



A Message From Mayor Dan Carter

Without a doubt, the 2025 Budget was one of the hardest budget processes I've encountered. Oshawa, like other municipalities, is feeling the impact of downloading from other levels of government while facing historic economic challenges such as aging infrastructure, record high inflation, supply chain disruptions and more.

I am committed to the principals of financial stewardship and building the strongest foundation possible for our future generations, and I believe that we were able to do just that. For only \$14.07 a month (for an average assessed property*), Oshawa residents and property owners will continue to receive programs and services that are second to none.

This budget takes into account the current economic environment while reflecting the City's Strategic Plan and Financial Strategy, and focuses on strategic decision-making, service levels and long-term financial sustainability strategies like cost mitigation, building reserves and investing in infrastructure.

Oshawa 2025 Budget Highlights

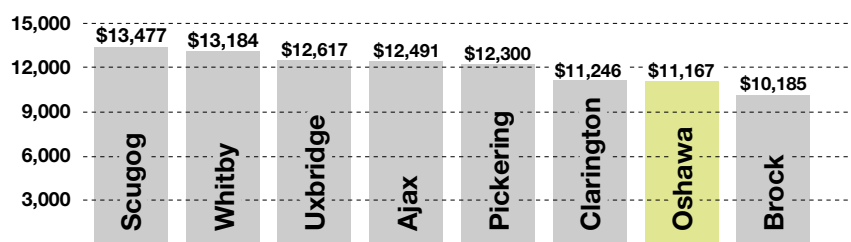
Budget Fiction and Facts



Fiction: Oshawa property owners pay the most taxes because their tax rate is the highest.



Fact: Tax rates don't indicate affordability; instead, a better comparison value is the amount of property tax dollars paid. In a 2024 study that compared property taxes paid, Oshawa ranked 14th out of 30 G.T.A. municipalities and, of that list, had the second lowest property tax dollars paid in Durham Region.

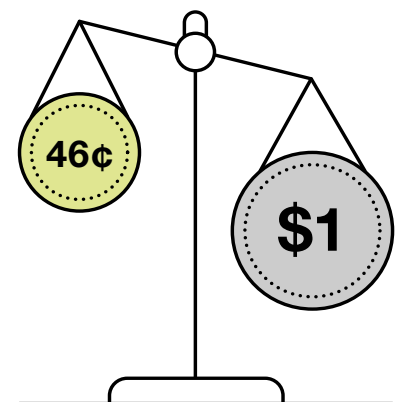


Fiction: New construction is bringing additional value to the City's tax rolls.



Fact: Property taxes are based on your property assessment, not the sale price of your property. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (M.P.A.C.) completes property assessments and determines your property's value for tax purposes.

The last property reassessment was in 2016, which means that new properties or changes to existing properties are valued as if they were built in 2016. As a result, for every dollar of assessment increase in Oshawa, only \$0.46 can be collected, which means Oshawa is not able to fully benefit from the value of new construction in the city.

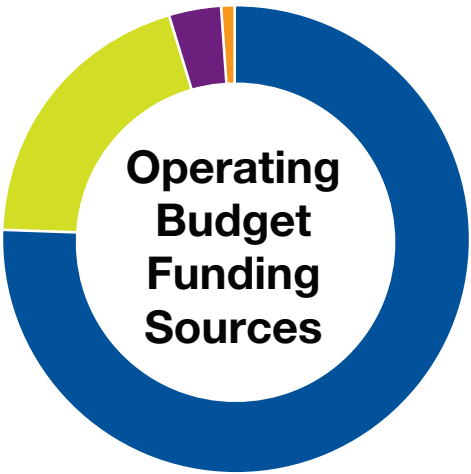


2025 Financial Highlights

Where Does the Money Come From?

Property taxes will fund approximately 75% of the 2025 Operating Budget, with the remainder funded through other sources like user fees, program revenue, licences and permits, penalties and interests, and miscellaneous revenue.

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Property Taxes	75.61%
User Fees & Other	19.86%
Penalties & Interest	3.43%
Miscellaneous	1.09%
Total	100%



What Does My Property Tax Bill Pay For?

As a lower-tier municipal government, the City of Oshawa collects property taxes for not only itself, but also on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Durham (an upper-tier municipality) and the Province of Ontario.

For every dollar the City collects in 2025, it will only keep approximately \$0.40.

Property Tax	%
Region of Durham	45.7%
City of Oshawa	40.4%
Province of Ontario	14.0%
Total	100%

