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SECTION #I Community Investment



2024-2026 OPERATING BUDGET - STRATEGIC PLAN INVESTMENTS

The 2024-2026 budget is a three-year budget approval, and is positioned to implement the priorities of the City's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. The budget leverages the extensive public engagement undertaken as part of the Strategic Plan creation, which is the key influencer of the budget. The budget is based on the theme of "Strong, Sustainable, Together", continuing the progress made with recent budgets focusing on four main goals:

- 1) Service delivery enhancements and additions as supported by the Strategic Plan
- 2) Support for existing programs and services
- 3) Operating funding to support new capital assets
- 4) Continued increased investment in infrastructure renewal

The City of Waterloo 2023-2026 Strategic Plan was approved by Council on June 26, 2023. The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, defines Waterloo's focus over the next four years. To help develop the Strategic Plan, we collected feedback from the community through one-on-one interviews, online surveys, workshops and in-person discussions. We connected with community, equity-deserving groups, business and organization leaders, city Council, and city staff.

We also reviewed important city plans and strategies, social and economic data, and current challenges such as COVID recovery, housing and homelessness, sustainability and climate change.

As a result of the process, six guiding principles, five strategic priorities, 17 objectives and updated mission and vision statements emerged. This framework will provide a common focus for Council and staff to guide decision-making over the next four years as resourced through the 2024-2026 budget.

Our Guiding Principles



Guiding principles encompass the values of the community and the municipal corporation. They guide the decisions of the organization and outline expected behaviours of its employees and leaders. These principles help guide interactions with internal and external customers and should be considered with every decision made. They support the development of a culture where everyone understands what is important.





- Equity and Inclusion We build relationships with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples and equity-deserving groups and embrace Reconciliation, equity, accessibility, diversity and inclusion.
- **Sustainability** We plan for the long term, prioritizing sustainability and take meaningful action to address environmental, social and economic goals.
- **Integrity** We operate with integrity and transparency, we strive for well-considered comprehensive, responsive, diligent and thoughtful decision-making.
- Workplace Wellbeing We commit to promoting wellbeing and providing a healthy, safe and enjoyable work environment for all employees and volunteers of the organization.
- **Community-centred** We support strong and liveable neighbourhoods, prioritizing community engagement grounded in empathy and understanding.
- Operational Excellence We provide fiscally responsible, exceptional service that
 meets the needs of residents, partners and equity-deserving groups, employees and
 volunteers of the city.

Our Strategic Priorities

While the vision, mission and guiding principles outline where Waterloo wants to be, why the City does what it does and how it will accomplish the work, the strategic priorities will start to prioritize the direction the City needs to go.













- Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion Value that an inclusive city is one that recognizes differences and diversity in planning, decision-making and service delivery for all residents to have equal opportunities and benefits. Through a commitment to Reconciliation, justice, equity and inclusion for all, the city will disrupt and dismantle all forms of discrimination and systemic oppression.
- Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action Become a leader in environmental sustainability practices and climate action by making transformational changes related to city operations and services while working with the community toward climate change mitigation and adaptation goals.
- Complete Community Achieve a high quality of life for all residents and overall community vibrancy through strategic density, diverse housing options and equitably available parks, public spaces and other recreational and cultural amenities.
- Infrastructure and Transportation Systems Expand and support infrastructure
 and transportation systems in an environmentally and fiscally sustainable manner that
 provides residents with resilient public infrastructure and sustainable transportation
 solutions.
- Innovation and Future-Ready Demonstrate resiliency and readiness to do things
 differently, address social developments and integrate new ideas through collaboration
 with key partners while continuing to grow a diversified economy and innovation
 ecosystem.

2024-2026 Budget by Strategic Priorities

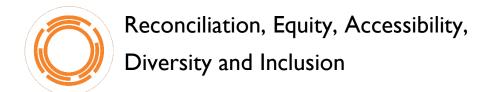
The 2024-2026 operating budget includes an increased investment of \$26.9 million towards the strategic plan, while the 2024-2026 capital budget will provide \$363.0 million towards the strategic plan. These community investments are funded by a combination of Tax Base (T) and Enterprise (E) funding sources.

Initiatives have been classified under one strategic plan priority only in order to avoid duplication of investment; however, many initiatives may be related to or support more than one strategic priority.

| 2024-2026 Budget - Strategic Plan Investments | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Strategic Priorities | 2024 - 2024 - 2025 - | | 2025 - | 2026 - | 2026 - | TOTAL (\$) | | | | |
| Strategic i Florities | Operating (\$) | Capital (\$) | Operating (\$) | Capital (\$) | Operating (\$) | Capital (\$) | IOIAL(\$) | | | |
| Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inclusion | 684,000 | 1,871,000 | 719,000 | 807,000 | 369,000 | 743,000 | 5,193,000 | | | |
| Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action | 368,745 | 20,492,000 | 66,761 | 5,369,000 | 77,533 | 8,992,000 | 35,366,039 | | | |
| Complete Community | 2,366,472 | 37,284,000 | 1,783,534 | 9,769,000 | 2,202,968 | 9,203,000 | 62,608,974 | | | |
| Infrastructure and Transportation Systems | 4,441,649 | 73,279,000 | 4,997,452 | 91,741,000 | 5,630,325 | 83,517,000 | 263,606,426 | | | |
| Innovation and Future-Ready | 929,000 | 4,283,000 | 314,140 | 6,445,000 | 474,500 | 8,836,000 | 21,281,640 | | | |
| Advancing the Strategic Plan | 549,946 | 193,000 | 565,392 | 135,000 | 364,884 | 60,000 | 1,868,222 | | | |
| Total Strategic Plan Investments | 9,339,812 | 137,402,000 | 8,446,279 | 114,266,000 | 9,119,210 | 111,351,000 | 389,924,301 | | | |

Note: The 2024-2026 operating and capital budgets includes both Tax Base (T) and Enterprise (E) investments





Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion - Value that an inclusive city is one that recognizes differences and diversity in planning, decision-making and service delivery for all residents to have equal opportunities and benefits. Through a commitment to Reconciliation, justice, equity and inclusion for all, the city will disrupt and dismantle all forms of discrimination and systemic oppression.

