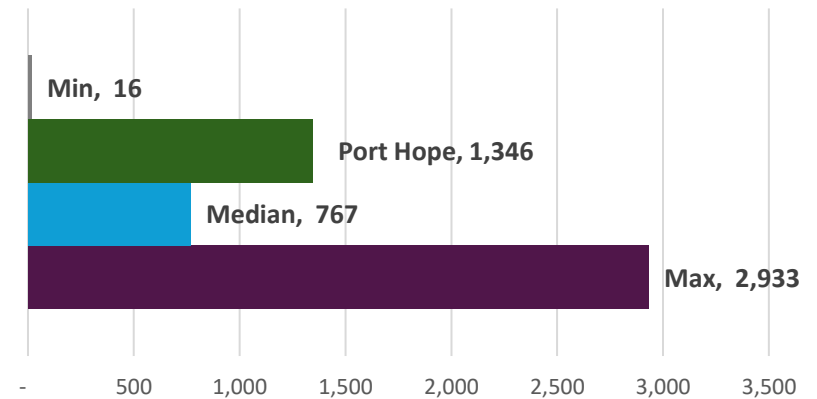
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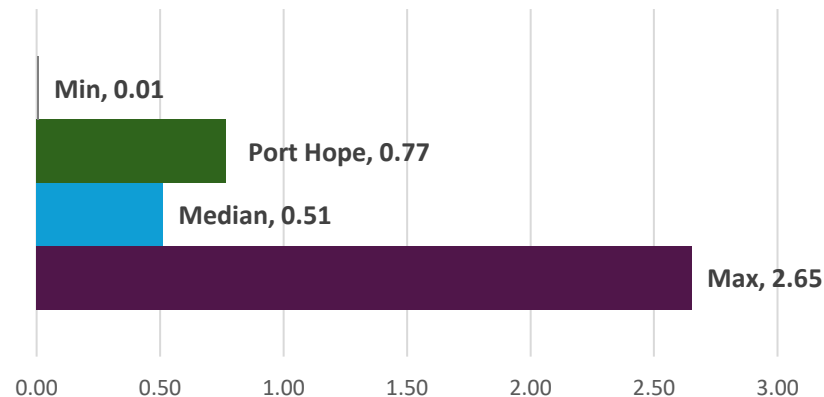
**Tax Debt Outstanding per Capita (\$)**



**Total Debt Outstanding per Capita (\$)**



**Debt to Reserve Ratio**



# 2026 Budget Operating



# 2026 Budget

## 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   |

# 2026 Budget

## 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   |

# 2026 Budget

## 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**
**-**
**INNOVATIVE**
**\$0.1M**
**PROSPEROUS**
**-**
**SUSTAINABLE**
**\$0.2M**
**GENERAL**
**\$0.1M**

