



BUDGET
2026

BLUEPRINT

INVESTING IN THE SERVICES YOU DEPEND ON

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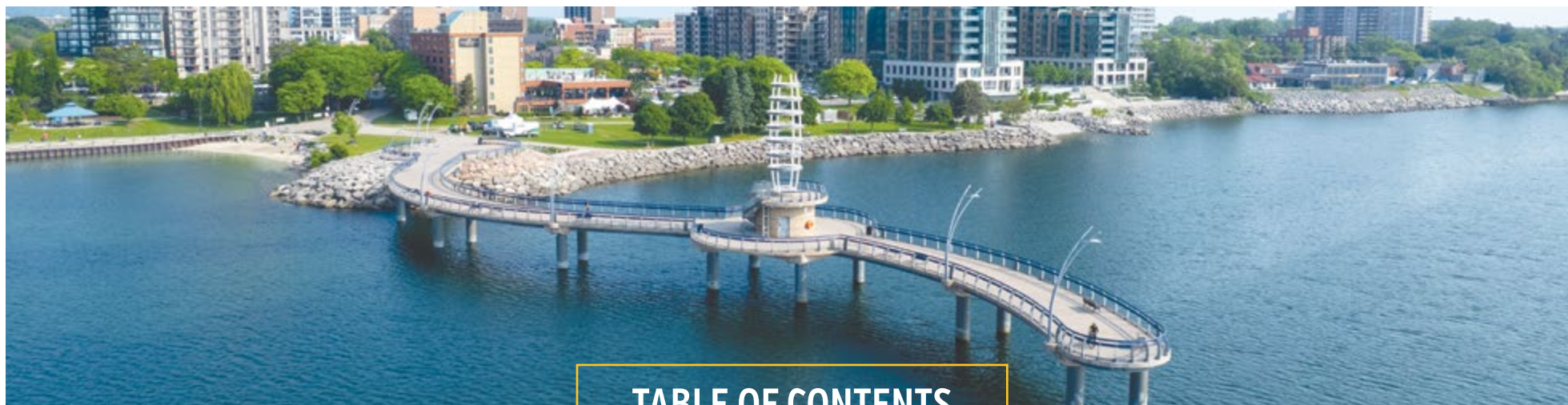


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Our goal is to continue to provide the essential services that foster a vibrant, high-quality of life in our city.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of City Council, I am pleased to introduce the City of Burlington 2026 Budget Blueprint. This document is designed to provide an overview of economic pressures and service needs shaping the development of the city's 2026 Budget. Understanding the financial environment in which the city is operating is an important first step in the annual budgeting process. Our intention is to provide you with a clear and accessible summary of what is currently projected.

This is the beginning of our budget conversation with the community. No formal budget has yet been presented, and no decisions have been made. We believe it is essential to start this conversation early, ensuring that your voice helps shape the decisions ahead.

City Council recognizes economic pressures are making life more difficult for everyone across our community this year. Now, more than ever, each dollar invested in the services you depend on has to go further and contribute more to our shared quality of life. I and all members of our Council understand the importance of this.

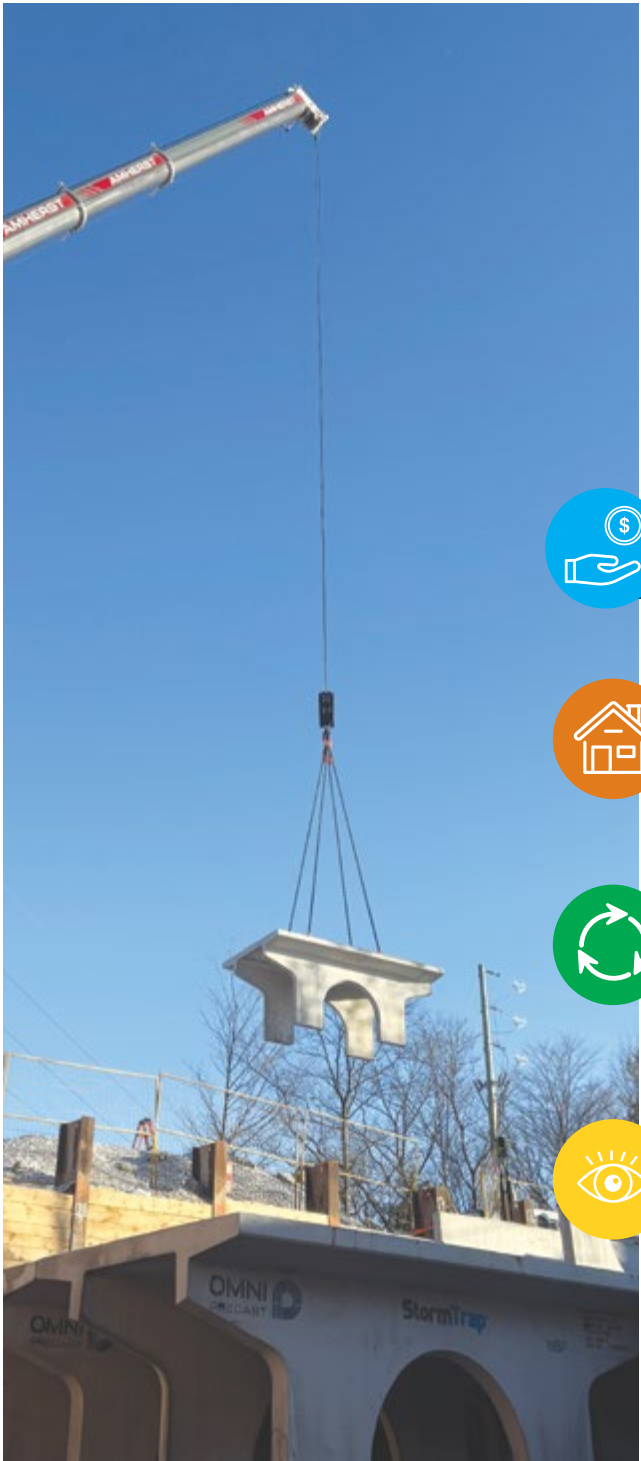
Throughout the budget process, Council will continue to focus on the four main budget principles – Affordability, Livability, Sustainability, and Transparency. All new investments proposed as part of the 2026 Budget will be considered based on how well they satisfy each of these principles. Our goal is to continue to provide the essential services that foster a vibrant, high-quality of life in our city.

Your voice is essential, and I strongly encourage you to participate in a budget public engagement opportunity. Help City Council understand what matters most to you before the budget review begins in November. Council has the ability to make changes on your behalf. Information about public engagement opportunities can be found at getinvolvedburlington.ca/2026budget.

BUDGET PROCESS

The City's annual budget process includes multiple key milestones to ensure public funds are invested wisely and reflect the community's priorities.

JULY 15	AUGUST TO NOVEMBER	OCT. 24	NOV. 3	NOV. 13	NOV. 24 & 25	DEC. 2
2026 Financial Forecast report approved by Burlington City Council.	Opportunities for public engagement, including in-person Budget Town Hall meetings, led by Mayor Meed Ward and participating Ward Councillors, and a 2026 Budget Telephone Town Hall on Nov. 5, from 7-8:30 p.m.	Proposed 2026 Budget posted to City's website, burlington.ca/budget and getinvolvedburlington.ca/2026budget .	Proposed 2026 Budget presented to City Council at Committee of the Whole meeting, 1 p.m. at City Hall, 426 Brant St. or livestream at burlington.ca/calendar . Delegations welcome. Register to speak to Council at burlington.ca/delegate .	A presentation from each Division of the City at Budget Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, 426 Brant St. or livestream at burlington.ca/calendar .	Review of the proposed 2026 Budget, including any amendments put forward by City Council members, at Budget Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, 426 Brant St. or livestream at burlington.ca/calendar . Delegations welcome. Register to speak to Council at burlington.ca/delegate .	Special Council meeting to finalize 2026 Budget, 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, 426 Brant St. or livestream at burlington.ca/calendar . Delegations welcome. Register to speak to Council at burlington.ca/delegate .



BUDGET PRINCIPLES

All new investments proposed as part of the 2026 Budget are considered based on how they satisfy the four main budget principles – affordability, sustainability, livability and transparency.

As economic pressures make life harder for everyone in our community, the 2026 Budget will focus on affordability and keeping services strong amid global uncertainty.



AFFORDABILITY

A focus on affordability means offering programs like low-income tax relief, free transit, and fee subsidies; limiting tax increases to essential, community-identified needs; finding efficiencies and non-tax revenue sources; and fostering a competitive business environment to grow the tax base and ease the burden on residents.



LIVABILITY

Making sure the quality of life for the residents of Burlington is upheld and the services you depend on are enhanced, especially as we continue to grow by over 40 per cent in the next 25 years.



SUSTAINABILITY

To ensure a sustainable financial future, City budgets need to prepare for growing resident needs. This includes a 2% levy to invest in aging infrastructure, aligning rates and fees with inflation and market trends, and strengthening the City's financial health through reserves, non-tax revenues, and advocating for funding from other levels of government.