The 2024-2026 operating budget includes the following investments in Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion:

| | 2024-2026 Operating Strategic Plan Investments - Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---|--|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Ref# | Division | Budget Request Name | T/E | 2024 - Operating (\$) | 2025 - Operating (\$) | 2026 - Operating (\$) | | | | |
| B22 | Economic Development | Physician Recruitment | Т | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | | | | |
| B23 | Reconciliation, Equity, 23 Accessibility, Diversity and Project Coordinator Inclusion | | Т | - | - | 107,000 | | | | |
| B24 | Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion | | | 25,000 | - | - | | | | |
| B25 | Strategic Initiatives | Encampment Clean-up Costs | Т | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | | | | |
| S3 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement - 2024/25 Winter Season (IPPW2023-040) | Т | 393,000 | - | - | | | | |
| S4 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement - 2025/26 Winter Season (IPPW2023-040) | Т | - | 514,000 | - | | | | |
| S5 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement - 2026/27 Winter Season (IPPW2023-040) | Т | - | - | 115,000 | | | | |
| SII | Community Programming and Outreach Services | Community Inclusion Initiatives | Т | 161,000 | 100,000 | 42,000 | | | | |
| | TOTAL - Reconciliatio | n, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion | | 684,000 | 719,000 | 369,000 | | | | |

Note – The 2024-2026 capital budget includes an investment of \$3.4 million in Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion. Project highlights include:

- Accessibility Facility Upgrades (AODA) ref #130
- Indigenous Gathering Space ref #326
- Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancements Equipment ref #327

Please see the 2024-2026 capital budget for all Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion capital project details.



Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action

Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action - Become a leader in environmental sustainability practices and climate action by making transformational changes related to city operations and services while working with the community toward climate change mitigation and adaptation goals.

The 2024-2026 operating budget includes the following investments in **Environmental** Sustainability and Climate Action:

| | 2024-2026 Operating Strategic Plan Investments - Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|---|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Ref# | Division | Budget Request Name | T/E | 2024 - Operating (\$) | 2025 - Operating (\$) | 2026 - Operating (\$) | | | | |
| BII | Strategic Initiatives | Climate Change/Sustainability Contributions | Т | 158,000 | - | | | | | |
| B18 | Corporate Transactions | Inflationary Contribution to CARF | Т | 56,732 | 66,418 | 73,613 | | | | |
| B40 | City Utilities | Stormwater Credit Payments | Е | 3,768 | 3,843 | 3,920 | | | | |
| GII | City Utilities | City Utilities - Backflow Technician | Е | 133,245 | (3,500) | | | | | |
| MII | Strategic Initiatives | Sustainability and Climate Change Co-op | T | 17,000 | | | | | | |
| | TOTAL - Environn | nental Sustainability and Climate Action | 368,745 | 66,761 | 77,533 | | | | | |

Note – The 2024-2026 capital budget includes an investment of \$34.9 million in Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action. Project highlights include:

- Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan Implementation ref #144
- Electric Vehicle Charging Program ref #145
- Facility Transformational Projects ref #225

Please see the 2024-2026 capital budget for all Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action capital project details.





Complete Community - Achieve a high quality of life for all residents and overall community vibrancy through strategic density, diverse housing options and equitably available parks, public spaces and other recreational and cultural amenities.

The 2024-2026 operating budget includes the following investments in Complete Community:

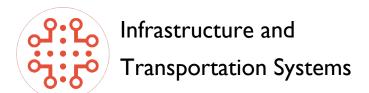
| | 2024-2026 Operating Strategic Plan Investments - Complete Community | | | | | | | | |
|------|---|---|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Ref# | Division | Budget Request Name | T/E | 2024 - Operating (\$) | 2025 - Operating (\$) | 2026 - Operating (\$) | | | |
| B13 | Municipal Enforcement | pal Enforcement Kitchener-Waterloo & Stratford Perth Humane Society Contract Increase | | 11,295 | 11,520 | 11,750 | | | |
| B2 I | Economic Development | Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding | Т | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | | | |
| B27 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | Manager Parks Operations | Т | 175,700 | - | - | | | |
| B3 I | Planning | Senior Policy Planning (Affordable Housing) | Т | - | - | 148,500 | | | |
| B47 | Municipal Enforcement | Comprehensive Business Licencing Program Expense and Revenue Adjustment | Е | 170,972 | (7,506) | (9,027) | | | |
| B48 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | Cemetery Operator | Е | 93,193 | - | - | | | |
| B49 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | ' Cemetery Inflationary Increases | | 65,000 | - | - | | | |
| G2 | Library | Waterloo Public Library Funding Agreement | Т | 358,312 | 367,020 | 343,745 | | | |
| G5 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | Operating Impacts of Capital - Parks Services | Т | 169,000 | 85,000 | 131,000 | | | |
| S2 | Fire Rescue Services | Fire Master Plan Expansion (COM2023-016) | Т | 1,065,000 | 1,437,000 | 1,519,000 | | | |
| \$8 | Legal Services | Assistant City Solicitor - Planning and Development (IPPW-2023-058) | Т | 217,500 | (3,500) | - | | | |
| S9 | Planning | Senior Development Planner (IPPW2023-031) | Т | 145,000 | - | - | | | |
| \$10 | Planning | Senior Development Planner (IPPW2023-031) | Т | 145,000 | - | - | | | |
| S13 | Legal Services | Paralegal | Т | - | 113,500 | (3,500) | | | |
| \$14 | Planning | Development Planner | Т | 123,500 | (3,500) | - | | | |
| \$15 | Planning | Development Planner | Т | - | 123,500 | (3,500) | | | |
| \$16 | Planning | Development Planner | Т | - | 123,500 | (3,500) | | | |
| \$17 | Planning | Site Plan Coordinator | Т | - | - | 123,500 | | | |
| M16a | Fire Rescue Services | Fire In Camera Revised | Т | (428,000) | (488,000) | (80,000) | | | |
| M34 | Economic Development | B21 Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding | T | 30,000 | - | - | | | |
| | тот | AL - Complete Community | | 2,366,472 | 1,783,534 | 2,202,968 | | | |

Note – The 2024-2026 capital budget includes an investment of \$56.3 million in Complete Community. Project highlights include:

- AMCC Sportsplex and WPL McCormick Branch Library Renovations ref #222
- Bridgeport and Margaret Park ref #281
- Sportsfield Land Acquisition ref #300

Please see the 2024-2026 capital budget for all Complete Community capital project details.