# 2026 - Budget

## 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



# 2026 Budget

## 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.

# 2026 Budget

## 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  |

# 2026 Budget

## 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.

# 2026 Budget

## 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**

# 2026 Budget

Strategic Community Initiatives - \$145K



● Critical  
■ Mass



**\$ 100,000**

Innovation  
Event

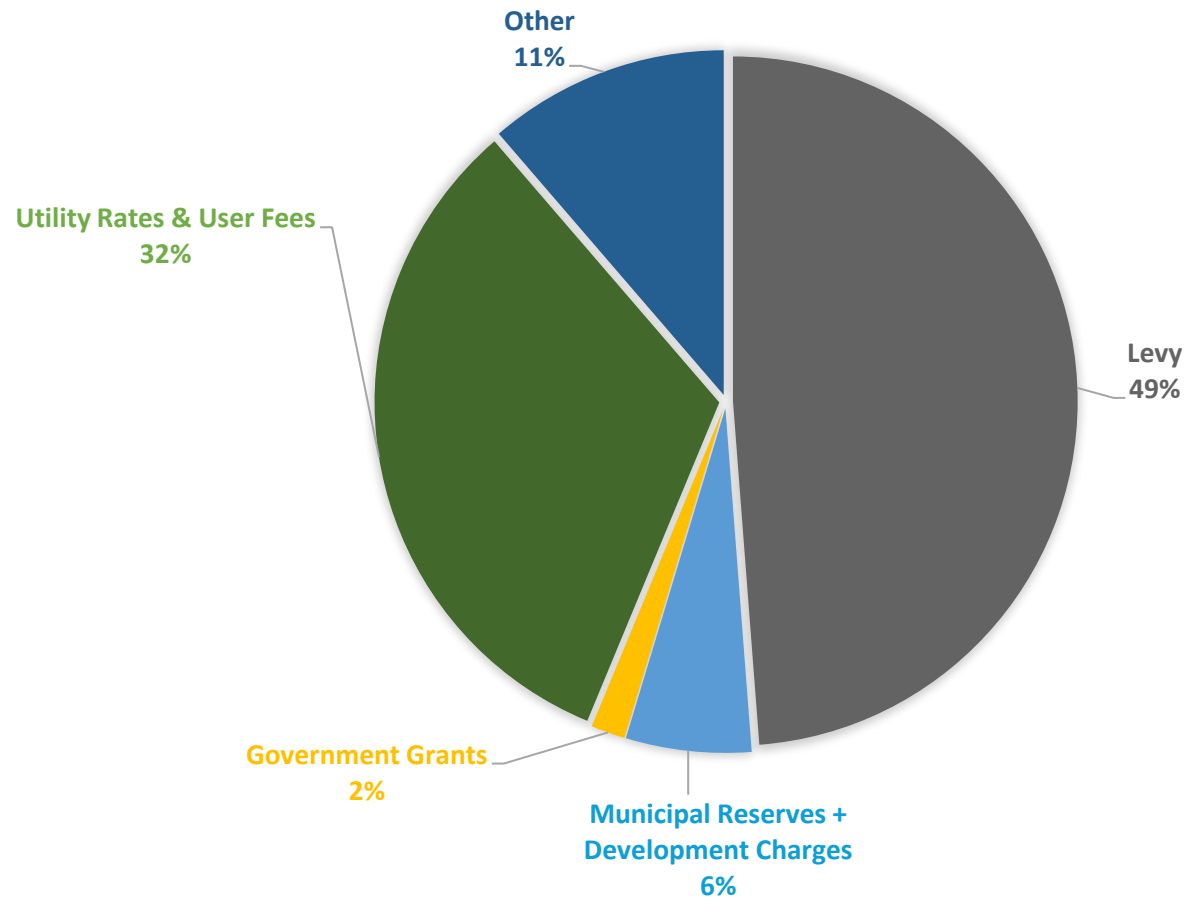
Seeking  
Sponsor

To Be  
Awarded

**\$ 45,000**

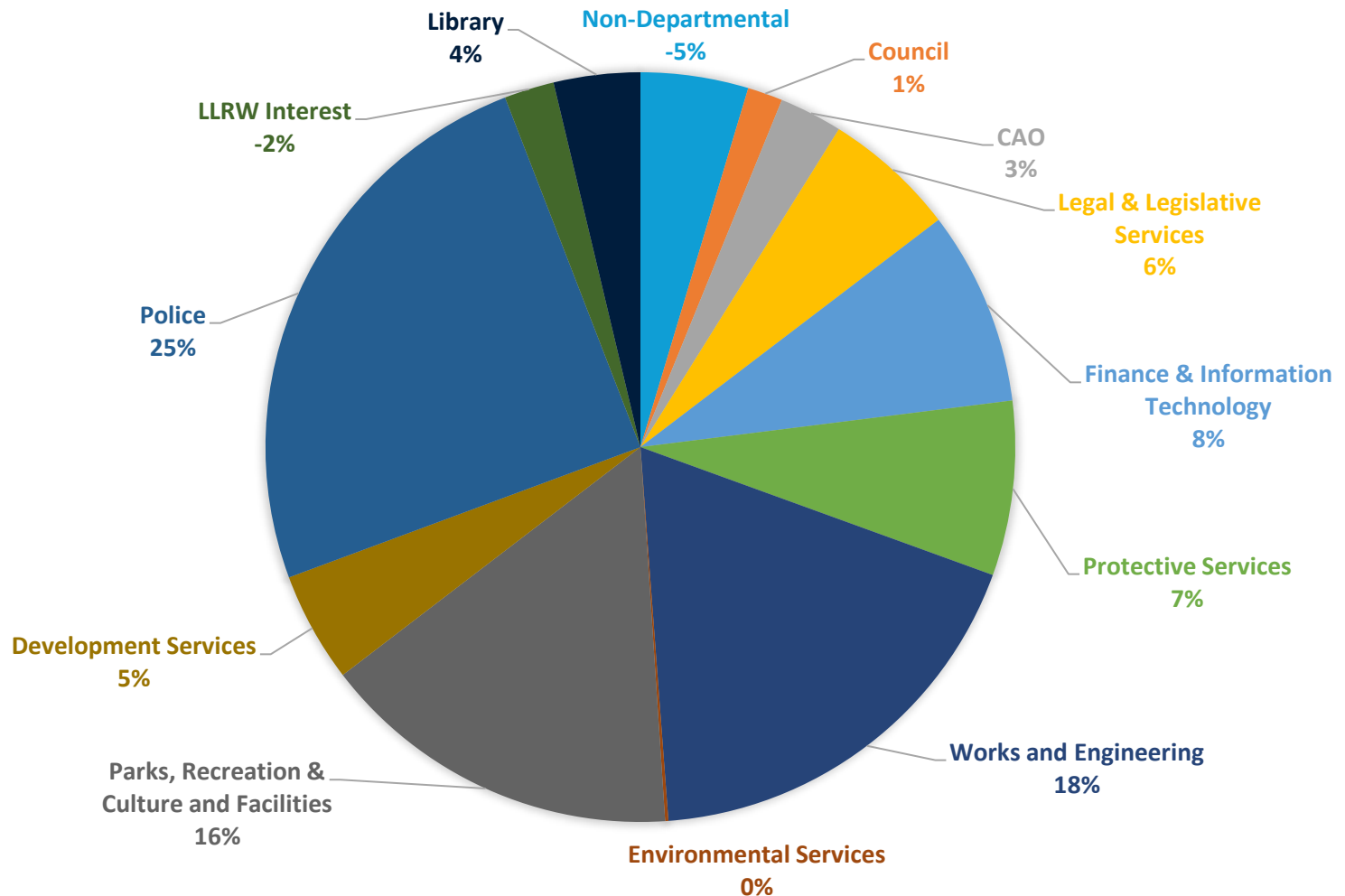
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## Operating - By Funding Source



