



Mayor's Budget 2026



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Opening Remarks

Legal Obligations of Ontario Municipalities

Municipalities in Ontario are not permitted by law to run deficits for their operating expenses and are required to prepare a balanced operating budget. To maintain a balanced budget, unforeseen expenses can be paid from applicable reserves. Budget surpluses can be assigned to reserves to protect for unforeseen expenses in future years.



Understanding the Municipal Budgeting Process

The Township has several departments, these are overseen by the Chief Administrative Officer: Public Works & Recreation, Finance, Corporate Services, Development Services, Fire & Emergency Services, Communications & Strategic Projects.

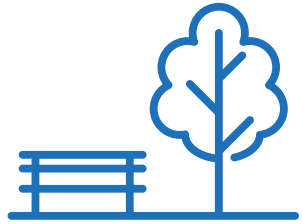
Each department prepares a budget for its area, based on last year's spending and future needs. The goal is to maintain, or enhance, service levels for residents.

The budget is prepared alongside the **2023–2026 Scugog Strategic Plan**, which outlines the Township's priorities, such as: Infrastructure, Sustainability, Economic Development & Tourism, Natural Environment, Complete Community

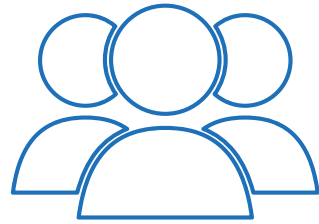
Scan to view the full Strategic Plan:



Operating Everyday Budget



Parks & Rec



Property Taxes



Permits



Fire Services



Salaries



Contracts

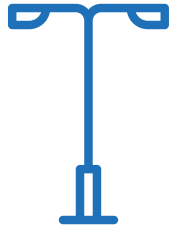
The Operating Budget funds the day-to-day municipal services residents rely on, such as snow removal, fire and emergency response, road and park maintenance, recreation programs, animal services, local planning, and the library. It also includes the staffing costs required to deliver these services.

Capital

Long Term and Infrastructure



Buildings



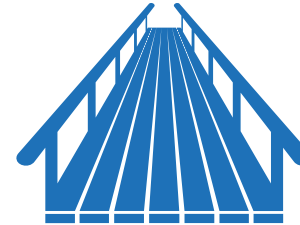
Streetlights



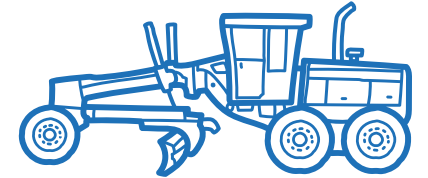
Playgrounds &
Parks



Roads



Bridges



Vehicles &
Equipment

The Capital Budget funds the assets and infrastructure that Scugog must invest in for the growth and well-being of the community. This includes building, repairing and replacing things like roads, parks and facilities.

Unlike operating expenses, municipalities can borrow money, or incur debt, to certain legislated limits to pay for capital projects and infrastructure improvements.

Asset Management in Scugog



The Township has completed its 2025 Asset Management Plan (AMP) meeting all requirements of Ontario Regulation 588/17. The AMP establishes proposed levels of service, lifecycle strategies, and a financial framework across all asset categories. It incorporates the latest data from roads, bridges, and buildings, and outlines a sustainable path forward.

With a continued 4% special levy and sound capital planning, Scugog is committed to maintaining services and infrastructure responsibly.

Scan to view the AMP:



Special Levies

To support the Asset Management Plan, Scugog collects a 4% special levy, which helps maintain and replace core infrastructure:

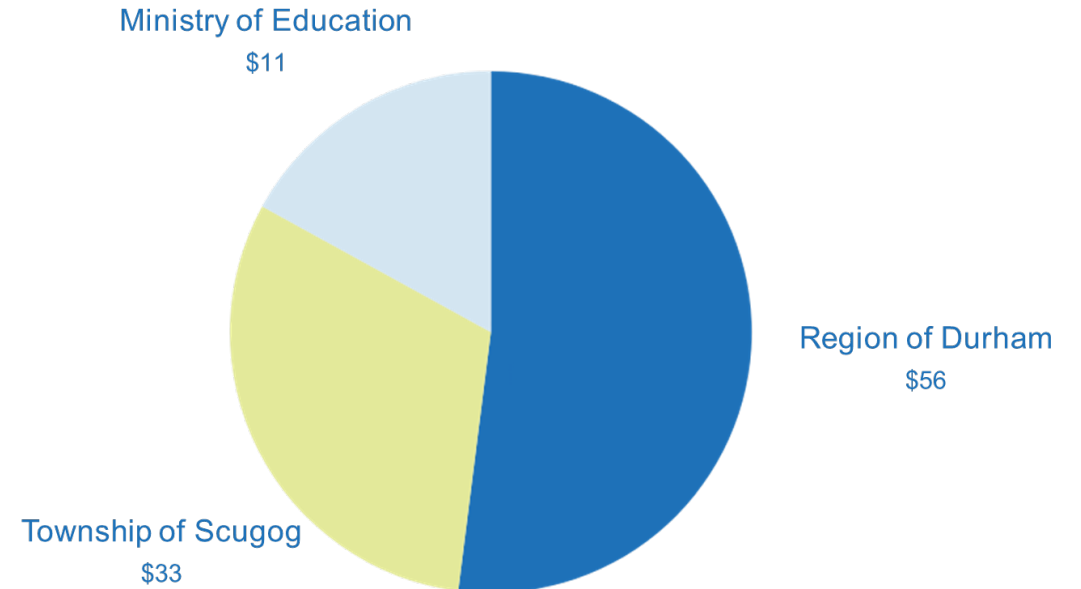
- 3% for roads
- 0.5% for buildings and facilities
- 0.5% for vehicles and equipment