TRANSPARENCY

Residents have told us you want a simple, clear way to follow the budget process and understand how it affects your property taxes.

This document is designed to give you a summary of current budget projections – using visuals and plain language whenever possible.

WELCOMING PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES



Burlington's parks and community centres offer programs, sports, and activities that bring people together and make Burlington a great place to call home.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

The City is excited to open two new community facilities this fall – Skyway Community Centre and Park (129 Kenwood Ave.) and Robert Bateman Community Centre (5151 New St.). As our community grows, these investments ensure our city continues to have inviting spaces where people of all ages can come together to connect, stay active, and thrive.



Skyway features a 47,000 square-foot community space, NHL-sized ice pad, and energy efficient systems like geothermal heating.

Robert Bateman is home to the New Appleby Branch of the Burlington Public Library and Brock University classes starting in September 2025.

STATISTICS

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COMMUNITY CENTRES, ATTRACTING AN AVERAGE OF 153,357 PARTICIPANTS EACH MONTH DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2025

236

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

125

PLAYGROUNDS

111

SPORTS FIELDS

UPCOMING INVESTMENTS

\$180K to support the operation of Burlington Public Library's New Appleby Branch.

\$41K for more frequent waste management in parks, for cleaner parks and public spaces.



RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE



The City of Burlington's \$7.1 billion in infrastructure assets support a range of municipal services that enable residents, businesses and other Burlington stakeholders to live, work and play in our city.

Burlington's population is expected to grow by over 40 per cent in the next 25 years. To ensure a sustainable financial future, City budgets need to prepare for growing resident needs. Burlington's budget includes a dedicated levy of 2% to invest in the renewal of our aging infrastructure.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

Construction underway on sections of Lakeshore Road and Prospect Street are helping to enhance the safety, appearance and long-term health of the City's roadways.

The Lakeshore Road Resurfacing project involves repaving this heavily used commuter route, new pedestrian crossings and upgraded street lighting.

In partnership with Halton Region, the Prospect Street Area Minor Reconstruction project includes the installation of new water and wastewater mains, the addition of protected bike lanes, asphalt resurfacing, and sidewalk replacement.

STATISTICS

33 YEARS: AVERAGE AGE OF CITY ASSETS

\$2.73B TRANSPORTATION ASSETS

\$1.49B STORMWATER ASSETS

\$1.15B RECREATION, COMMUNITY AND CULTURE ASSETS

UPCOMING INVESTMENTS

\$12.2M to renew Walkers Line, between Lakeshore Road and Dundas Street.

\$8.4M to renew Fairview Street, between Walkers Line and Appleby Line.



SERVICES YOU DEPEND ON

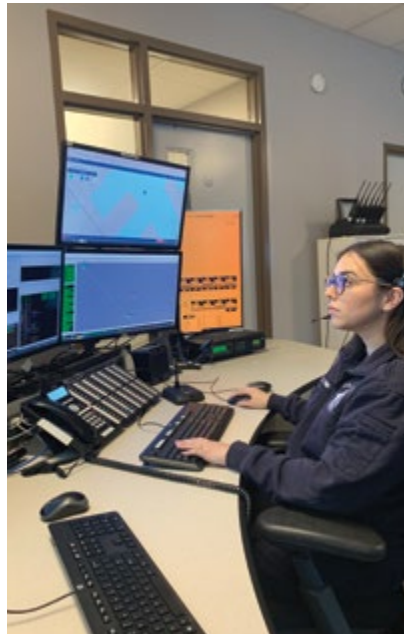
SWIFT EMERGENCY RESPONSE



Burlington Fire's all-hazards emergency response is dedicated to protecting the lives, property, and environment of Burlington's residents, businesses, and visitors.

RECENT IMPROVEMENT

In 2025, the Burlington Fire Department successfully launched new Simultaneous Notification Technology in the Burlington Fire Communications Centre. This innovative software links provincial and municipal dispatch systems to enable real-time, automated dispatch of fire departments for critical medical emergencies, significantly reducing manual call transfer delays and enhancing emergency response times.



STATISTICS

90.84% OF 9-1-1 CALLS ANSWERED WITHIN 60 SECONDS

11, 976 EMERGENCY INCIDENTS RESPONDED TO IN 2024

12,380 PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

1,047 BUILDING FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS ACROSS THE CITY

UPCOMING INVESTMENTS

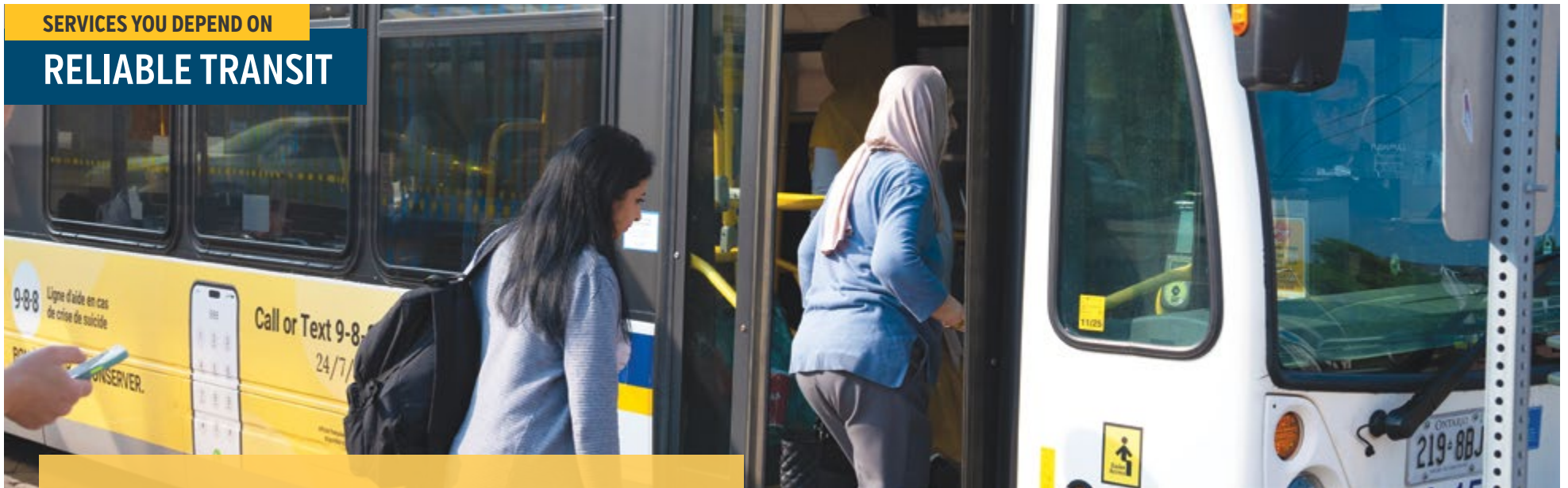
\$1.6M to replace Fire fleet, including one large rescue truck and two support vehicles.

\$450K for the renewal of emergency response radios and pagers.



SERVICES YOU DEPEND ON

RELIABLE TRANSIT



Burlington's transit service provides riders with a reliable, sustainable, and convenient way to reach their destinations.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

Over the past five years, the City of Burlington has invested in the expansion of transit service in the city. This includes an investment in vehicles and staffing resources to deliver an expanded and more frequent transit network.

Since 2024, Burlington Transit operates six routes that provide 15-minute service or better. The expansion and frequency of service is a proven technique that encourages transit use and increases ridership. Aligned schedules with GO transit support strong regional connections and make transit a viable and convenient transportation choice.



STATISTICS

3.6M COMPLETED TRANSIT TRIPS IN 2024

74 CONVENTIONAL BUSES

16 SPECIALIZED TRANSIT BUSES

UPCOMING INVESTMENTS

\$100K for transit maintenance to reduce service disruptions.

\$4.2M to replace aging transit fleet with hybrid-electric vehicles.

\$404K for an additional specialized transit vehicle to support growth in this service.



FLOOD PROTECTION



With climate change driving increasingly severe weather, Burlington is stepping up efforts to address the growing risks of flooding.

STATISTICS

47	BRIDGES
851	KILOMETRES OF STORM SEWER PIPES
30	STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PONDS

UPCOMING INVESTMENTS

\$20K to convert an existing staff position to support drainage and flood mitigation.

\$7.6M towards storm water management capital projects in 2026.



RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

In 2025, the City is investing over \$12 million in stormwater management projects to reduce flooding in target areas. This includes work to replace the New Street Bridge at Tuck Creek. This major construction project will widen the bridge to accommodate intense, heavy rainfall, reduce erosion, improve water flow, and protect nearby homes and natural areas.

Between 2015 and 2025, the City has invested \$90 million in stormwater management infrastructure.



SAFE STREETS



The City of Burlington provides a safe, effective and connected transportation system that allows for a range of accessible options for getting around Burlington as our city grows.