Infrastructure and Transportation Systems - Expand and support infrastructure and transportation systems in an environmentally and fiscally sustainable manner that provides residents with resilient public infrastructure and sustainable transportation solutions.

The 2024-2026 operating budget includes the following investments in <u>Infrastructure and Transportation Systems:</u>

| 2024-2026 Operating Strategic Plan Investments - Infrastructure and Transportation Systems | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Ref# | Division | Budget Request Name | T/E | 2024 - Operating (\$) | 2025 - Operating (\$) | 2026 - Operating (\$) | | |
| B16 | Corporate Transactions | Contribution to CIRRF from Assessment (30%) | Т | 330,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 | | |
| BI9 | Corporate Transactions | Inflationary Contribution to CIRRF | | 705,908 | 812,698 | 883,317 | | |
| B41 | City Utilities | Stormwater Debenture Payments | E | (31,950) | 184,636 | 259,632 | | |
| B42 | City Utilities | Water Debenture Payments | Ε | (189,568) | 312,075 | 577,339 | | |
| B43 | City Utilities | Water Wholesale Purchase Increase | Е | 608,003 | 674,719 | 765,385 | | |
| B44 | City Utilities | Wholesale Wastewater Treatment Increase | Ε | 1,272,932 | 1,247,451 | 1,470,612 | | |
| B45 | Economic Development | Parking Enterprise Inflationary Increase | Е | 17,036 | 17,601 | 18,134 | | |
| B46 | Economic Development | Parking Enterprise Snow Removal Contract Increase | E | 52,000 | - | | | |
| B50 | City Utilities | Inflationary Increases - City Utilities | Ε | 106,999 | 120,508 | 120,363 | | |
| GI | Transportation Services | Winter Control 5 Year Avg Budget Adjustment | Т | 100,000 | 85,000 | 20,000 | | |
| G3 | Facility Design and | Operating Impacts of Capital - Facility Design and | т | | 63,000 | 25,000 | | |
| GS | Management Services | Management Services | ' | | 63,000 | 25,000 | | |
| G7 | Transportation Services | Operating Impacts of Capital - Transportation Services | Т | 28,000 | 52,000 | 55,000 | | |
| G8 | City-wide | Fleet Equipment Operating Impacts of Capital | Т | 150,000 | 150,000 | 100,000 | | |
| G9 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | Operating Impacts of Capital - Cemetery Services | E | 6,000 | 6,000 | 2,000 | | |
| GI0 | City Utilities | AMI/Meter Technician and Locator | Е | 85,289 | | | | |
| GI2 | City Utilities | City Utilities - Fleet Expansion | Е | 310,000 | (178,000) | (50,000 | | |
| GI3 | City Utilities | City Utilities - Meter Replacement Budget | Ε | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | | |
| GI4 | City Utilities | Supervisor of Water Distribution | Е | | 150,455 | (3,500 | | |
| GI5 | City Utilities | Wastewater Operator | Ε | - | - | 90,543 | | |
| П | Facility Design and Management Services | Preventative Building Maintenance Infrastructure | т | - | 100,000 | 300,000 | | |
| 12 | Facility Design and Management Services | Senior Project Engineer (Mechanical) | т | - | 155,000 | (3,500 | | |
| 13 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | Outdoor Water Technician and Preventative Mechanical Maintenance of Splash Pads | т | 130,000 | (2,500) | | | |
| 14 | Finance | GIS Specialist/Analyst | T/E | | 120,000 | | | |
| 15 | Fleet and Procurement | Contracts Manager | T/E | 136,000 | (3,500) | - | | |
| 16 | Transportation Services | Transportation Services Lead Hand | Т | 120,000 | | | | |
| 17 | Corporate Transactions | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP | Т | 575,000 | 700,000 | 795,000 | | |
| SI2 | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | Splash Pads Water Consumption | т | 100,000 | - | | | |
| SI9 | City Utilities | Wastewater Technician | Ε | | 120,309 | (3,500 | | |
| M4 | Transportation Services | Transportation Engineering Supervisor | Т | | | 138,500 | | |
| M23 | Corporate Transactions | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP - Reduction | Т | (220,000) | - | | | |
| M24 | Corporate Transactions | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP - Reduction | Т | | (270,000) | | | |
| M25 | Corporate Transactions | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP - Reduction | Т | | ,, | (310,000 | | |
| TOTAL - Infrastructure and Transportation Systems | | | | 4,441,649 | 4,997,452 | 5,630,325 | | |

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Note — The 2024-2026 capital budget includes an investment of \$248.5 million in Infrastructure and Transportation Systems. Project highlights include:

- Building Capital Renewal Program ref #229
- Artificial Turf Replacement RIM Park— ref #3 I I
- Uptown Rink Renewal ref #338

This Infrastructure and Transportation Systems total also includes an investment of \$24.1M over 2024-2026 in Active Transportation including Multi Use Trails (MUT), Multi Use Paths (MUP), Sidewalk, Cycling Facility, Pedestrian Lighting and Pedestrian Bridge. Project highlights include:

- Trails in New Development Areas ref #583
 - MUP/MUT New Installation
- Laurel Creek Trail around Conservation Area Ref #677
 - MUP/MUT New Installation
- Union St King St to Moore Ave ref #696
 - Cycling Facility New Installation
 - Sidewalk New Installation
 - Sidewalk Rehabilitation
 - MUP/MUT Rehabilitation

Please see the 2024-2026 capital budget for all Infrastructure and Transportation Systems capital project details.