This levy helps ensure the Township can continue providing safe roads, reliable facilities, and essential equipment.

Your Residential Tax Bill

For every \$100:

- \$56 funds Regional Services (e.g. police, transit, waste, health)
- \$33 supports Township Services (e.g. fire, parks, local roads, recreation)
- \$11 goes to Education (Province/School Board)

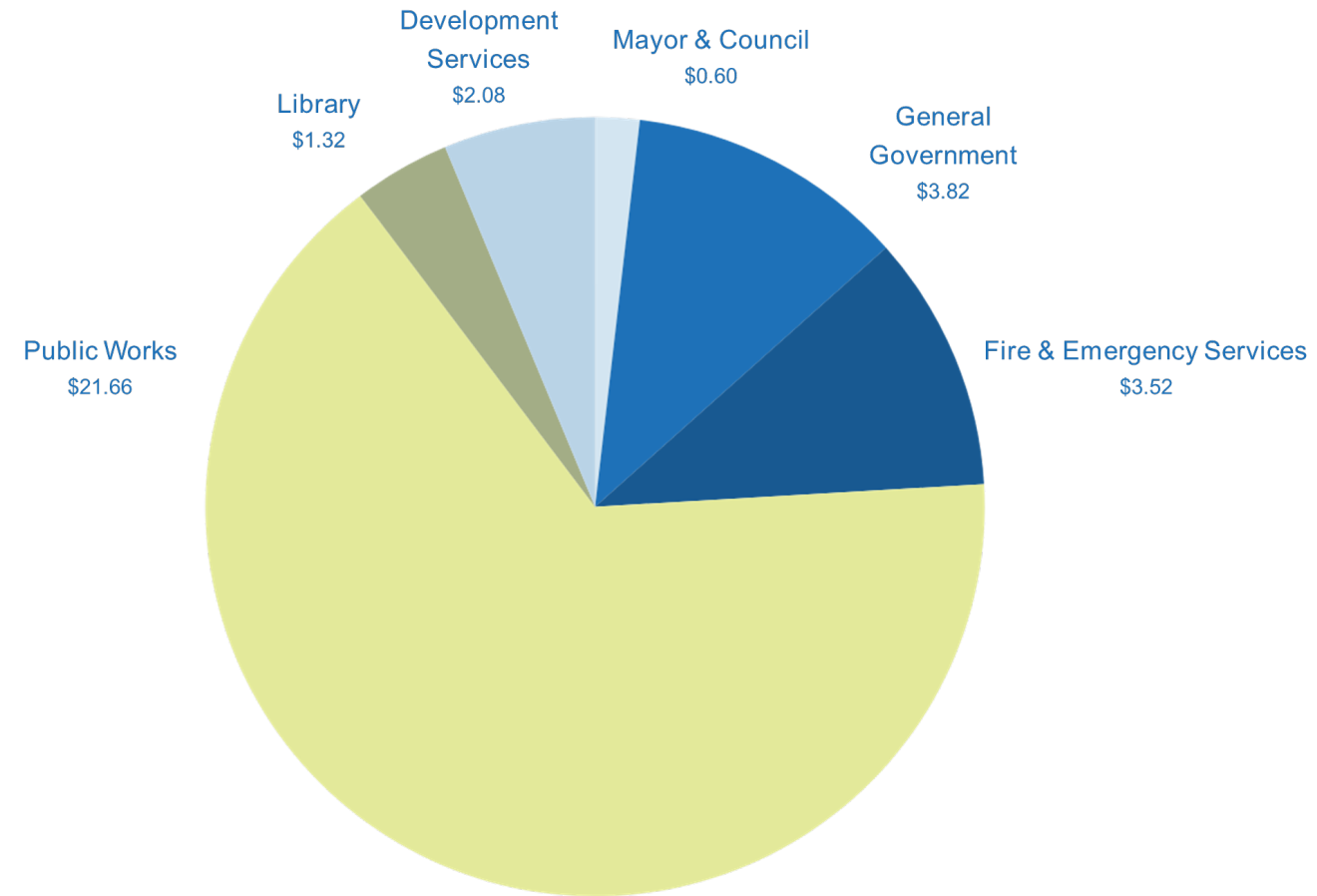


Your Township Tax Bill

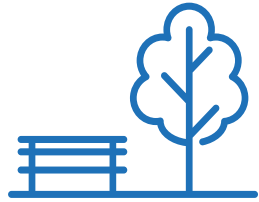
By Department

For every \$100 you pay in property taxes, only \$33 stays with the Township.