RECENT IMPROVEMENT

In 2025, the City invested in Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) and identified six locations as part of the first phase. The new cameras, expected to be operational later this year, will enhance the safety in and around our school and community safety zones. A recent study shows 73% of drivers slow down in ASE zones. Tools like ASE support the City's commitment to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries to create safer streets for everyone.



STATISTICS

1,600 LANE KILOMETRES OF ROADWAYS

26,000 STREETLIGHTS

63 PUBLIC EV CHARGING SPOTS

48 KILOMETRES OF BIKE LANES

UPCOMING INVESTMENT

\$675K for traffic management technology that enhances the movement of fire emergency vehicles and transit buses through signalized intersections to improve schedule and response times.



FACTORS THAT IMPACT THE CITY BUDGET



CLIMATE CHANGE AND MITIGATING FLOOD RISK

Additional investments in ditch, culvert, and creek maintenance to reduce future flooding risks.

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Major infrastructure projects are needed to ensure our assets do not deteriorate further. Additional funding for infrastructure renewal is 2% of the City's budget increase.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

Investments to improve services, including the new library branch at Bateman, transit maintenance, and the implementation of the Urban Forestry Master Plan for improved air quality and vibrant outdoor spaces.

INCREASING COST PRESSURES

Cost escalations such as inflation, tariff pressures, supply chain issues, increasing costs in construction pricing and automotive parts.

HISTORICALLY UNDERFUNDED CITY OF BURLINGTON BUDGETS

Zero per cent tax increases in the 1990s deferred necessary investments and created long-term funding challenges.

MULTI-YEAR INVESTMENTS

To support the operation of new infrastructure investments made in previous budget years.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO BURLINGTON FROM OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT



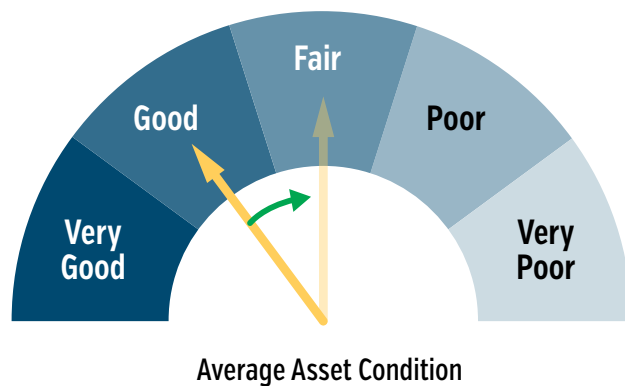
MANAGING BURLINGTON'S INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS



The City of Burlington's Asset Management Plan is a strategy for managing the infrastructure residents rely on every day. The plan guides the long-term maintenance, renewal and replacement of our roads, bridges, community centres and more to ensure they can continue to be enjoyed by residents for years to come.

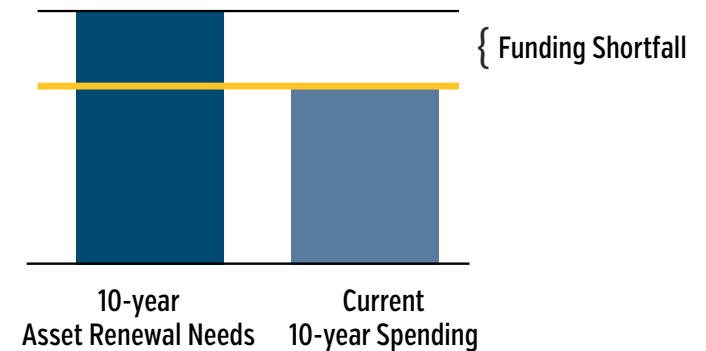
BURLINGTON HAS \$7.1B IN CITY ASSETS

Currently they are in **Good** condition but trending to **Fair**.



To ensure our assets do not deteriorate further, the City needs to **invest \$1.22B** over the next 10 years in infrastructure renewal. Currently we are spending \$868M over 10 years.

THIS LEAVES A GAP OF \$350M.



TO HELP ADDRESS THIS FUNDING SHORTFALL, THE CITY HAS A 2% INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY.

EFFICIENCIES AND SAVINGS



Every year, as part of the budget process, the City does a comprehensive review to identify efficiencies and reduce its operational costs. This includes streamlining services, leveraging technology, reallocating resources, and minimizing new staffing requests. Some examples for the 2026 budget include:



WORKFORCE OPTIMIZATION

Several existing staff positions were reallocated to better align with operational needs and minimize new staffing requests in the 2026 budget. This resulted in a cost avoidance of close to \$1.2M.



CONTRACT RENEWALS

In 2025, the City achieved over \$1.3M in cost savings through the strategic renewal of its insurance coverage by negotiating more favorable terms.



FACILITY UTILIZATION

Underutilized municipal spaces were repurposed during low-demand periods. A new pay-what-you-can model generated modest revenue and resulted in 330 bookings at no additional programming cost, improving community access.



FLEET ELECTRIFICATION

With the addition of an electric Zamboni, 60% of the ice resurfacing fleet at recreation facilities is electrified, reducing fuel and maintenance costs while supporting sustainability goals.



UTILITY SAVINGS

Sewer abatements were completed at seven City facilities in 2024 resulting in a cost avoidance of approximately \$100K in sewer charges.



STREAMLINING TECHNOLOGY

Through a review, over 25 software applications were retired or consolidated, leading to a \$150K reduction in licensing and support costs.

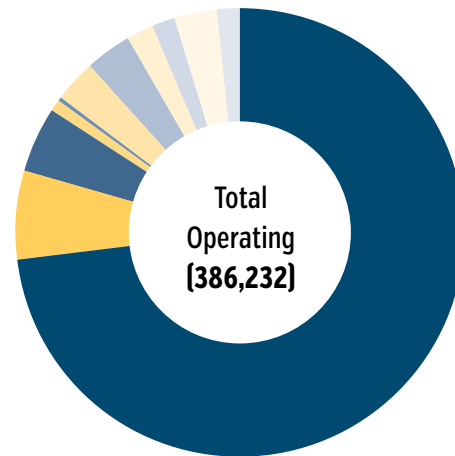
2026 BUDGETED REVENUES



The City's budget includes both capital and operating expenditures. The City relies on a number of revenue sources to fund the budget. Property tax revenue accounts for 72% of revenues. The capital budget is funded from a variety of sources, including reserves, development charges and upper-level government funding. From the property taxes collected in the operating budget, \$53.5 million fund the capital program.

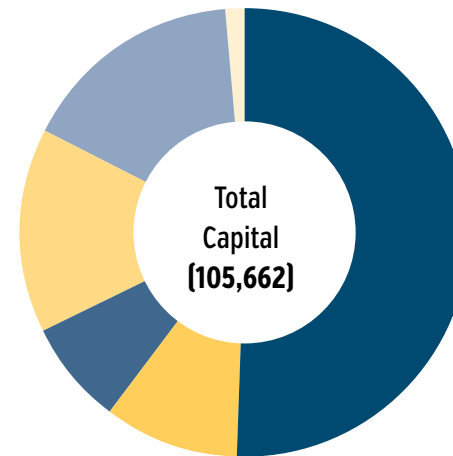
OPERATING BUDGET \$386.2M

Property Taxes - City **(282,206)**
User Fees and Service Charges **(25,609)**
Licenses, Permits, Rents **(18,142)**
Fines and Penalties **(2,807)**
Other Miscellaneous Revenue **(928)**
Senior Government Grants **(12,484)**
Internal Recovery **(12,791)**
External Recovery **(6,601)**
Transfer from Reserve Funds **(7,480)**
Financing Revenues **(11,364)**
Other Tax Related Revenues **(5,822)**



CAPITAL BUDGET \$105.7M

Funding from Operating **(53,514)**
Debt **(10,350)**
Gas Taxes **(7,917)**
Development Charges **(15,641)**
Other Reserve Funds **(16,946)**
External **(1,295)**



TOTAL BUDGET \$491.9M

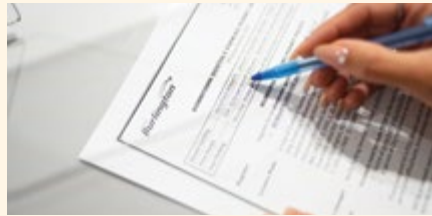
Note: Numbers are in \$ thousands and may not add due to rounding

WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO

The City provides a number of services and programs. Whether it's road plowing, using a park, or cooling off in a pool, your tax dollars are at work. The City of Burlington has a variety of local boards and services that also support local community matters and priorities.

DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - \$6.3M

Development and Growth Management Administration, Bylaw Compliance, Building, Community Planning



ENABLING SERVICES - \$33.3M

Corporate Affairs, Burlington Digital Services, Finance, Human Resources, Transformation Office

COMMUNITY SERVICES - \$92.8M

Community Services Administration, Transit, Recreation, Community and Culture, Fire, Customer Experience



CORPORATE EXPENDITURES - \$86.2M

Funding for Capital Program, Provisions to Corporate, Reserve Funds, Grants and Assistance, Financial Expenses

PUBLIC WORKS - \$52.7M

Public Works Administration, Engineering Services, Transportation Services, Roads, Park and Forestry



CORPORATE REVENUES - \$13.8M

Earnings on Investments, Taxation Revenues

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES - \$6.9M

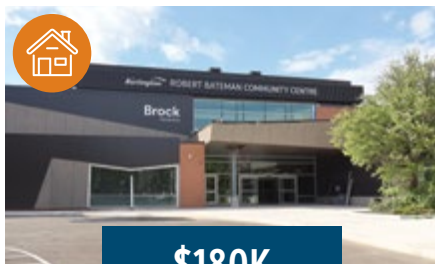
Legal and Legislative Services Administration, Legal and Halton Court Services, Legislative Services, Mayor and Council



LOCAL BOARDS - \$17.8M

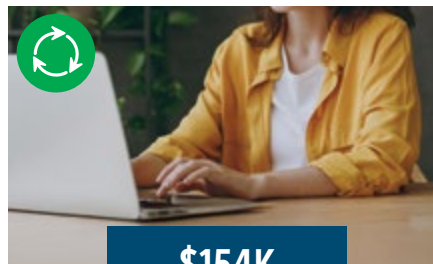
Art Gallery of Burlington, Burlington Public Library, Museums of Burlington, Burlington Economic Development and Tourism, Burlington Performing Arts Centre

2026 BUDGET KEY OPERATING INVESTMENTS



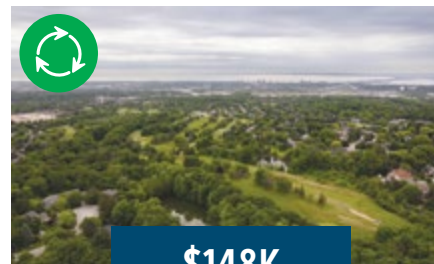
\$180K

to support the operation of the
of Burlington Public Library's
New Appleby Branch



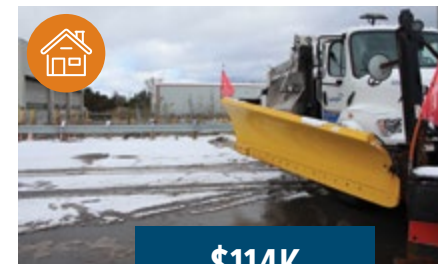
\$154K

for enhanced Cyber security protection



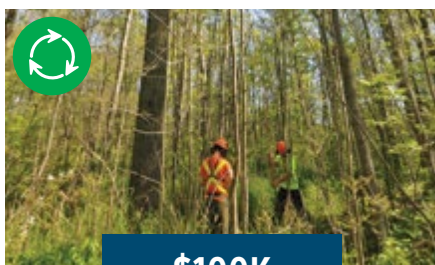
\$148K

for protection of natural environment
in development applications



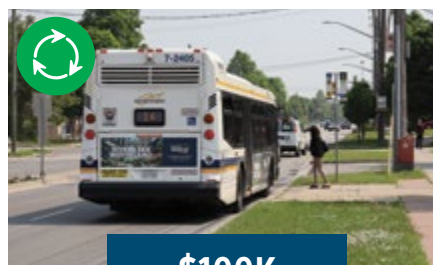
\$114K

for expansion of the windrow removal
program to support accessibility and
community well-being



\$100K

towards Urban Forestry Master Plan
Implementation for improved air quality
and vibrant outdoor recreational spaces



\$100K

for transit maintenance to reduce
service disruptions



\$41K

for more frequent waste management in
parks, for cleaner parks and public spaces



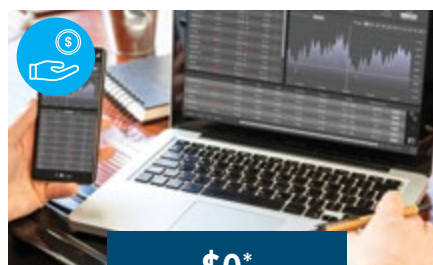
\$30K

for public engagement enhancements



\$20K

to convert an existing staff position to
support drainage and flood mitigation



\$0*

for a dedicated resource to oversee the
City's investment portfolio and support
revenue growth



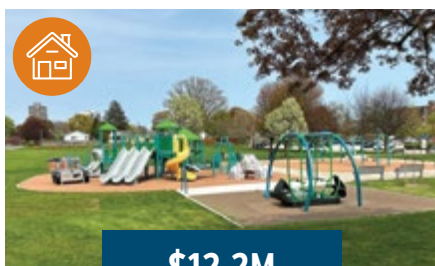
**cost of position offset from additional investment income*

2026 CAPITAL KEY INVESTMENTS

Burlington's population is expected to grow by over 40 per cent in the next 25 years. To ensure a sustainable financial future, City budgets need to prepare for growing resident needs. This includes investing in more infrastructure for long-term community benefits.

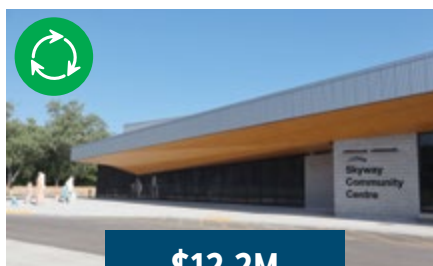
There are capital projects totaling \$105.7 million planned for 2026. Every ward in Burlington will benefit from these investments.

Some of the largest investments include:



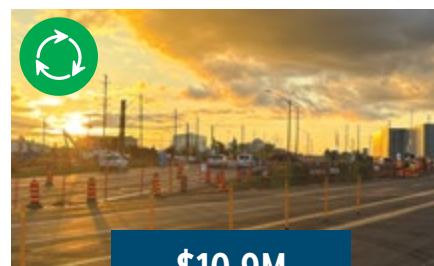
\$12.2M

for the renewal of city parks



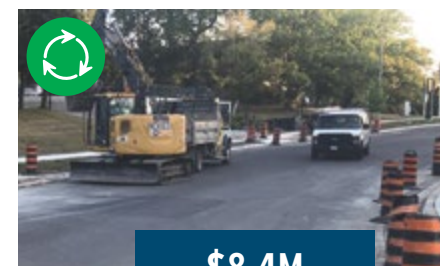
\$12.2M

towards the repair and renewal of city facilities



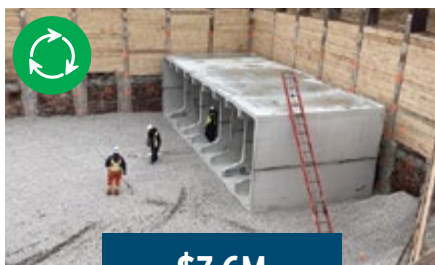
\$10.9M

to renew Walkers Line, between Lakeshore Road and Dundas Street



\$8.4M

to renew Fairview Street, between Walkers Line and Appleby Line



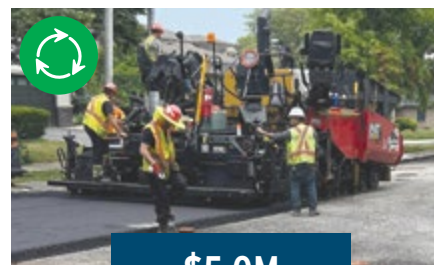
\$7.6M

towards stormwater management projects



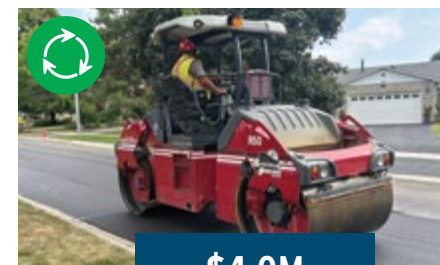
\$5.7M

to renew Upper Middle Road



\$5.0M

to renew Snake Road, between Old York Road to the City limit



\$4.0M

to renew the Spruce Avenue and Goodram Drive area

\$105.7M IN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS THROUGHOUT 2026



AFFORDABILITY



LIVABILITY



SUSTAINABILITY



TRANSPARENCY

CAPITAL FORECAST SUMMARY

This information shows the total capital budget and forecast summary over 10 years.