Innovation and Future-Ready - Demonstrate resiliency and readiness to do things differently, address social developments and integrate new ideas through collaboration with key partners while continuing to grow a diversified economy and innovation ecosystem.

The 2024-2026 operating budget includes the following investments in <u>Innovation and Future-Ready:</u>

| | 2024-2026 Operating Strategic Plan Investments - Innovation and Future-Ready | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Ref# | Division | Budget Request Name | T/E | 2024 - Operating (\$) | 2025 - Operating (\$) | 2026 - Operating (\$) | | | | | |
| BI2 | Fire Rescue Services | Fire Communications (Dispatch) Software Mtce and Licenses | Т | | 221,500 | 221,500 | | | | | |
| B14 | Information Management and Technology Services | Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions | T/E | 265,000 | - | - | | | | | |
| B26 | Facility Design and Management Services | Audio Visual Technician | т | 135,000 | - | - | | | | | |
| B29 | Legislative Services | Privacy Analyst | T/E | 124,000 | (3,500) | | | | | | |
| B30 | Legislative Services | Government Relations Assistant | T/E | | 105,000 | (3,500) | | | | | |
| G6 | Finance | Operating Impacts of Capital - Finance | Т | | | 20,000 | | | | | |
| SI | Economic Development | WREDC - Increased Annual Contribution (CAO2023- 025) | Т | 100,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | | | | | |
| S6 | Communications | Digital Services Specialist (CORP2023-034) | T/E | | | 120,000 | | | | | |
| S7 | S7 Information Management and Technology Services Digital Services Web Developer (CORP2023-034) | | T/E | - | | 123,500 | | | | | |
| 818 | City Utilities | City Utilities - Meter Reading Cost Adjustments | | 200,000 | (58,860) | (57,000) | | | | | |
| Mla | MIa Economic Development | | Т | 105,000 | | | | | | | |
| | TOTAL - | Innovation and Future-Ready | | 929,000 | 314,140 | 474,500 | | | | | |

Note — The 2024-2026 capital budget includes an investment of \$19.6 million in Innovation and Future-Ready. Project highlights include:

- Generation Park Lands Servicing ref #121
- Mobile Workstations ref #267
- Digital Strategy Implementation Architecture Maintenance and Upgrades ref #401

Please see the 2024-2026 capital budget for all Innovation and Future-Ready capital project details.





Advancing the Strategic Plan

Advancing the Strategic Plan - These guiding principles seek to actively engage, collaborate with and respond to Waterloo's diverse community through bold leadership, empathy and accountability.

- Equity and Inclusion We build relationships with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples and equity-deserving groups and embrace Reconciliation, equity, accessibility, diversity and inclusion.
- Sustainability We plan for the long term, prioritizing sustainability and take meaningful action to address environmental, social and economic goals.
- Integrity We operate with integrity and transparency, we strive for well-considered comprehensive, responsive, diligent and thoughtful decision-making.
- Workplace Wellbeing We commit to promoting wellbeing and providing a healthy, safe and enjoyable work environment for all employees and volunteers of the organization.
- Community-centred We support strong and liveable neighbourhoods, prioritizing community engagement grounded in empathy and understanding.
- Operational Excellence We provide fiscally responsible, exceptional service that meets the needs of residents, partners and equity-deserving groups, employees and volunteers of the city.

The 2024-2026 operating budget includes the following investments in <u>Advancing the Strategic</u> Plan:

| | 2024-2026 Operating Strategic Plan Investments - Advancing the Strategic Plan | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| Ref# | Division | Budget Request Name | 2024 - Operating (\$) | 2025 - Operating (\$) | 2026 - Operating (\$) | | | | | |
| BI7 | Corporate Transactions | Contribution to CRF from Assessment (10%) | Т | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | | | | |
| B20 | 20 Corporate Transactions Inflationary Contribution to CRF T | | 239,946 | 255,392 | 274,884 | | | | | |
| B28 | B Human Resources EMPDV Funding for Contract Support T | | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 | | | | | |
| B32 | City-wide | Commissioner Special Projects | | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 | | | | |
| MI9 | City-wide | Reduction of New Position - 1 FTE (2026) | Т | | | (120,000) | | | | |
| M33 | Corporate Transactions | B20 Inflationary Contribution to CRF - Reduction with | _ | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | | | | |
| 1133 | Corporate Transactions | Capital Project Reductions | ' | (30,000) | (30,000) | (30,000) | | | | |
| M35 | City-wide | Other Expense Reductions and/or Revenue Generation | Т | | | (100,000) | | | | |
| | TOTAL | - Advancing the Strategic Plan | 549,946 | 565,392 | 364,884 | | | | | |

Note – The 2024-2026 capital budget includes an investment of \$0.4 million in Advancing the Strategic Plan. Project highlights include:

- Building Health and Safety Implementation ref #220
- Corporate Space Planning ref #221

Please see the 2024-2026 capital budget for all Advancing the Strategic Plan capital project details.