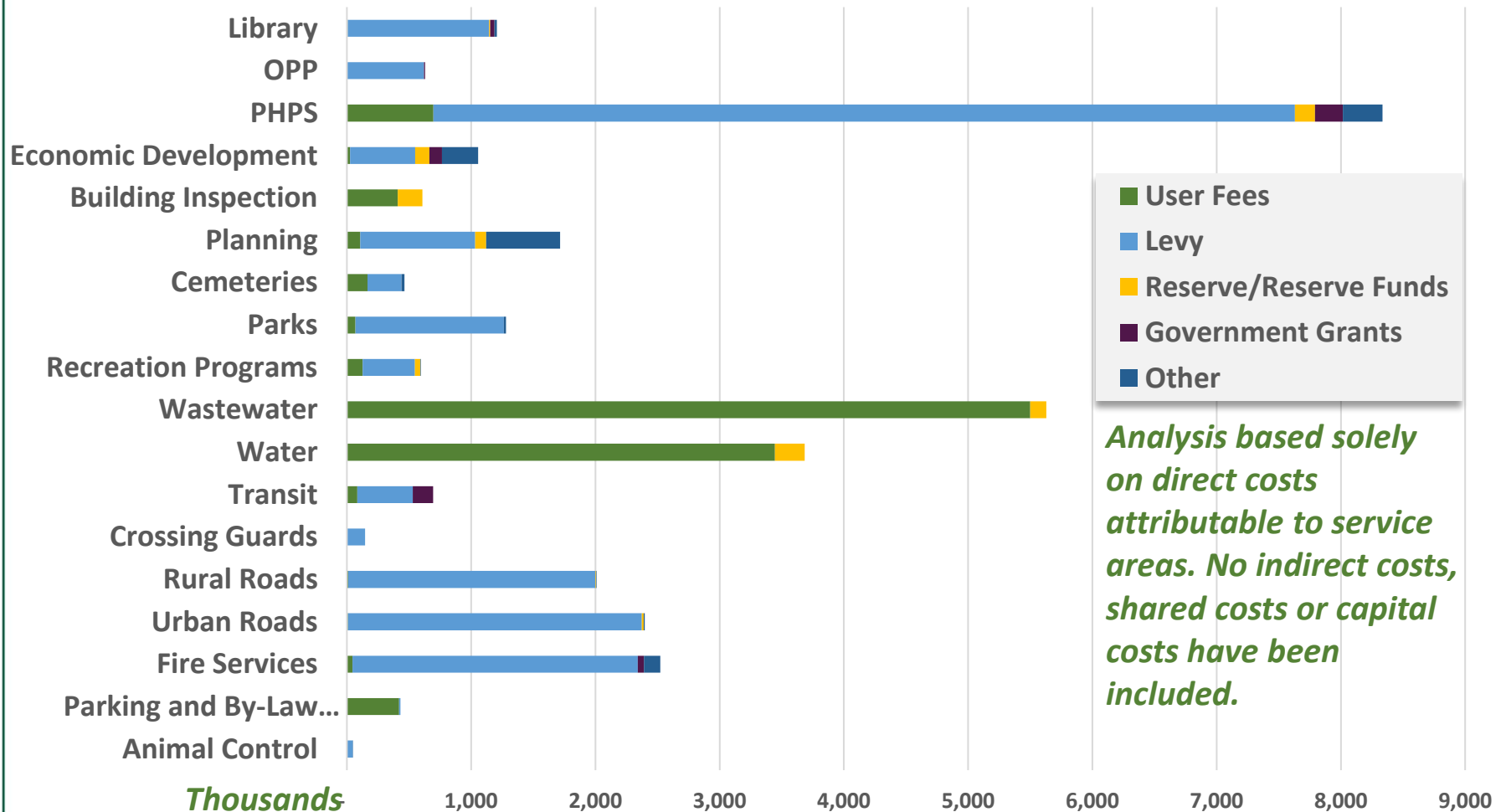
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## Operating– Levy Impacted Expenses