ASSET CATEGORY	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	TOTAL
Facilities and Buildings	\$18,361	\$16,657	\$15,266	\$16,654	\$16,543	\$16,929	\$18,065	\$18,406	\$18,355	\$19,980	\$175,215
Information Technology	\$5,273	\$5,738	\$5,981	\$6,216	\$6,432	\$6,621	\$7,012	\$7,403	\$7,794	\$8,185	\$66,655
Parks and Open Space	\$12,181	\$10,135	\$10,358	\$10,544	\$10,675	\$11,340	\$11,312	\$11,885	\$12,457	\$13,029	\$113,916
Roadways	\$51,353	\$45,681	\$51,338	\$52,191	\$62,118	\$57,549	\$79,333	\$66,245	\$65,400	\$87,632	\$618,840
Stormwater Management	\$5,143	\$6,054	\$5,224	\$5,802	\$5,191	\$5,486	\$5,311	\$5,432	\$5,693	\$5,939	\$55,275
Studies	\$690	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$690
Vehicles and Equipment	\$12,661	\$11,353	\$11,964	\$15,546	\$12,656	\$14,292	\$17,872	\$12,554	\$19,676	\$21,382	\$149,955
TOTAL	\$105,662	\$95,618	\$100,131	\$106,953	\$113,615	\$112,217	\$138,904	\$121,925	\$129,374	\$156,147	\$1,180,547

* Numbers may not add due to rounding

EXPENDITURE TYPE	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	TOTAL
New / Enhanced	\$5,067	\$2,629	\$587	\$4,492	\$2,350	\$742	\$17,892	\$6,213	\$667	\$650	\$41,285
Infrastructure Renewal	\$79,267	\$79,228	\$81,869	\$89,046	\$95,778	\$98,378	\$102,742	\$97,202	\$121,953	\$117,191	\$962,653
Growth	\$18,265	\$11,461	\$13,408	\$11,130	\$12,404	\$8,250	\$8,153	\$8,518	\$2,985	\$31,971	\$126,546
Green	\$3,064	\$2,301	\$4,268	\$2,286	\$3,084	\$4,847	\$10,118	\$9,993	\$3,769	\$6,335	\$50,064
TOTAL	\$105,662	\$95,618	\$100,131	\$106,953	\$113,615	\$112,217	\$138,904	\$121,925	\$129,374	\$156,147	\$1,180,547

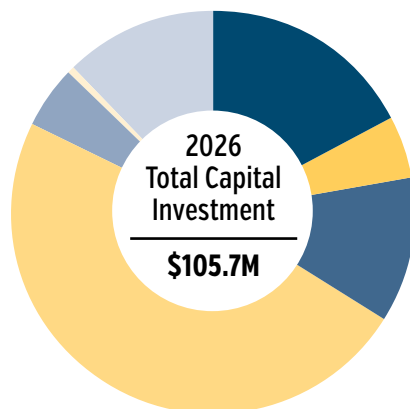
ASSET CATEGORY

Vehicles and Equipment
\$12,661 | 12.0%

Studies **\$690 | 0.7%**

Stormwater Management
\$5,143 | 4.9%

Roadways
\$51,353 | 48.6%



Facilities and Buildings
\$18,361 | 17.4%

Information Technology
\$5,273 | 5.0%

Parks and Open Space
\$12,181 | 11.5%

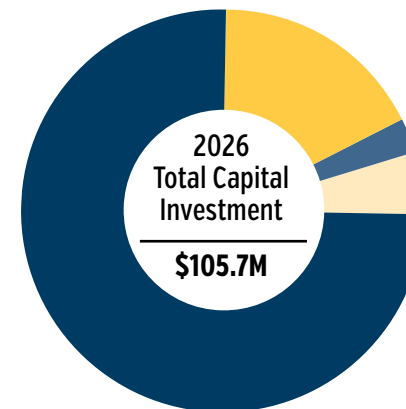
EXPENDITURE TYPE

Growth
\$18,265 | 17.3%

Green
\$3,064 | 2.9%

New
\$5,067 | 4.8%

Renewal
\$79,267 | 75.0%

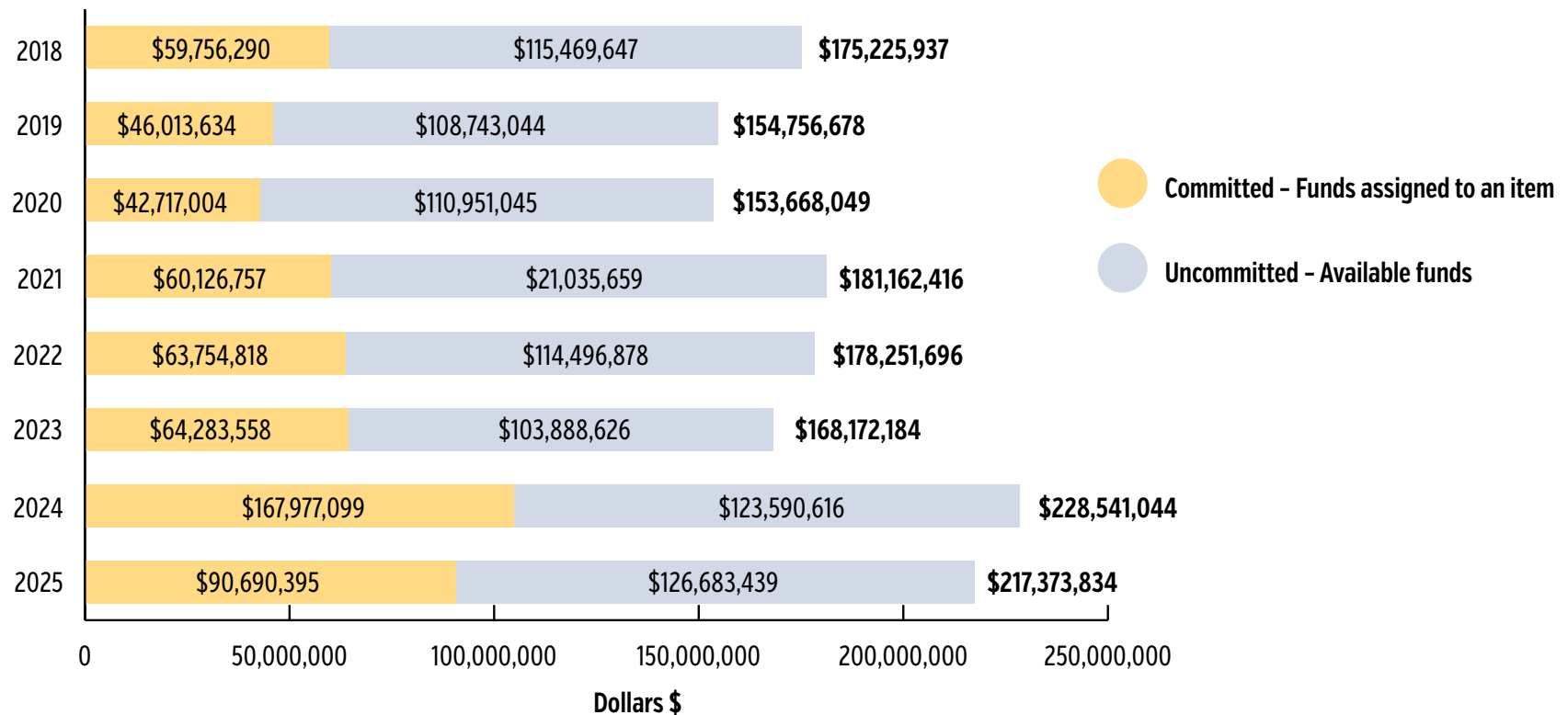


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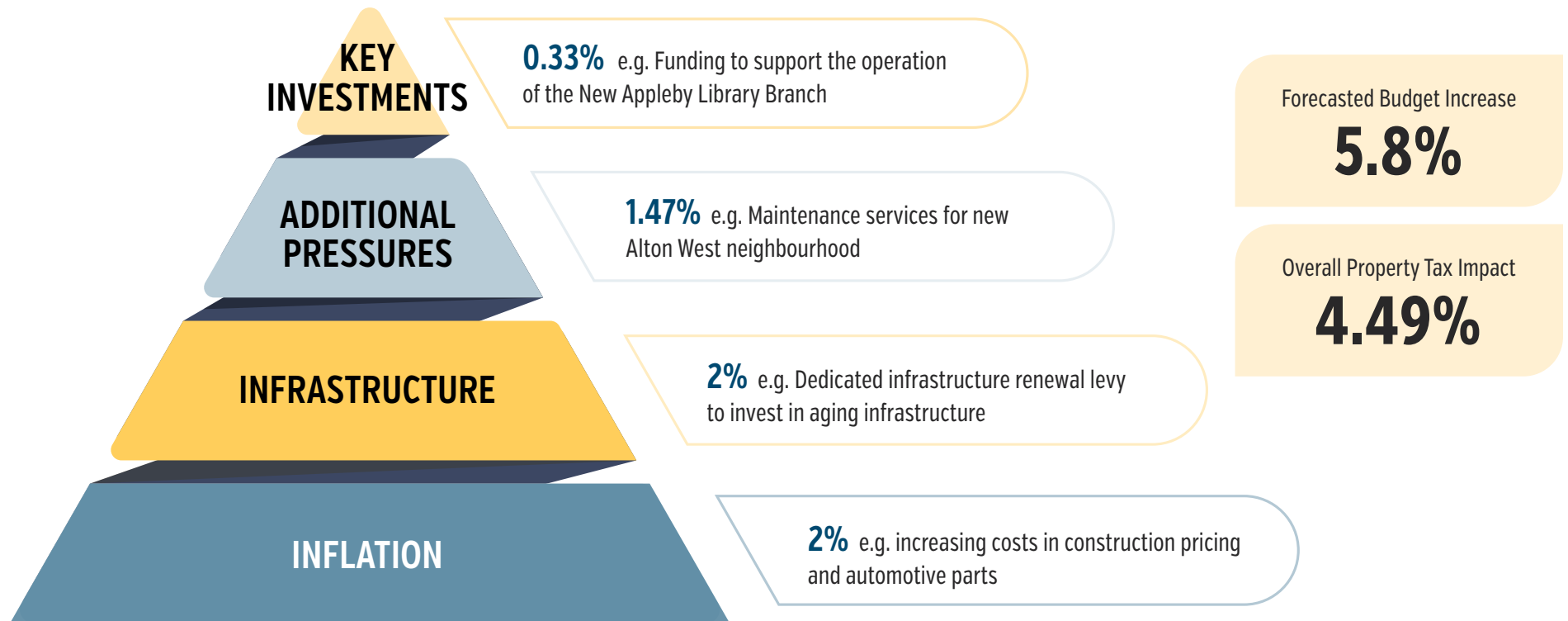
RESERVES AND RESERVE FUNDS

Reserve funds help ensure the City can manage emergencies and unexpected costs (e.g. major floods, economic downturns) without disrupting core services. The following chart shows the history of reserve fund balances for the past eight years.