SECTION #2 Budget Highlights

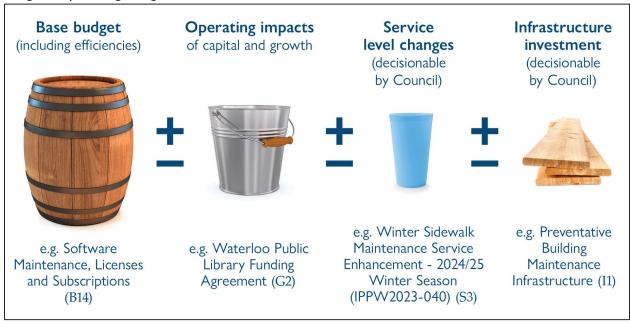


2024-2026 BUDGET LEGEND

The operating budget has been categorized into four (4) categories (with sub-categories) to enhance transparency, accountability, assist Council in decision making and to align with Corporate Policy FC-019 - Core Consumer Price Index (CPIX) which states:

- CPIX will act as a guideline for property tax increases.
- Staff will strive to keep increases as close to inflation as possible for the **base budget** (including efficiencies) and **operating impacts of capital and growth**.

Imagine: operating budget 'buckets':



The four (4) categories are:

I. BASE BUDGET

Base budget requests include adjustments to maintain current service levels, adjustments to existing fee volumes, regular fee increases and efficiencies.

Sub-Categories

- a) Funding Funding increases associated with Department/Division fee increases (in line with CPIX), Assessment Growth and new revenue opportunities.
 - Example Community Services 2024-2026 Fees and Charges (COM2023-019)
 (B1)
- b) Efficiency The savings incorporated into the operating budget that are the result of new processes, sustainable adjustment opportunities and or procedures and projects that facilitate operational savings.



- Example Discretionary Operating Accounts Permanent Reductions (B8)
- c) <u>Committed</u> Items committed through Council resolution or agreements.
 - Example Fire Communications (Dispatch) Software Mtce and Licenses (B12)
- d) Recommended Items reviewed and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) / Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.
 - Example Senior Policy Planning (Affordable Housing) (B31)

2. OPERATING IMPACTS OF CAPITAL & GROWTH

Operating impact requests are the operating cost associated with capital projects and or growth. The operating impacts of capital are generated as a result of approved capital projects that will have an impact to the operating budget. It also includes growth related operating costs.

Sub-Categories

- a) Committed Items committed through Council resolution or agreements.
 - Example Waterloo Public Library Funding Agreement (G2)
- b) Recommended Items reviewed and prioritized by the CMT/OLT Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.
 - Example Operating Impacts of Capital Parks Services (G5)

3. SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES

Service level changes are increases or decreases to existing service levels.

Sub-Categories

- a) <u>Increase Committed</u> Items that are increases in service level compared to the prior year operating budget and prioritized by the CMT/OLT Budget Committee to move forward for Council's formal budget consideration, in accordance with Council direction provided in advance of budget.
 - Example Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement 2024/25 Winter Season (IPPW2023-040) (S3)
- b) <u>Increases</u> Items that are increases in service level compared to the prior year operating budget and prioritized by the CMT/OLT Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.
 - Example Community Inclusion Initiatives (S11)



- c) <u>Decreases</u> Items that are decreases in service level when compared to the prior year operating budget and prioritized by the CMT/OLT Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.
 - Example N/A

4. INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Infrastructure Investment increases as recommended by the Long Term Financial Plan to address the City's infrastructure funding gap.

Sub-Categories

- a) Recommended Items that are increases in infrastructure investment recommended by the Long Term Financial Plan to address the City's infrastructure funding gap and phased in and prioritized by the CMT/OLT Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.
 - Example Preventative Building Maintenance Infrastructure (I1)

ONE-TIME REQUESTS

In addition, there are occasions where the need for resources is temporary and one-time only. In such situations, these requests have been funded from reserves or property taxes on a one-time basis and reversed the following year. These requests have also been grouped into the above mentioned categories, but are shown as one-time requests on the budget request.

• Example - Encampment Clean-up Costs (B25)



2024-2026 APPROVED BUDGET SUMMARY

2024 Operating Budget Summary

The 2024 property tax increase is 6.14%, resulting in a net Tax Levy of \$99,609,666.

2024 Budget - Tax Supported Increase by Budget Category:

| Budget Category | 2024 Spending (\$) 1 | Assessment Growth (\$) ² | 2024 Property Tax Net (\$) | 2024 Property Tax (%) |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Base Budget ¹ | 3,587,986 | (1,262,875) | 2,325,111 | 2.51% |
| Operating Impact of Capital | 794,017 | - | 794,017 | 0.86% |
| Sub-Total | 4,382,003 | (1,262,875) | 3,119,128 | 3.37% |
| Service Level Changes | 1,868,000 | - | 1,868,000 | 2.02% |
| Infrastructure Investment | 703,000 | - | 703,000 | 0.75% |
| TOTAL | 6,953,003 | (1,262,875) | 5,690,128 | 6.14% |

- 1) Includes approximately \$1.6 million in efficiencies and improvements for 2024-2026
- 2) Assessment Growth of \$1.26 million for 2024

2025 Operating Budget Summary

The 2025 property tax increase is 6.34%, resulting in a net Tax Levy of \$107,028,307.

2025 Budget - Tax Supported Increase by Budget Category:

| Budget Category | 2025 6 | Assessment Growth | 2025 Property Tax | 2025 Property Tax |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Category | 2025 Spending (\$) 1 | (\$) ² | Net (\$) | (%) |
| Base Budget ¹ | 4,138,641 | (1,100,000) | 3,038,641 | 3.05% |
| Operating Impact of Capital | | | | |
| and Growth | 790,500 | - | 790,500 | 0.79% |
| Sub-Total | 4,929,141 | (1,100,000) | 3,829,141 | 3.84% |
| Service Level Changes | 1,752,500 | = | 1,752,500 | 1.76% |
| Infrastructure Investment | 737,000 | - | 737,000 | 0.74% |
| TOTAL | 7,418,641 | (1,100,000) | 6,318,641 | 6.34% |

- 1) Includes approximately \$1.6 million in efficiencies and improvements for 2024-2026
- 2) Assessment Growth of \$1.1 million for 2025

2026 Operating Budget Summary

The 2026 property tax increase is 6.41%, resulting in a net Tax Levy of \$114,990,811.