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## Funding Breakdown by Service



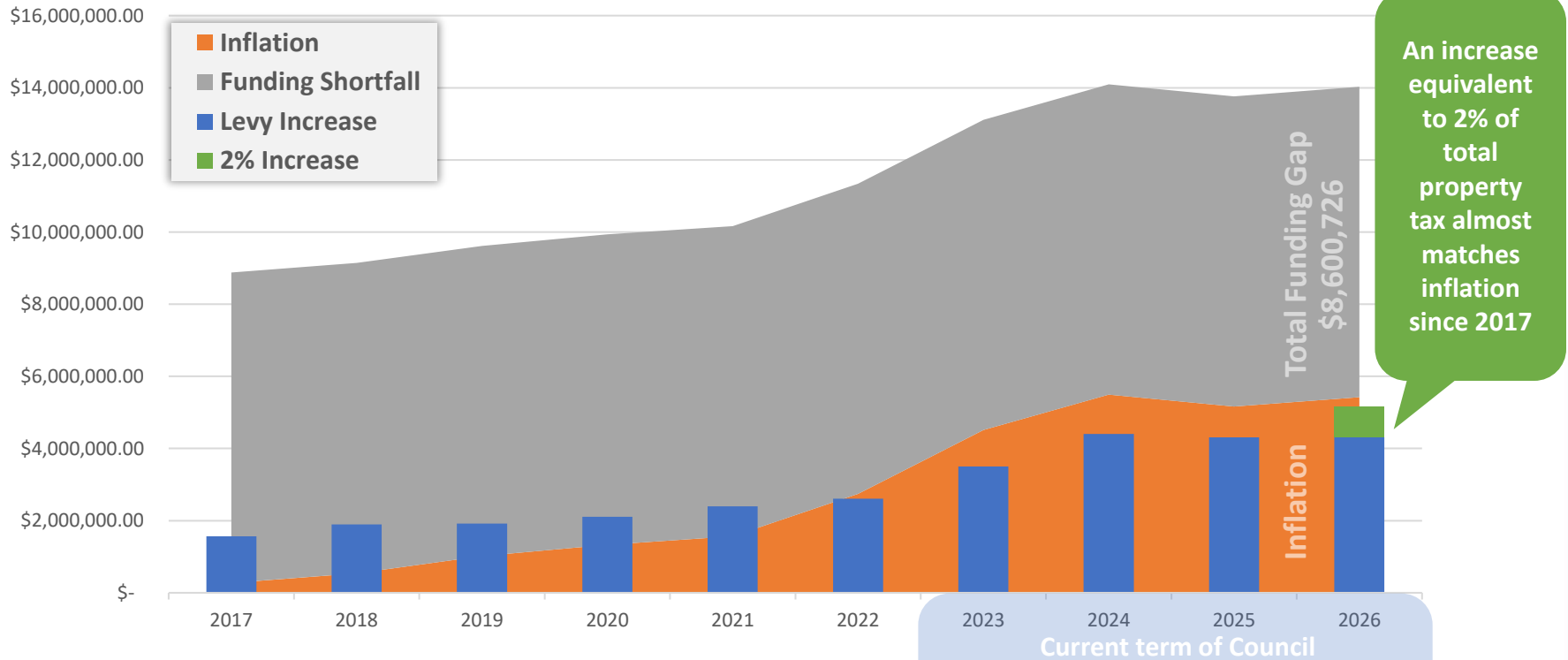


# 2026 Budget Capital



# Infrastructure Funding

## Funding Gap with Recommended Financial Strategy



|          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| % Funded | 17.7% | 20.7% | 20.0% | 21.2% | 23.6% | 23.0% | 26.7% | 31.2% | 31.3% | 36.8% |
| Pt Chg   | -     | +3.0  | -0.7  | +1.3  | +2.3  | -0.6  | +3.7  | +4.5  | +0.1  | +5.5  |

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        |
| <b>Total Value</b>                      | <b>\$ 888,300</b> |