RESERVE FUND BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2025



MAJOR DRIVERS OF THE BUDGET INCREASE



PROJECTED 2026 BUDGET

In July 2025, Burlington City Council approved the 2026 Financial Forecast Report, with a focus on limiting tax impacts for its residents. The forecast report is one of the first steps in the annual budget process and provides a preliminary look at the 2026 budget.

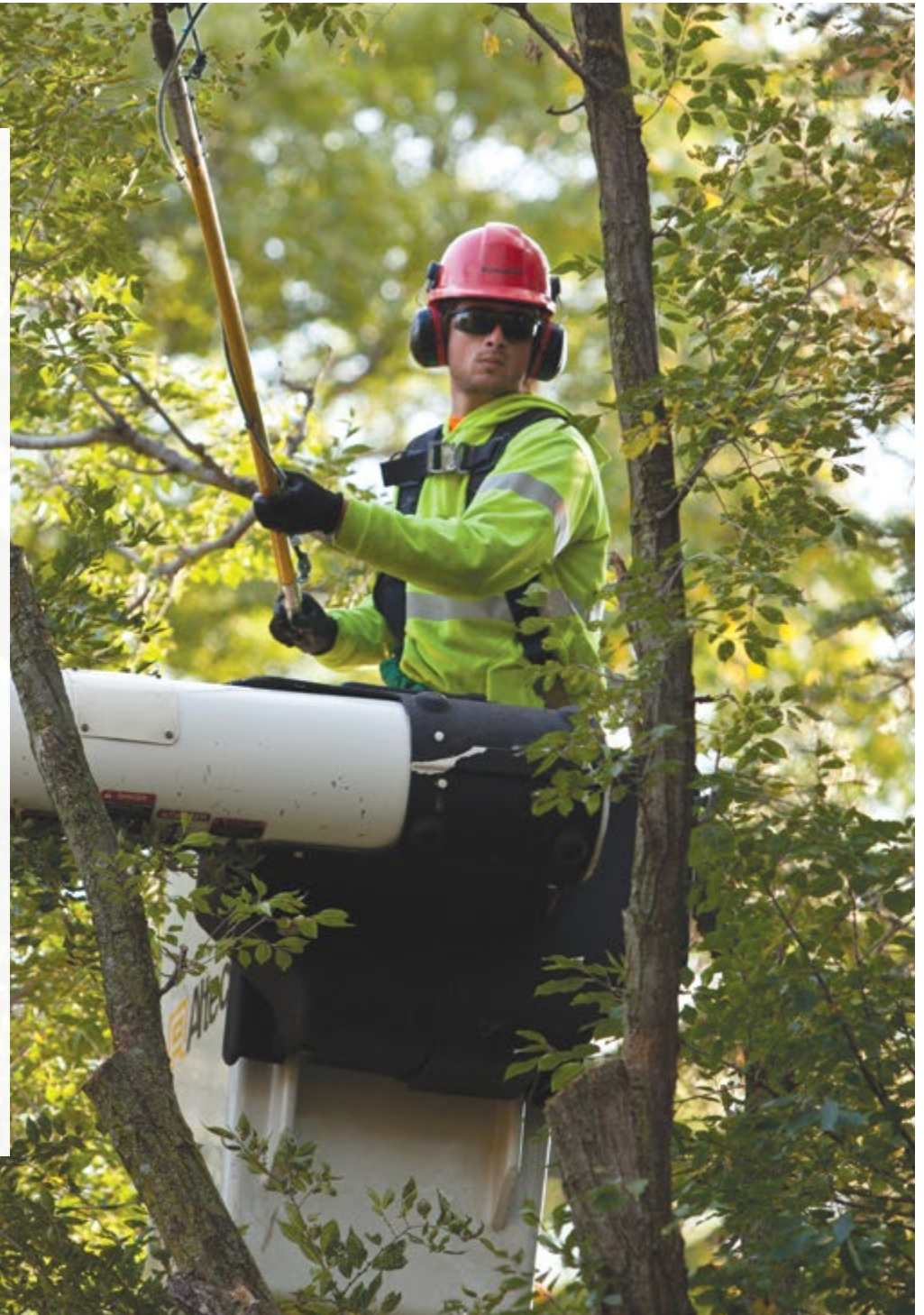
The figures below are projections based on the 2026 Financial Forecast Report. No formal budget has been presented, and no decisions have been made.

\$282M
PROJECTED
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES
REQUIRED

2.98%
CITY OF BURLINGTON'S
SHARE OF THE TOTAL TAX
INCREASE

4.49%
PROJECTED TOTAL TAX INCREASE

\$43.63
THE FORECASTED INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT
OF TAXES YOU WILL PAY FROM 2025 TO 2026
(per \$100,000 of residential current value assessment)



2026 BUDGET PROJECTIONS AND YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

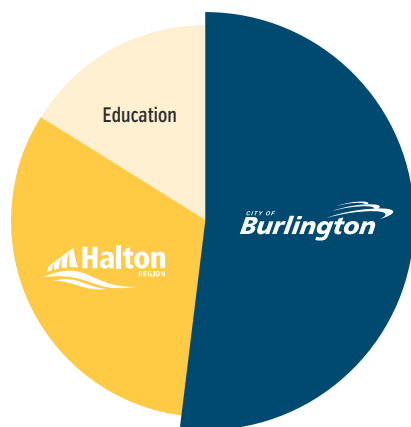
To understand how the budget will impact the property taxes you pay, we need to look at the budgets for the City of Burlington, Halton Region (includes Police Services) and the Boards of Education. Each of these organizations delivers services to Burlington residents and determines their own budgets.

BUDGET PROJECTIONS AS OF JULY 15, 2025

	2025 Share of Tax Bill	Forecasted 2026 Share of Tax Bill	2025 Taxes*	2026 Budget Change	Forecasted 2026 Taxes*	Tax Increase* (in dollars)	Tax Increase (as a percentage)
	The percentage of your taxes that go to each organization in 2025.	The forecasted percentage of your taxes that will go to each organization in 2026.	The amount you pay in taxes in 2025*	The forecasted increase in each organization's budget	The forecasted amount you will pay in taxes in 2026*	The forecasted increase in the amount you will pay in taxes, from 2025 to 2026, in dollars	The forecasted increase in the amount you will pay in taxes, from 2025 to 2026, as a percentage
Burlington	51.37%	52.01%	\$499.11	5.80%	\$528.07	\$28.93	2.98%
Halton	19.38%	19.19%	\$188.27	3.49%	\$194.84	\$6.57	0.67%
Police	13.50%	13.72%	\$131.20	6.20%	\$139.33	\$8.13	0.84%
Education	15.75%	15.07%	\$153.00	0.00%	\$153.00	\$-	0.00%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	\$971.58	4.49%	\$1,015.24	\$43.63	4.49%

*per \$100K of residential current value assessment

PROPERTY TAXES



EDUCATION – 15%

- School boards

HALTON REGION SERVICES – 33%

- Waste pick up
- Police & Paramedic services
- Regional roads
- Social Services
- Public Health