2026 Budget - Tax Supported Increase by Budget Category:

| Budget Category | 2026 Spending (\$) ¹ | Assessment Growth (\$) ² | 2026 Property Tax Net (\$) | 2026 Property Tax (%) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Base Budget ¹ | 4,157,009 | (1,100,000) | 3,057,009 | 2.85% |
| Operating Impact of Capital | | | | |
| and Growth | 682,995 | - | 682,995 | 0.64% |
| Sub-Total | 4,840,004 | (1,100,000) | 3,740,004 | 3.49% |
| Service Level Changes | 2,341,000 | - | 2,341,000 | 2.19% |
| Infrastructure Investment | 781,500 | - | 781,500 | 0.73% |
| TOTAL | 7,962,504 | (1,100,000) | 6,862,504 | 6.41% |

- 1) Includes approximately \$1.6 million in efficiencies and improvements for 2024-2026
- 2) Assessment Growth of \$1.1 million for 2026

2024-2026 Budget - Tax Supported Increased Investments by Major Service Delivery Areas:

| Service Delivery Area | 2024 Budget (\$) Net | 2024 Increase (\$) ³ | 2025 Budget (\$) Net | 2025 Increase (\$) ³ | 2026 Budget (\$) Net | 2026 Increase (\$) ³ |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fire Rescue and Municipal Enforcement | 23,278,418 | 1,782,536 | 25,275,959 | 1,997,541 | 27,732,310 | 2,456,351 |
| Parks, Recreation/Programming, Culture and | | | | | | |
| READI | 20,095,743 | 1,506,904 | 20,913,623 | 817,880 | 22,197,564 | 1,283,941 |
| Operating Transfers to Capital/Reserves | 19,437,807 | 1,655,929 | 21,389,174 | 1,951,367 | 23,493,048 | 2,103,874 |
| Transportation and Development Services | 12,919,439 | 1,078,211 | 14,112,369 | 1,192,930 | 15,084,314 | 971,945 |
| Facility Design and Management | 8,975,536 | 341,811 | 9,417,891 | 442,355 | 9,864,245 | 446,354 |
| Waterloo Public Library | 7,786,637 | 421,737 | 8,153,567 | 366,930 | 8,497,020 | 343,453 |
| Civic Administration | 7,116,086 | 165,875 | 7,765,724 | 649,638 | 8,122,310 | 356,586 |
| TOTAL | 99,609,666 | 6,953,003 | 107,028,307 | 7,418,641 | 114,990,811 | 7,962,504 |

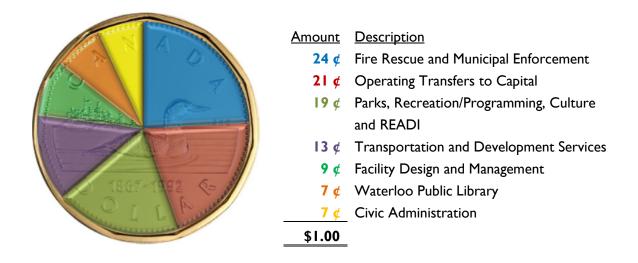
3) 2024-2026 Increase prior to Assessment Growth



WHAT SERVICES DO YOUR 2024-2026 TAX DOLLARS BUY?

Every day your tax dollars provide programs and services to improve the quality of life for you and your family. On a typical day, citizens receive good value for their property tax dollars by using City services or observing these services at work in the community. This value for money is illustrated below in Figure #I, which outlines how every \$I of City property taxes is reinvested in the community.

Figure #1 - City Services per each \$1:



^{*}Breakdown based on 2026 net operating budget figures

In 2023, the average assessed value for a City of Waterloo residential property as per the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) was \$405,000. Using the 2026 net operating budget figure of \$114.99 million and the *forecasted* residential tax rate, the average residential Waterloo property owner would pay \$1,775 in city property taxes by 2026. This is broken down below in Figure #2 by our seven (7) major service delivery areas.



Figure #2 – City Property Taxes by Major Service Delivery Areas:

What Services Will Your 2026 Budget Dollars Buy? \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$50 \$300 \$350 \$400 \$450 Fire Rescue and Municipal Enforcement 24% Operating Transfers to Capital/Reserves 21% Parks, Recreation/Programming, Culture and 19% READI Transportation and Development Services 13% **Facility Design and Management** \$1,775 (2026) City of Waterloo Waterloo Public Library Property Tax Dollars - Based on an Average Residential Assessment of \$405,000 using the 2026 Budget and Civic Administration forecasted residential tax rate

In 2021 the average family in Ontario earned \$129,872 and paid \$50,582 in total taxes to federal, provincial and local governments combined (or approximately 39% of its income) according to research by the Fraser Institute. The distribution of the \$50,582 in this scenario went largely to the federal and provincial governments with \$45,560 (or 90%) allocated to these upper levels. The remaining \$5,022 (or 10%) in this scenario went to the local municipalities and education. Breaking it down further, of that amount the lower tier municipality would receive only \$1,543 (or 3%). Put differently, the City of Waterloo receives only three cents of every tax dollar collected by all levels of government combined (Figure 3).

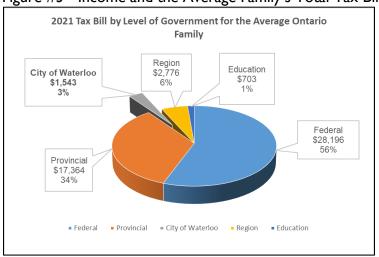


Figure #3 - Income and the Average Family's Total Tax Bill:

Reference: Fraser Institute Research Bulletin May 24, 2021



2024-2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET ANNUAL IMPACT PER AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

Based on the 2023 average assessed value for a City of Waterloo household, the 2024-2026 operating budget will result in an annual increase of \$138 for 2024, \$150 for 2025 and \$165 for 2026 for the City of Waterloo portion of property tax and City Utilities increase.

