



Summit Wellness Centre at the Coboconk Train Station is picking up steam! Provincial funding will help accommodate office space for local businesses. www.summitwellnesscentre.ca

Dear Residents,

I'm pleased to say we have a responsible **2025 Budget**, created with a balanced approach that upholds our commitment to **community safety, well-being, and sustainable growth**.

The 2025 Budget prioritizes **emergency services** with key investments in police personnel to respond to increased call levels, four new Paramedics and the design of a Paramedics headquarters for enhanced care across the municipality. The Fire Service will gain a dedicated role for emergency preparedness and a District Chief of Volunteer Operations to ensure 24/7 community coverage.

Well-being is at the heart of our priorities, and everyone deserves a safe place to live. We are investing \$15 million to begin construction on 65 new affordable housing units, aligned with our Housing Pledge. We remain committed to housing and social services by funding organizations that assist residents facing homelessness. Programs like Out of the Cold, in partnership with A Place Called Home, ensure no one sleeps unhoused in cold weather. We're focused on more childcare spaces, and building the Integrated Wellness Hub which will offer wrap-around support for those dealing with mental health, addictions and homelessness.

I look forward to having Charlie McDonald serve another term this year as Deputy Mayor. He's eager to continue moving forward the Short Term Rental program to ensure everyone can enjoy a safe experience at a rental property while keeping things peaceful for the full time community. He's also working to make common customer service requests easier and more transparent for you, our customer.

I'm optimistic about where we're headed and I'm confident that the actions Council is focused on will pave the way for a stronger, more connected Kawartha Lakes.

Sincerely,

Doug Elmslie, Mayor
on behalf of Kawartha Lakes Members of Council

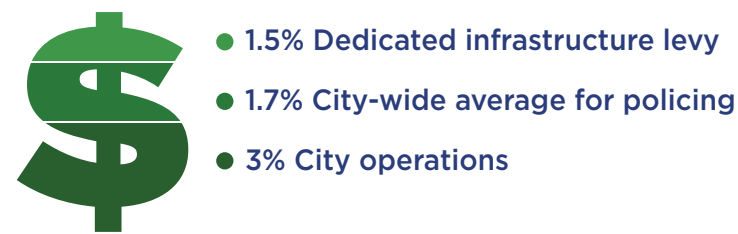


Mayor Doug Elmslie
and Deputy Mayor
Charlie McDonald

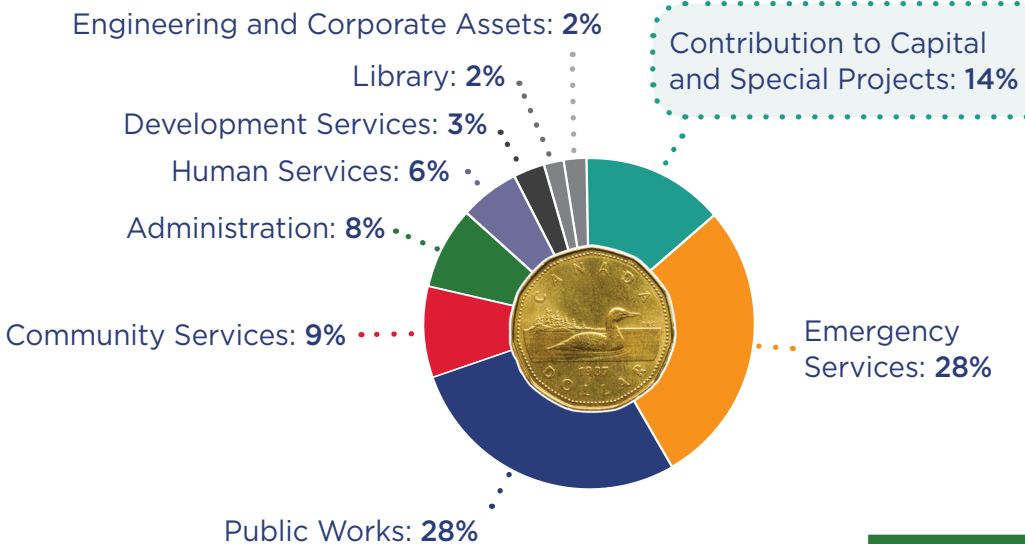
Winter 2025 Update

2025 Budget: Focus on safety and well-being as we grow responsibly

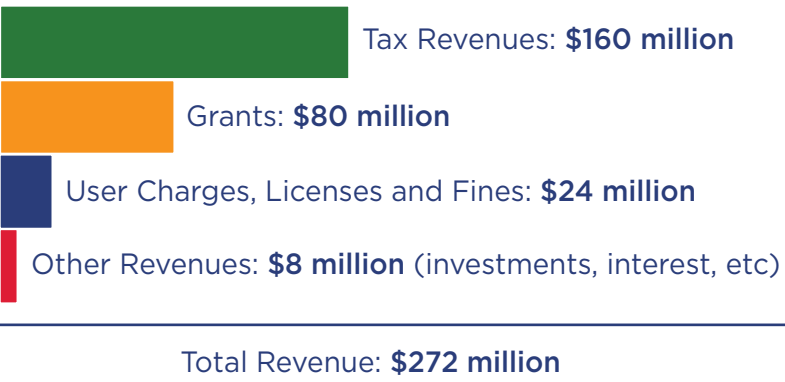
2025 total budget increase of **6.2%**



Where your tax dollars go:



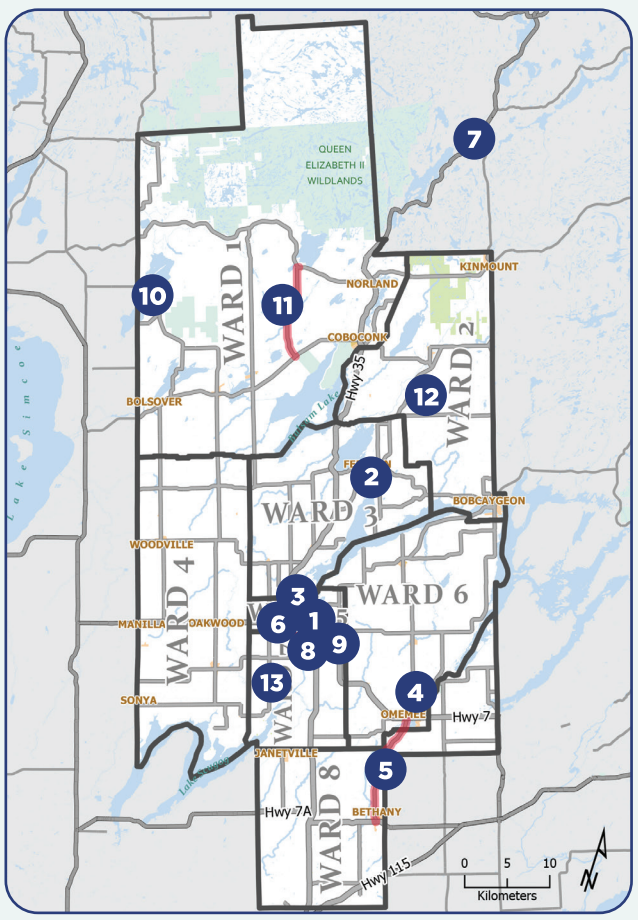
Where the City's money comes from:



2025 tax-supported capital expenditure



2025 Significant Capital Projects



- 1 City Hall Campus Block Parking, Traffic Flow, Ceremony Site
- 2 New Affordable Housing - Murray Street Project, Fenelon Falls
- 3 Lindsay Trail System - Jennings Creek Development Area
- 4 Omemee Arena Ice Pad System
- 5 Asphalt Resurfacing - CKL Road 38
- 6 Road Widening - Colborne Street West, Lindsay
- 7 New Affordable Housing - Gull River Project, Minden
- 8 Fire Service - Platform Aerial Truck
- 9 Paramedic Service Headquarters and Fleet Centre
- 10 Lake Dalrymple Bridge Replacement
- 11 Resurfacing of CKL Road 41
- 12 Somerville Landfill
- 13 Elm Tree Road Bridge Rehabilitation

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Program applications

Registered Charity Rebate and Tax Reductions due to demolition, fire or change of use of property: Application deadline is Feb. 28, 2025 for the 2024 tax year.

Low-Income Seniors and Disabled Property Owners Rebate:

Depending on your income, you may be eligible for the following relief:

- Property Tax — up to \$300 rebate, application deadline is June 30, 2025.
- Utility Billing — a credit of 20% of water billed in the previous year. Application deadline is September 30, 2025.

Applications will be posted on the municipal website on May 1, 2025. Contact us for details by emailing taxes@kawarthalakes.ca or utilitybilling@kawarthalakes.ca

PAYMENT ALERT: Post dated cheques are no longer being accepted. Visit our website for payment options www.kawarthalakes.ca/eBilling

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New Organics Program

Introducing the new organics program! It is for the urban areas of Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, and Omemee. Participating households simply separate food and organic waste from regular garbage using their new organics bins.

The process is simple:

1. Place a compostable bag in your kitchen catcher bin.
2. Add organic waste to the bag.
3. When full, transfer the bag to your rollout cart every Friday by 7am.



Our goal is to achieve a 50% diversion rate within the year. Your participation will help extend the lifespan of our landfills. For more information, visit www.kawarthalakes.ca/OrganicsProgram.

Ward 5 Office of Council declared vacant; by-election to come

A by-Election will be held in Ward 5, with internet voting as the sole method. Electors can vote online using a smartphone, tablet, or computer, or visit the voting assistance centre in Lindsay. **Voting runs from April 1 to April 10 at 8pm.** Election packages with PIN codes will be mailed by late March.

For more information:

- email: election@kawarthalakes.ca
- call: 705-324-9411 ext. 1888
- visit: www.kawarthalakes.ca/election

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