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

# 2026 Budget

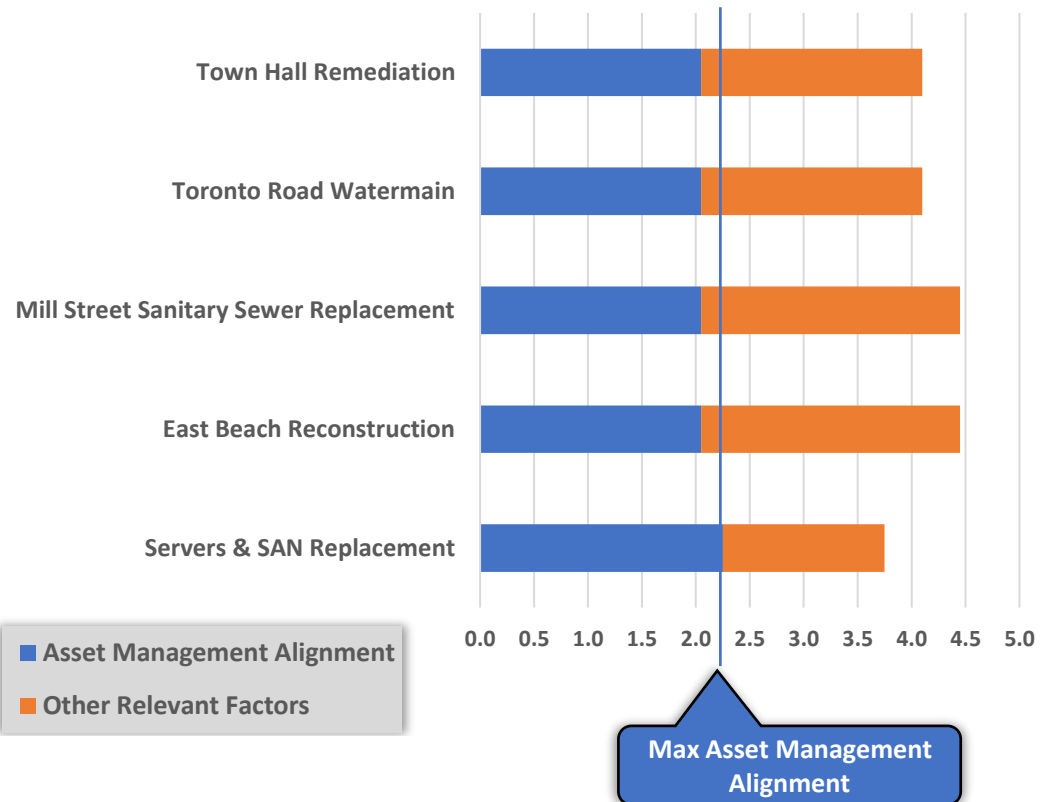
## Capital – Alignment with Asset Management

### 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



# 2026 Budget

## 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        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>40</b> | <b>\$ 19,542,649</b> |

**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.**

# 2026 Budget

## Capital - Preapprovals

| Project              | Department                  | Amount            |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Refrigeration Plant* | Parks, Recreation & Culture | \$ 550,000        |
| Rural Roads Office   | Works & Engineering         | \$ 275,000        |
| <b>Total</b>         |                             | <b>\$ 825,000</b> |

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

# 2026 Budget

## 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**
**-**
**INNOVATIVE**
**\$0.1M**
**PROSPEROUS**
**-**
**SUSTAINABLE**
**\$16.3M**

# 2026 Budget

## 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         | -                            |
| <b>24</b>                               | <b>3,975,500</b> | <b>3,125,300</b> | <b>550,000</b>    | <b>300,200</b> | <b>61,690</b>                |



# 2026 Budget

## 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             | -             | -                            |
| <b>8</b>                                       | <b>2,322,000</b> | <b>-</b>     | <b>2,322,000</b>  | <b>-</b>      | <b>21,570</b>                |

**INCLUSIVE**
**-**
**INNOVATIVE**
**-**
**PROSPEROUS**
**-**
**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         | -                            |
|                             | <b>218,000</b> | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>          | <b>218,000</b> | <b>-</b>                     |

**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    |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>Carried Forward Projects</b>                          |             | <b>40</b>     | <b>\$19,542,649</b> |
| 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           |
| <b>Total Proposed Projects</b>                           | <b>2026</b> | <b>45</b>     | <b>\$22,941,000</b> |
| <i>*Included in “Carried Forward Projects” count</i>     |             |               |                     |
| <b>Total Active Projects</b>                             |             | <b>85</b>     | <b>\$42,483,649</b> |