2024-2026 Approved Operating Budget Annual Impact per Average Household

| | 20 | 24 | 20 | 25 | | 20 | 26 |
|---|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| | \$ Impact | % Impact | \$ Impact | % Impact | \$ Impact | | % Impact |
| *Property Tax Increase - City of Waterloo | \$ 90.74 | 6.14% | \$ 99.44 | 6.34% | \$ | 106.92 | 6.41% |
| **City Utilities Increase to Average Household - City Portion | \$ 46.79 | | \$ 50.47 | | \$ | 55.05 | |
| Total Increase to Average Household - City of Waterloo | \$ 137.53 | | \$ 149.92 | | \$ | 161.97 | |
| Increase to Average Household - City of Waterloo (Monthly) | \$ 11 | | \$ 12 | | \$ | 13 | |
| City Utilities Increase to Average Household - Region Portion | \$ 21.36 | | \$ 24.27 | | \$ | 25.39 | |
| Property Tax Increase - Region of Waterloo | \$ 187.34 | 6.74% | TBD | | | TBD | |
| Total Increase - Region of Waterloo | \$ 208.70 | • | \$ 24.27 | | \$ | 25.39 | |
| Total Annual Increase to Average Household | \$ 346.22 | - | \$ 174.18 | | \$ | 187.36 | |

^{*} Based on 2023 average assessed value of \$405,000 as provided by the Region of Waterloo (subject to change based on tax policy and assessment changes)

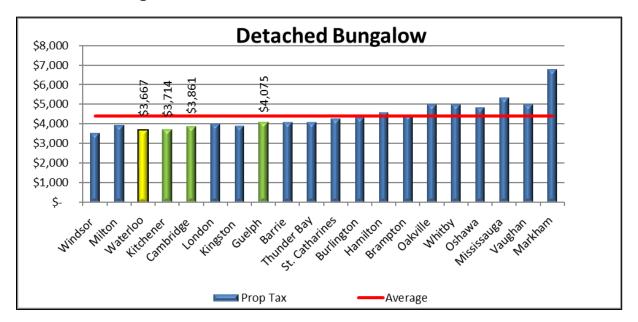
^{**} Based on average water consumption of 17 m3 per month and the Medium Residential Stormwater Category



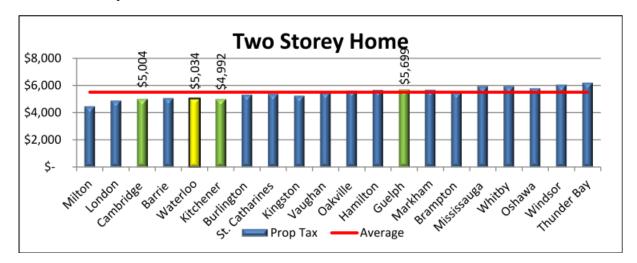
PROPERTY TAX COMPARATORS

Based on the results of the 2022 BMA Management Consulting Inc. Municipal Study, annual property taxes for municipalities across Ontario (by four different property types) are shown below. The property taxes shown below include the City, Region and School Board portions. The following four (4) charts provide a visual comparison of four different types of property and how the City of Waterloo (yellow bar) compares to peers across Ontario.