Here's how that \$33 is divided among Township departments:



Township Services



Parks & Rec



Snow
Clearing



Road Maintenance



Animal Control



Fire Services



By-Law

Regional Services



Durham
Region
Transit



Waste
Management



Regional
Roads



Durham
Regional Police
Services



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Services



Sewage



Water

Examples of Completed or Ongoing Projects in Your Area in 2025

Completed:

- Water St. Rehabilitation
- Palmer Park Washrooms
- Splash Pad

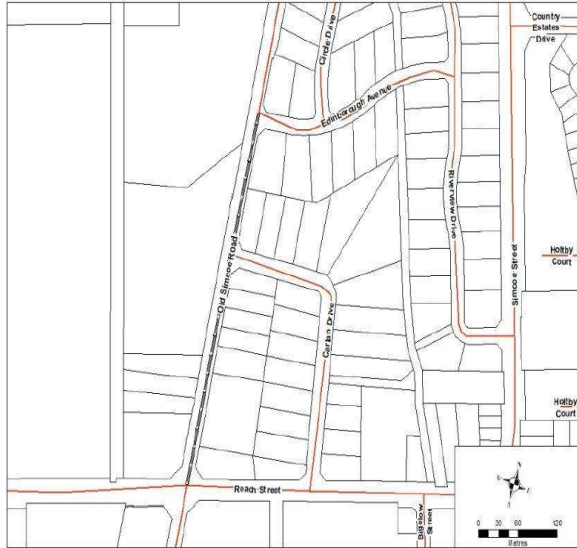
Ongoing:

- Fire Truck Replacement
- Line 4 Bridge and Culvert Replacement
- Union Ave. Reconstruction

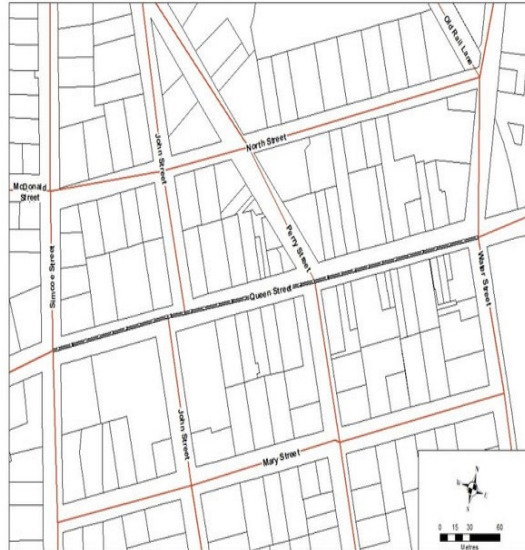


What's Happening in Your Neighbourhood?

Upcoming Projects



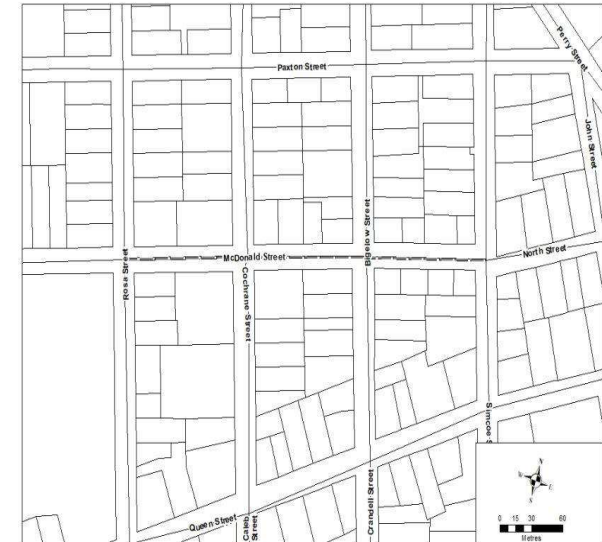
**Old Simcoe
Rehabilitation**



**Queen St.
Rehabilitation**



**Tandem Axle
Replacement**



**McDonald Street
Rehabilitation**

Budget Timeline

APRIL



- Budget Timetable Provided for Council Approval

JUNE - JULY



- Deadline for Council List of Items
- Budget Survey Commences

AUGUST



- Mayor's Budget Town Halls
- Work Begins on Draft 2026 Budget

SEPTEMBER



- Budget Guideline, and Target Tax Rate Presented to Council

OCTOBER



- Draft 2026 Operating and Capital Budget Circulated to Council
- 4 Year Capital Forecast Circulated to Council

NOVEMBER



- Budget Open House
- Presentation of Draft 2026 Budget

DECEMBER



- Final 2026 Budget Presented to Council

Thank you

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Questions?

Budget 2026
We want your feedback!