**INCLUSIVE**
**-**
**INNOVATIVE**
**\$0.1M**
**PROSPEROUS**
**-**
**SUSTAINABLE**
**\$16.4M**
**GENERAL**
**\$6.4M**

# **2026 Budget**

## **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

#### Initial Cost Estimate – Year 2

\$500,000 - \$600,000

50% Ask of Council = \$300,000

Decommissioning

#### Initial Cost Estimate – Year 1

\$125,000 - \$150,000

50% Ask of Council = \$75,000

#### Initial Cost Estimate – Year 2

\$400,000 - \$500,000

50% Ask of Council = \$250,000

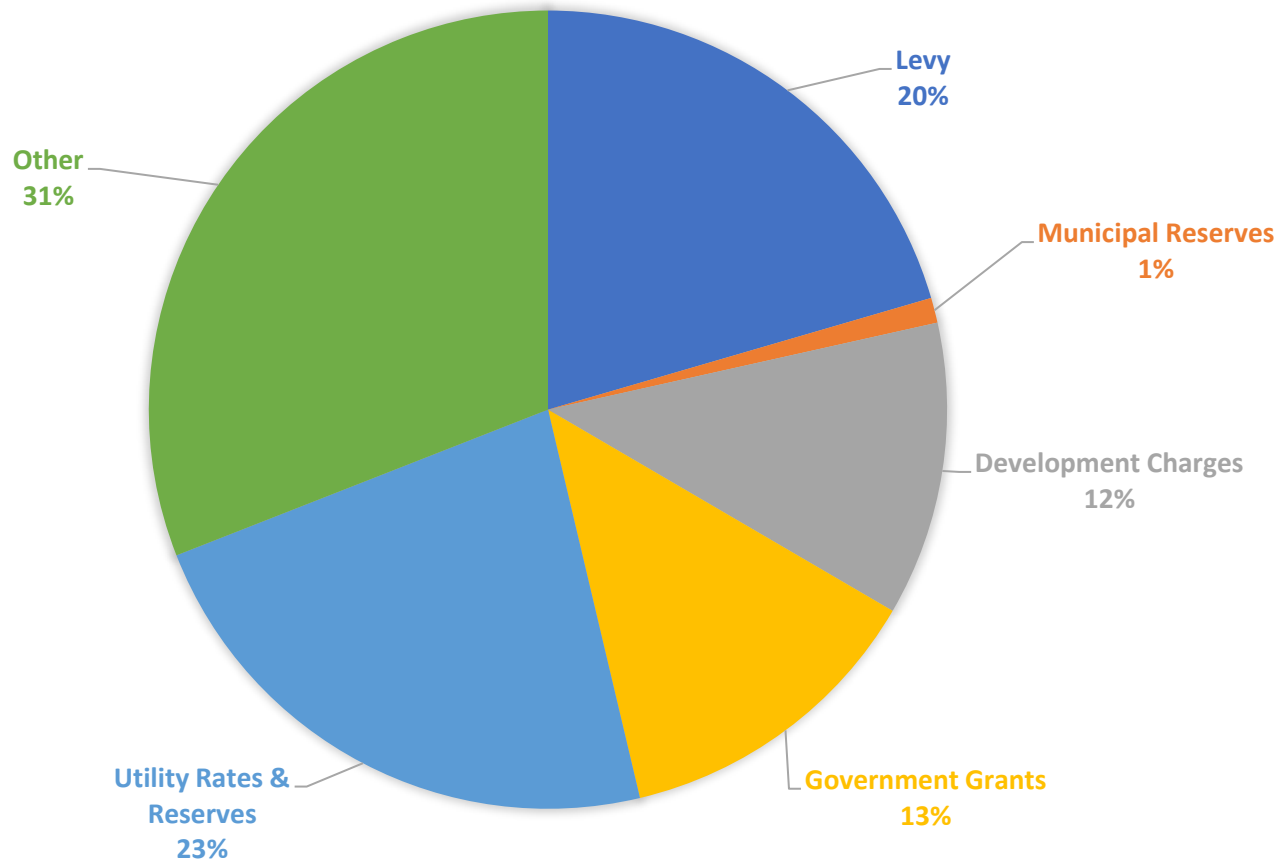
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## Capital – Deferred Items

| 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           | -                 | -              | -                            |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>4,410,000</b> | <b>4,118,886</b> | <b>20,000</b>     | <b>271,114</b> | <b>20,592</b>                |