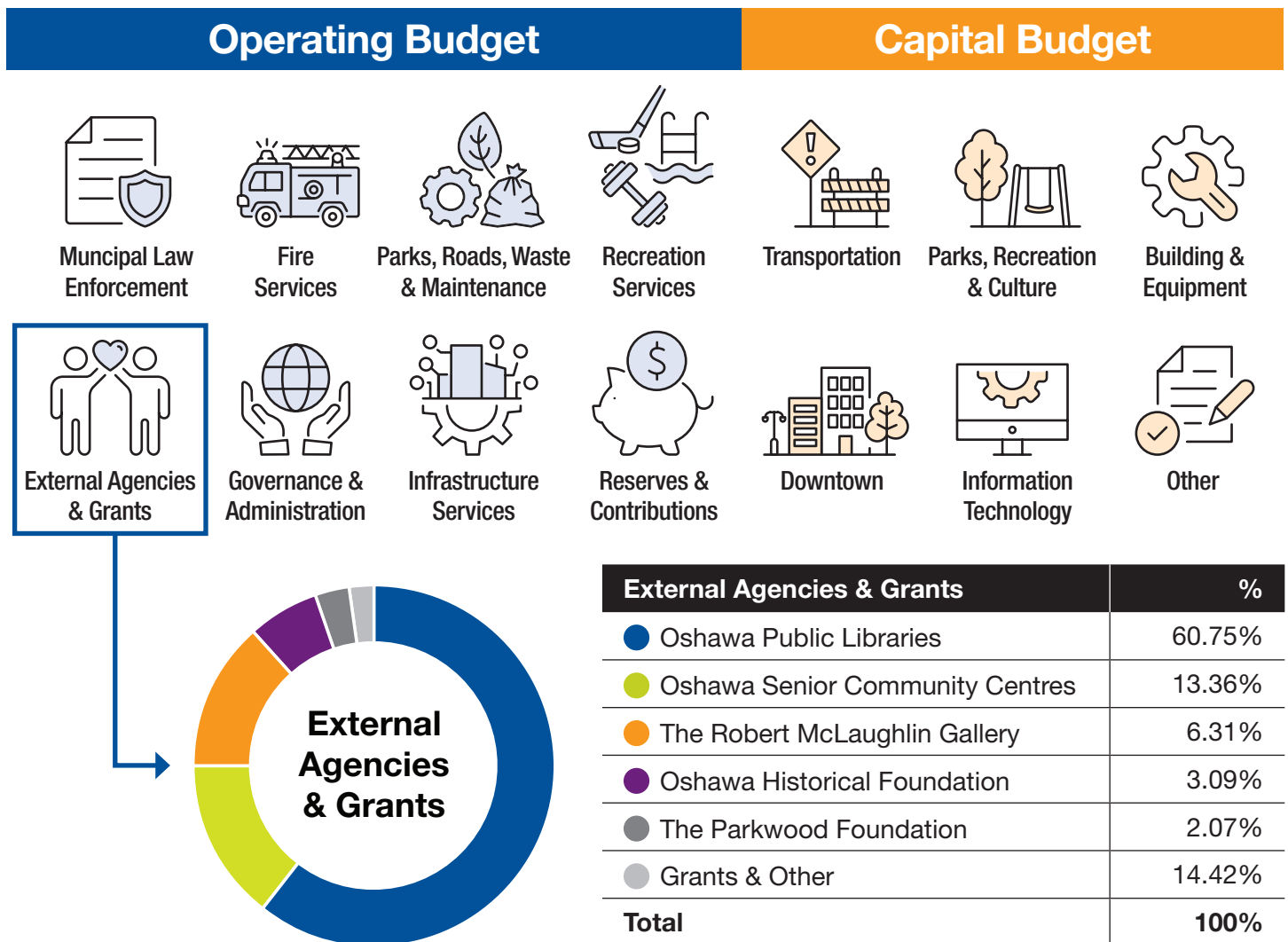


*The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (M.P.A.C.) determines property values in Ontario. Based on their most recent assessment, Oshawa's average assessed property value is \$356,000.

Investing In Our Community

The City Budget is made up of the **Operating Budget** and the **Capital Budget**. Together, they balance competing priorities and challenges while providing affordable services and programs. The Budget invests in our city by maintaining and building infrastructure (like roads, sidewalks, trails and parks) and saves for the future by increasing reserve balances to ensure the financial health and sustainability of the city.

For \$168.86 a month, the City provides an average assessed property* with the following services:



Use our **Property Tax Calculator** to see an estimated cost breakdown for your property at oshawa.ca/PTC

Learn more about the Operating and Capital Budgets at oshawa.ca/Budget101

2025 Priorities

The City's 2025 Budget will fund strategic investments in current and new infrastructure like:



Community Safety

Community safety is always the City's number one priority and this year will be no exception with multiple projects dedicated to providing a safe environment for residents to live, work and play. This will include the introduction of automated speed enforcement cameras, which will significantly increase compliance with posted speed limits while decreasing the average speed of vehicles, as well as the addition of traffic calming measures.



Parks

The City plans to invest over \$22 million into redeveloping and introducing new parks and features. This will include major developments like:

- a new outdoor pool, splash pad, playground and more at Rotary Park;
- pickleball courts, B.M.X. bike track upgrades, washrooms, a formal garden and more at Rose Valley Community Park; and,
- a splash pad, accessible swing, multi-skills course and more at Easton Park.



Other park investments throughout the city include pathway replacements, playground adjustments, track reconstruction, accessibility improvements and more.

Get the latest on the City's parks projects at oshawa.ca/ParksPD



Roads

Oshawa roads will see a \$23 million investment in fixing existing roads and road expansion projects in 2025. Projects funded this year include widening Conlin Road, reconstructing Thornton Road, road resurfacing and crack sealing, sidewalk repairs, adding bicycle repair stations to the cycling network and more.

Did you know the City is only responsible for the maintenance of "City" roads in Oshawa? Roads are either deemed City roads or Regional roads.

Review a list of Regional roads in Oshawa at oshawa.ca/RegionalRoads

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands and waters within the Williams Treaties Territory, home to seven First Nation communities of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg, who have cared for and maintained these lands from time immemorial and continue to do so to present day.

For more information, visit
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