BURLINGTON SERVICES – 52%

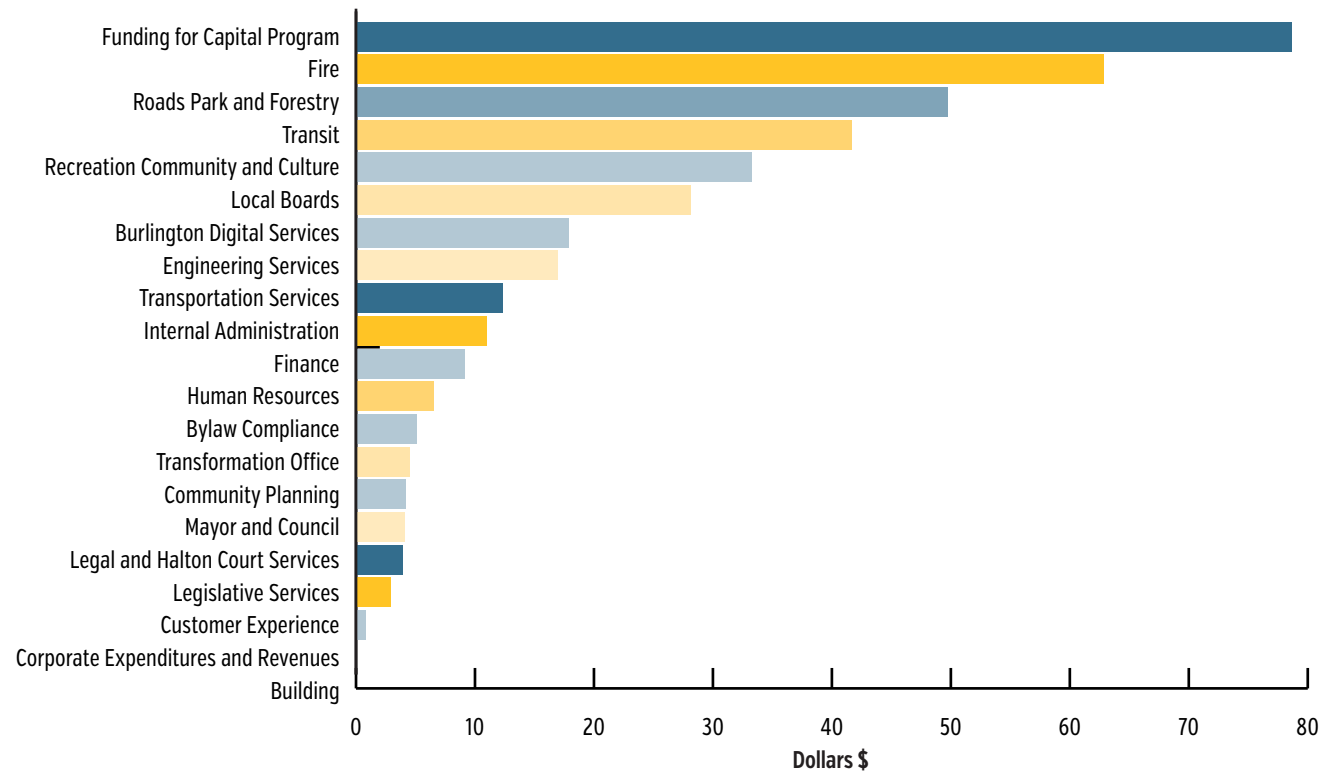
- Fire and protection services
- Recreation, community and culture facilities & programs
- Roads, parks and forestry maintenance
- Burlington Transit
- Burlington Public Library
- Leaf collection
- Winter maintenance
- Civic administration
- Stormwater pond maintenance
- Growth management planning
- Streetlighting

TAX BREAKDOWN



TAX BREAKDOWN (For every \$100K of residential current value assessment)

The following chart provides a breakdown of how the property taxes collected for each \$100,000 of residential current value assessment fund City operations.

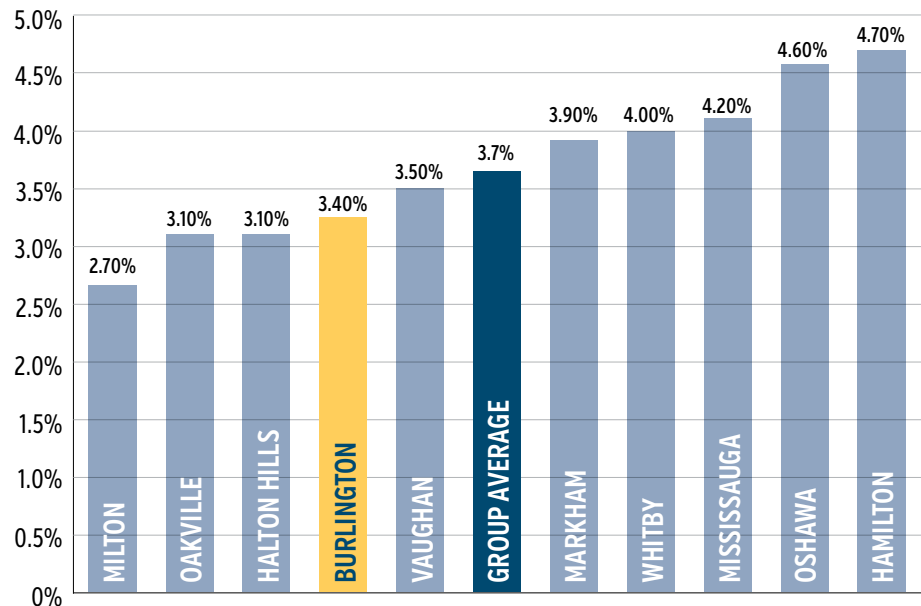


MUNICIPAL COMPARATORS



The following chart compares property taxes paid as a percentage of household income. Burlington is below the group average of municipal comparators.

PROPERTY TAXES AS A % OF INCOME



BMA Management Consulting Inc. – Municipal Study 2024



OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY – BY DIVISION AND DEPARTMENTS

This is a more detailed breakdown of the operating budget by City of Burlington divisions and departments. Divisions are external-facing service areas. The City has four of these, including Public Works, Development and Growth Management, Legal and Legislative Services, and Community Services.

Internal-facing service areas are combined under the heading of Enabling Services. The local boards include Art Gallery of Burlington, Burlington Public Library, Burlington Museums, Burlington Economic Development and Tourism, and the Burlington Performing Arts Centre.

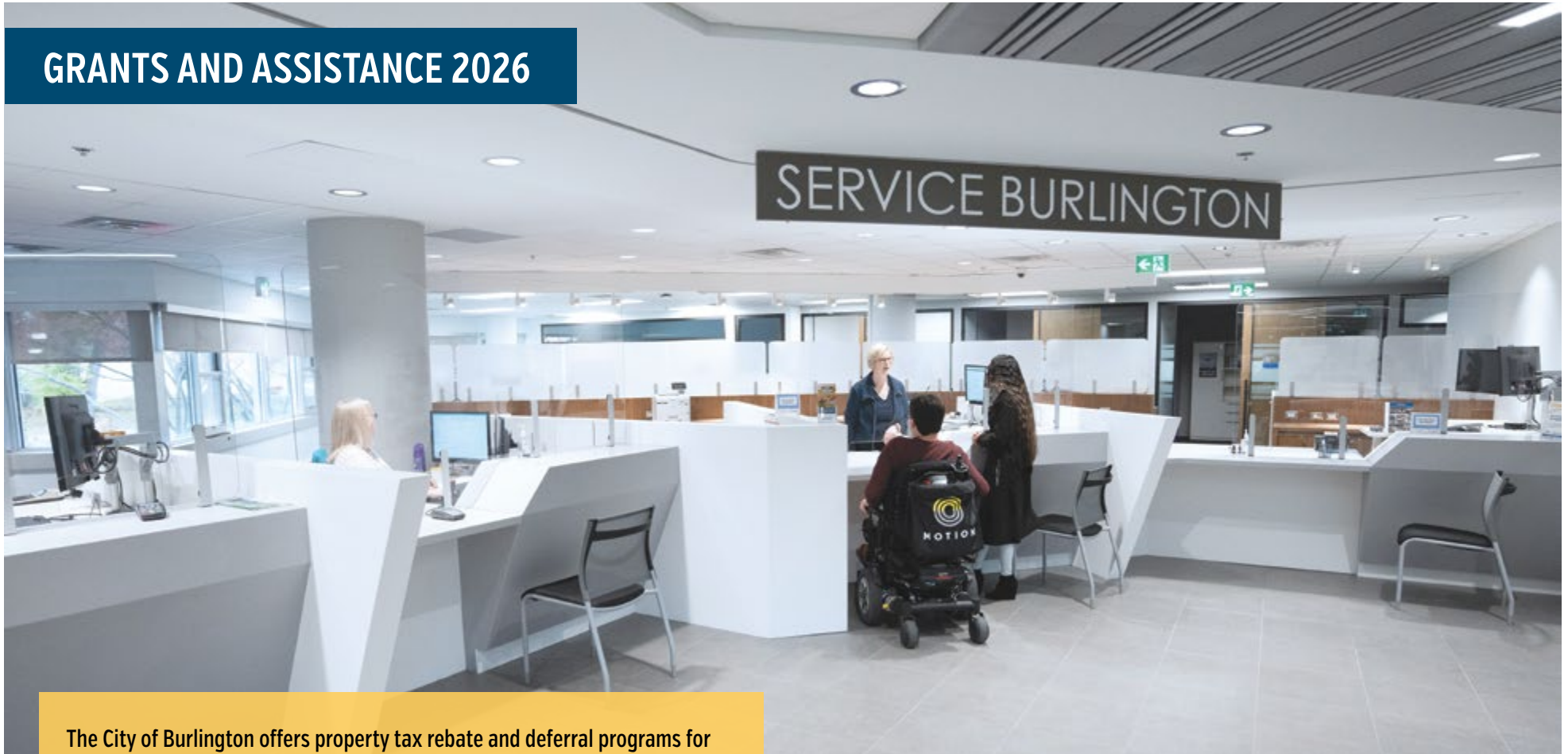
	2025			2026		
	BUDGET	BASE BUDGET	KEY INVESTMENTS	TOTAL BUDGET	CHANGE \$	CHANGE %
Development and Growth Management						
Development and Growth Management Admin	362	376	-	376	14	3.9%
By-law Compliance	3,277	3,472	-	3,472	195	6.0%
Building	-	[0]	-	[0]	[0]	-
Community Planning	2,017	2,277	146	2,423	406	20.1%
Total Development And Growth Management	5,657	6,126	146	6,272	615	10.9%
Community Services						
Community Services Admin	395	428	-	428	34	8.6%
Transit	24,773	26,474	109	26,584	1,811	7.3%
Recreation, Community and Culture	21,309	22,261	-	22,261	952	4.5%
Fire	39,187	42,015	-	42,015	2,828	7.2%
Customer Experience	1,416	1,549	-	1,549	133	9.4%
Total Community Services	87,079	92,727	109	92,837	5,758	6.6%
Public Works						
Public Works Admin	444	504	-	504	60	13.5%
Engineering Services	8,939	9,548	-	9,548	608	6.8%
Transportation Services	8,511	9,070	-	9,070	558	6.6%
Roads, Parks and Forestry	31,558	33,312	276	33,588	2,030	6.4%
Total Public Works	49,453	52,434	276	52,709	3,256	6.6%
Legal and Legislative Services						
Legal and Legislative Services Admin	412	434	-	434	22	5.3%
Corporate Legal and Halton Court Services	2,022	2,181	-	2,181	159	7.9%
Legislative Services	1,957	2,067	-	2,067	110	5.6%
Mayor and Council	2,102	2,222	-	2,222	120	5.7%
Total Legal and Legislative Services	6,493	6,904	-	6,904	411	6.3%