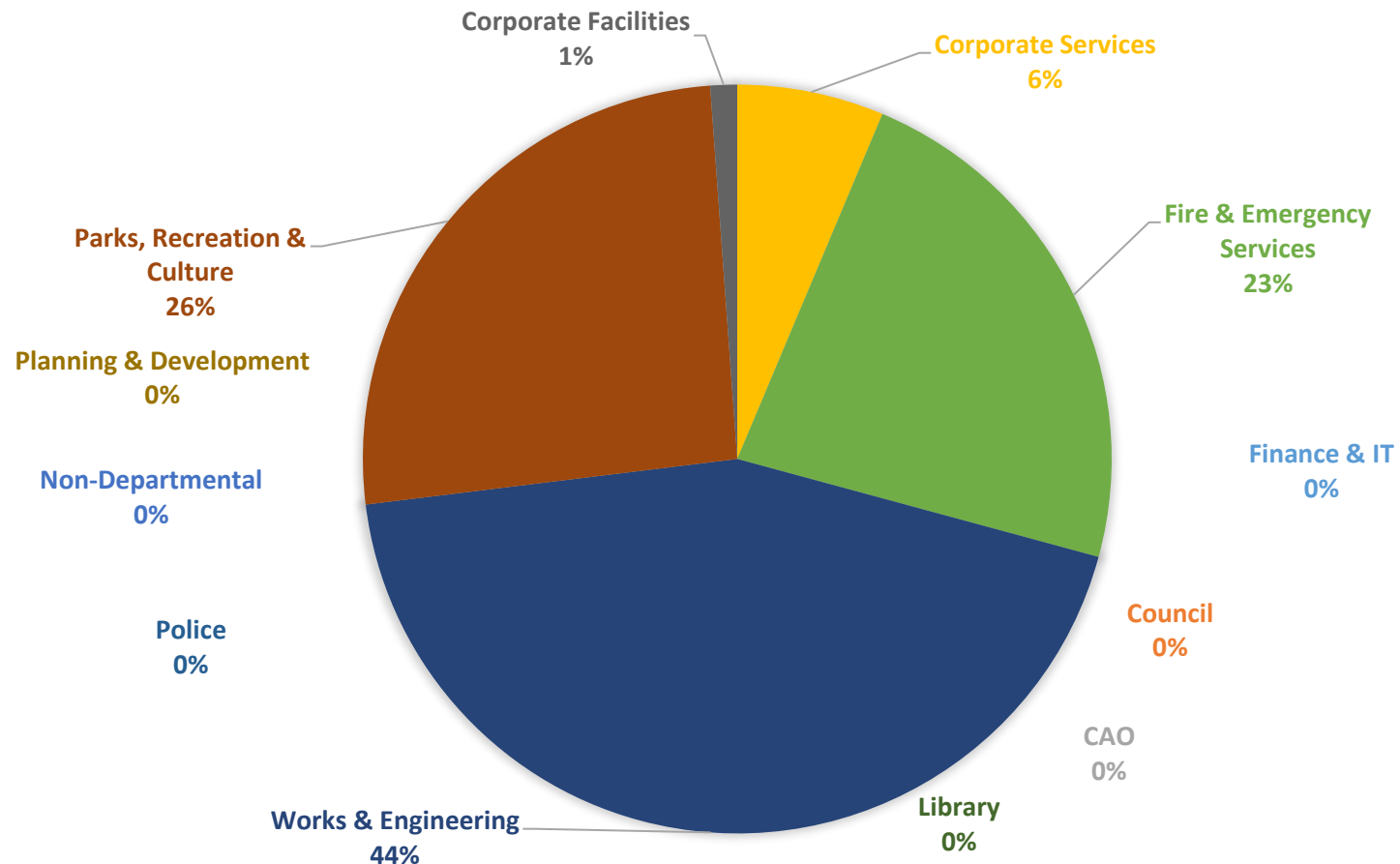
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## Capital - By Funding Source



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## Capital – Levy Impacted Expenses





# 2026 Budget Summary



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|   | <b>2025<br/>Total<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2026<br/>Total<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2026 vs 2025<br/>Budget<br/>Incr./ (Decr.)</b> |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 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)  |
| <b>Total General Municipal Levy Requirement</b> | <b>21,361,607</b>                | <b>23,017,305</b>                | <b>1,655,698</b>                                  |
| 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  |
| <b>Total External Boards Levy Requirement</b>   | <b>8,228,471</b>                 | <b>8,033,817</b>                 | <b>(194,654)</b>                                  |
| <b>Total Municipal Levy Requirement</b>         | <b>\$ 29,590,078</b>             | <b>\$ 31,051,122</b>             | <b>\$ 1,461,044</b>                               |

# **2026 Budget**

## **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)

# **2026 Budget**

## **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)

# 2026 Budget

## Common and Special Services

### Combined Operating and Capital Budget Amounts

|                                      | Urban |            | Rural |           | Total         |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|---------------|
| Weighted Assessment %                | 71.9% |            | 28.1% |           |               |
| <b>COMMON SERVICES</b>               | \$    | 17,135,240 | \$    | 6,686,286 | 23,821,526    |
| <b>SPECIAL SERVICES</b>              |       |            |       |           |               |
| 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         |
| <b>Total Special Services</b>        | \$    | 6,944,969  | \$    | 284,627   | \$ 7,229,596  |
| <b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX</b>  | \$    | 24,080,209 | \$    | 6,970,913 | \$ 31,051,122 |