Note: Numbers are in \$ thousands and may not add due to rounding. ** Includes Assessment growth of 0.75%

	2025			2026		
	BUDGET	BASE BUDGET	KEY INVESTMENTS	TOTAL BUDGET	CHANGE \$	CHANGE %
Enabling Departments						
Corporate Affairs	4,517	4,804	30	4,834	317	7.0%
Burlington Digital Services	13,958	14,867	159	15,025	1,067	7.6%
Finance	5,429	5,867	(2)	5,865	437	8.0%
Human Resources	4,583	4,865	-	4,865	282	6.2%
Transformation Office	2,745	2,714	-	2,714	(32)	-1.2%
Total Enabling Departments	31,232	33,117	187	33,304	2,071	6.6%
Total Divisions and Departments	179,913	191,307	718	192,025	12,112	6.7%
Local Boards						
Art Gallery of Burlington	1,079	1,098	-	1,098	19	1.7%
Burlington Public Library	12,338	12,554	180	12,734	396	3.2%
Museums of Burlington	791	805	-	805	14	1.7%
Burlington Economic Development and Tourism	1,962	1,996	-	1,996	34	1.7%
Burlington Performing Arts Centre	1,121	1,141	-	1,141	20	1.7%
Total Local Boards	17,291	17,593	180	17,773	483	2.8%
Corporate Expenditures						
Funding for Capital Program	65,966	71,999	-	71,999	6,034	9.1%
Provisions to Corporate Reserve Funds	7,998	7,708	-	7,708	(289)	-3.6%
Grants and Assistance	617	517	-	517	(100)	-16.2%
Corporate Shared Facilities	2,493	2,584	-	2,584	91	3.6%
Financial Expenses	3,997	3,427	-	3,427	(570)	-14.3%
Total Corporate Expenditures	81,071	86,236	-	86,236	5,165	6.4%
Total Net Expenditures	278,274	295,136	898	296,034	17,760	6.4%
Corporate Revenues						
Earnings on Investments	5,300	5,300	-	5,300	-	-
Penalties and Interest	2,300	2,350	-	2,350	50	2.2%
Supplementary Taxes	1,200	1,200	-	1,200	-	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	4,121	4,348	-	4,348	227	5.5%
Other Revenues	630	630	-	630	-	-
Total Corporate Revenues	13,551	13,828	-	13,828	277	2.0%
Net Budget Change	264,724	281,308	898	282,206	17,482	**5.8%

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GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE 2026



The City of Burlington offers property tax rebate and deferral programs for many eligible individuals and groups. Learn more about each program to discover if you qualify at burlington.ca/propertytax.

PROPERTY TAX PROGRAMS

- Low-income Seniors and Persons with Disability – \$575
- Older Adults Property Tax Deferral Program – interest free (Regional Program)
- Designated Heritage Property Tax Rebate program
- Charity Tax Rebate (Regional program)
- Tax Payment Plans: pre-authorized payment plans available

OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- Windrow Program – expanded program to 1,000 spots \$128.75 plus HST
- Recreational Assistance – fee waiver program and community investment fund
- Free Transit Programs – children, seniors and youth (Mon-Fri after 6 p.m. and weekends)
- Residential Plumbing Permits Grants for basement flooding prevention
- Home Energy Retrofit Program – interest free loan program
- Additional Residential Units (ARU) Incentive Program

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Budgets are more than dollars and cents. Your taxes fund the services you depend on.

Take part in upcoming public engagement opportunities for the 2026 Budget. Provide feedback on the budget priorities that mean the most to you.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Online budget survey

Monday, Aug. 25 – Sunday, Oct. 5 – Online at getinvolvedburlington.ca/2026budget

Food for Feedback event

Saturday, Sept. 13 at Central Park (2299 New St.), from 12 – 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Ward 6 at Haber Community Centre (3040 Tim Dobbie Dr.)

Monday, Sept. 22, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Ward 1 at LaSalle Park Pavilion (50 North Shore Blvd.)

Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Ward 2 at Burlington Seniors' Centre (2285 New St.)

Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Ward 3 at Brant Hills Community Centre (2255 Brant St.)

Monday, Sept. 29, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Ward 4 at Tansley Woods Community Centre (1996 Itabashi Way)

Thursday, Oct. 2, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Ward 5 at Appleby Ice Centre (1201 Appleby Line)

Overview of proposed 2026 Budget
at Committee of the Whole Council meeting

Monday, Nov. 3 at 1 p.m.

2026 Budget Telephone Town Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 7 – 8:30 p.m., by phone

WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR

At this year's Food for Feedback event on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Central Park, hundreds of residents shared valuable feedback with City staff about their service priorities.

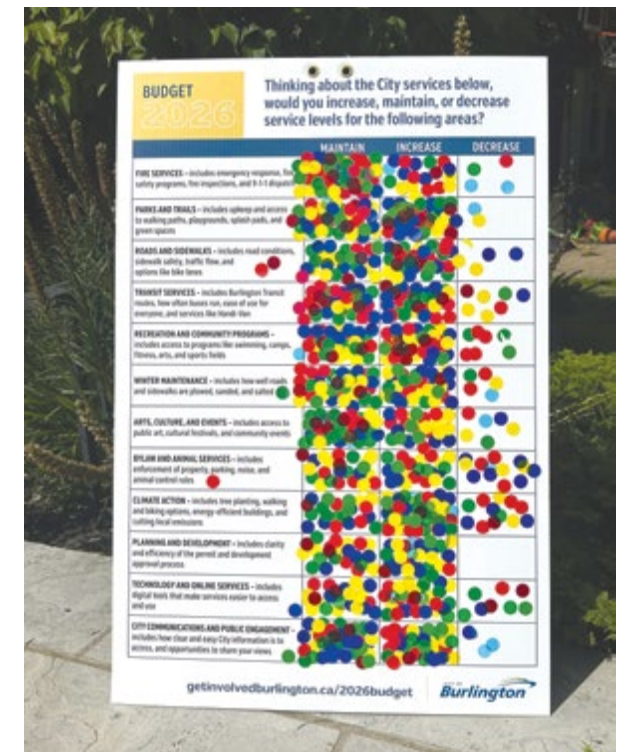
We asked residents: **Thinking about the City Services below, would you maintain, increase or decrease service levels for the following areas?**

- Fire services
- Parks and trails
- Roads and sidewalks
- Transit
- Recreation and community programs
- Winter maintenance
- Arts, culture and events
- Bylaw and animal services
- Climate action
- Planning and development
- Technology and online services
- City communications and public engagement

Across all service categories, the overwhelming majority of residents indicated a preference to maintain or increase current service levels.

In particular, maintaining levels for fire services, transit, recreation and community programs, and winter maintenance was a clear priority. Areas where residents expressed a desire for increased investment included parks and trails, roads and sidewalks, and climate action.

We look forward to continuing to gather feedback throughout the engagement period.



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