# 2026 Budget

## Estimated Impact to Residential Taxpayer

|                                      | <b>AVERAGE</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | \$             |
| <b>COMMON SERVICES</b>               | <b>2,511</b>   |
| <b>SPECIAL SERVICES</b>              |                |
| Police Service (PHPS/OPP)            | 784            |
| LLRW funds to reduce Police Services | (69)           |
| Transit                              | 47             |
| Christmas Tree Pickup                | 0              |
| <b>Total Special Services</b>        | <b>762</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX</b>  | <b>3,273</b>   |
| 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)*

# 2026 Budget

## Estimated Impact to Taxpayer

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

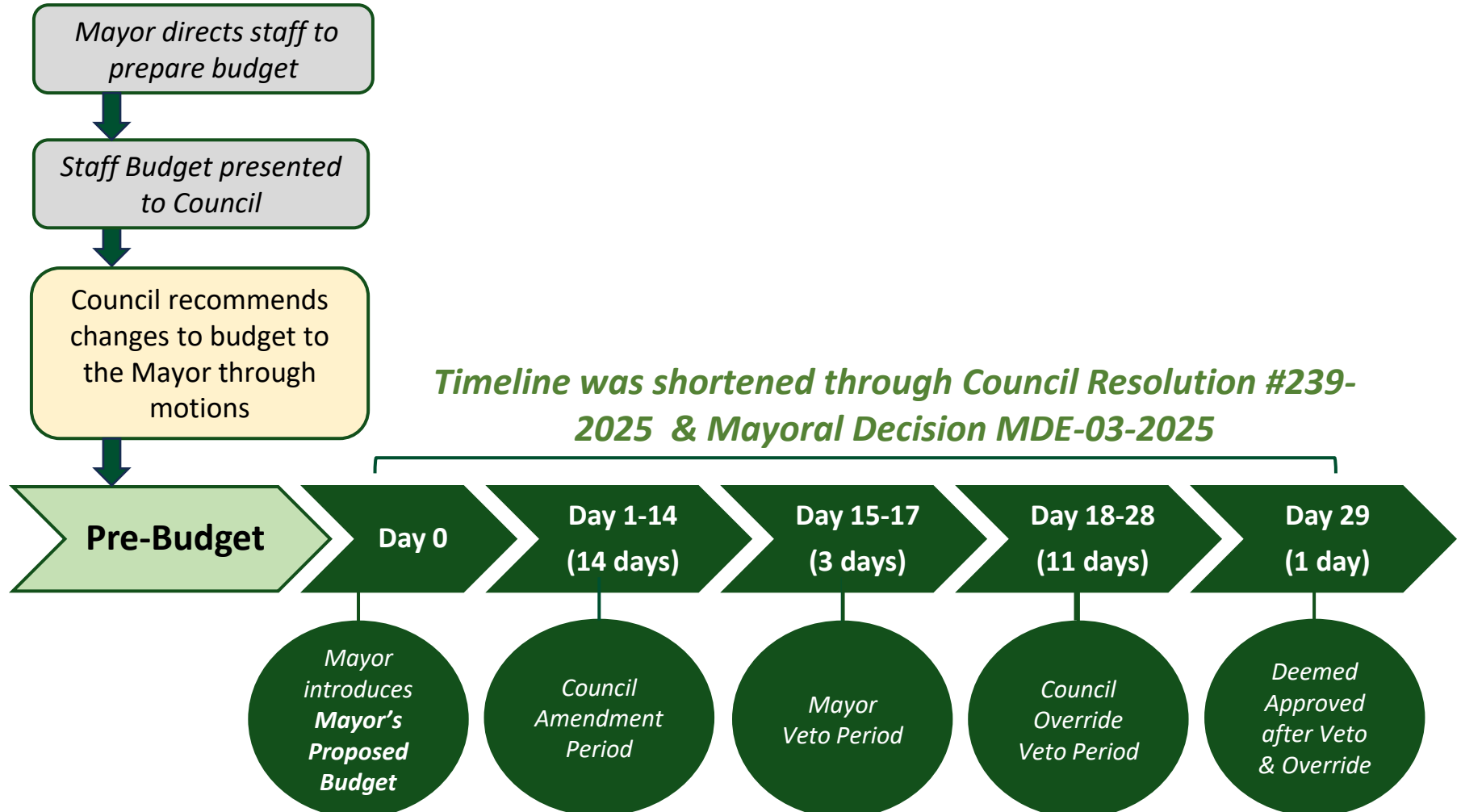
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# Next Steps





# 2026 Budget Timeline



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

ONLY IF REQUIRED

# 2026 Budget

## Council Recommendations to Mayor

**Council to submit written motions to Clerk prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> 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."*

# **2026 Budget**

## **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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