I. Detached Bungalow¹

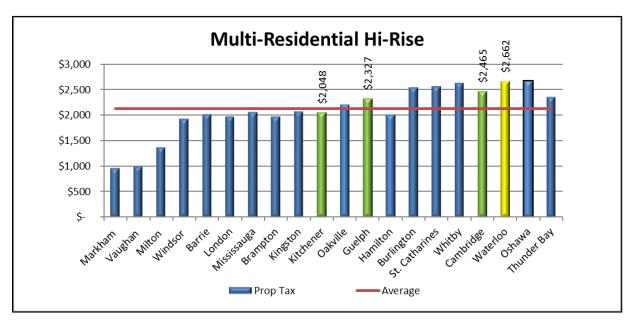


2. Two Storey Home

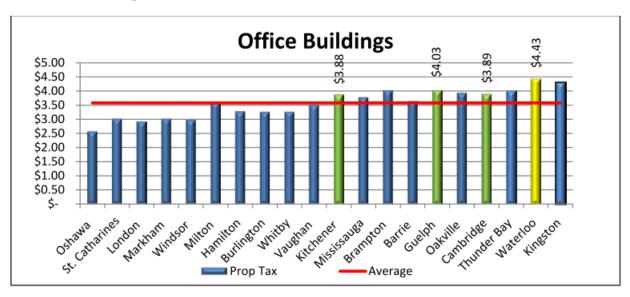




3. Multi-Residential Hi-Rise¹



4. Office Building





2024 City of Waterloo Approved Budget (in 000's**)

| | | 2023 | | | 2024 | | \$CHANGE | %CHANGE |
|--|---------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--------|----------|---------|
| Department/Division | EXP | REV | NET | EXP | REV | NET | 24-23 | 24-23 |
| Chief Administration Office (CAO) | 621 | -10 | 611 | 636 | -10 | 626 | 15 | 0.02% |
| Economic Development | 4,361 | -1,868 | 2,493 | 4,733 | -2,051 | 2,682 | 189 | 0.20% |
| READI* | 935 | -32 | 903 | 977 | -32 | 945 | 42 | 0.05% |
| Strategic Initiatives | 391 | -50 | 341 | 536 | -50 | 486 | 145 | 0.16% |
| Total CAO Dept. | 6,308 | -1,960 | 4,348 | 6,883 | -2,143 | 4,740 | 391 | 0.42% |
| Comm. Commissioner Office | 429 | -40 | 389 | 438 | -42 | 396 | 7 | 0.01% |
| Community Programming & Outreach | 6,324 | -1,558 | 4,767 | 6,698 | -1,674 | 5,025 | 258 | 0.28% |
| Facility Design & Management | 10,164 | -1,355 | 8,809 | 10,582 | -1,432 | 9,150 | 340 | 0.37% |
| Fire Rescue | 20,548 | -355 | 20,193 | 22,074 | -362 | 21,712 | 1,518 | 1.64% |
| Parks, Forestry & Cemetery | 10,752 | -2,535 | 8,217 | 11,941 | -2,857 | 9,084 | 867 | 0.94% |
| Municipal Enforcement | 5,199 | -3,897 | 1,303 | 5,710 | -4,143 | 1,567 | 264 | 0.29% |
| Recreation Services | 12,616 | -10,407 | 2,209 | 12,946 | -10,583 | 2,364 | 155 | 0.17% |
| Total Community Services Dept. | 66,032 | -20,146 | 45,886 | 70,388 | -21,092 | 49,296 | 3,410 | 3.68% |
| Corp. Commissioner Office | 411 | -40 | 371 | 421 | -40 | 381 | 10 | 0.01% |
| Communications | 1,107 | - | 1,107 | 1,197 | 0 | 1,197 | 90 | 0.10% |
| Finance | 5,205 | -1,246 | 3,958 | 5,322 | -1,253 | 4,069 | 110 | 0.12% |
| Fleet & Procurement | 2,275 | -1,458 | 816 | 2,469 | -1,493 | 976 | 160 | 0.17% |
| Human Resources | 2,431 | -384 | 2,047 | 2,480 | -384 | 2,096 | 49 | 0.05% |
| Information Systems | 5,393 | -395 | 4,998 | 5,682 | -395 | 5,287 | 289 | 0.31% |
| Legal Services | 714 | -68 | 645 | 947 | -88 | 859 | 213 | 0.23% |
| Legislative Services | 1,769 | -146 | 1,623 | 1,934 | -176 | 1,758 | 135 | 0.15% |
| Total Corporate Services Dept. | 19,304 | -3,737 | 15,566 | 20,452 | -3,829 | 16,623 | 1,057 | 1.14% |
| IPPW Commissioner Office | 911 | -945 | -34 | 916 | -943 | -27 | 7 | 0.01% |
| Building Standards | 3,244 | -3,244 | - | 3,220 | -3,220 | - | 0 | 0.00% |
| City Utilities | 66,015 | -66,015 | - | 70,027 | -70,027 | - | 0 | 0.00% |
| Engineering Services | 3,806 | -683 | 3,124 | 3,908 | -683 | 3,226 | 102 | 0.11% |
| Planning | 2,700 | -910 | 1,790 | 3,179 | -913 | 2,266 | 476 | 0.51% |
| Transportation | 9,334 | -2,406 | 6,928 | 9,841 | -2,416 | 7,426 | 498 | 0.54% |
| Total Int. Planning & Public Works Dept. | 86,009 | -74,202 | 11,807 | 91,092 | -78,202 | 12,890 | 1,083 | 1.17% |
| Library | 7,365 | - | 7,365 | 7,720 | - | 7,720 | 355 | 0.38% |
| Corporate Transactions | 29,890 | -22,206 | 7,684 | 31,691 | -23,350 | 8,341 | 657 | 0.71% |
| Total Other | 37,255 | -22,206 | 15,049 | 39,411 | -23,350 | 16,061 | 1,012 | 1.09% |
| GRAND TOTAL BUDGET | 214,908 | -122,251 | 92,657 | 228,226 | -128,616 | 99,610 | 6,953 | |
| | | | · | | | | | |
| Tax Increase | | | | | | | 5,690 | 6.14% |
| Assessment Growth | | | | | | | 1,263 | 1.36% |
| Total Change | | | | | | | 6,953 | |

^{*} Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity & Inclusion

^{**} Figures subject to rounding



2025 City of Waterloo Approved Budget (in 000's**)

| | | 2024 | | | 2025 | | \$CHANGE | %CHANGE |
|--|---------|----------|--------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Department/Division | EXP | REV | NET | EXP | REV | NET | 25-24 | 25-24 |
| Chief Administration Office (CAO) | 636 | -10 | 626 | 654 | -10 | 644 | 18 | 0.02% |
| Economic Development | 4,733 | -2,051 | 2,682 | 4,950 | -2,178 | 2,772 | 90 | 0.09% |
| READI* | 977 | -32 | 945 | 996 | -32 | 964 | 19 | 0.02% |
| Strategic Initiatives | 536 | -50 | 486 | 577 | -50 | 527 | 41 | 0.04% |
| Total CAO Dept. | 6,883 | -2,143 | 4,740 | 7,177 | -2,270 | 4,907 | 167 | 0.17% |
| Comm. Commissioner Office | 438 | -42 | 396 | 449 | -42 | 407 | 11 | 0.01% |
| Community Programming & Outreach | 6,698 | -1,674 | 5,025 | 6,998 | -1,704 | 5,294 | 270 | 0.27% |
| Facility Design & Management | 10,582 | -1,432 | 9,150 | 11,101 | -1,509 | 9,592 | 442 | 0.44% |
| Fire Rescue | 22,074 | -362 | 21,712 | 23,990 | -367 | 23,623 | 1,912 | 1.92% |
| Municipal Enforcement | 5,710 | -4,143 | 1,567 | 5,873 | -4,220 | 1,653 | 86 | 0.09% |
| Parks, Forestry & Cemetery | 11,941 | -2,857 | 9,084 | 12,512 | -3,136 | 9,376 | 292 | 0.29% |
| Recreation Services | 12,946 | -10,583 | 2,364 | 13,271 | -10,763 | 2,507 | 144 | 0.14% |
| Total Community Services Dept. | 70,388 | -21,092 | 49,296 | 74,194 | -21,741 | 52,453 | 3,157 | 3.17% |
| Corp. Commissioner Office | 421 | -40 | 381 | 432 | -40 | 392 | 11 | 0.01% |
| Communications | 1,197 | - | 1,197 | 1,230 | - | 1,230 | 33 | 0.03% |
| Finance | 5,322 | -1,253 | 4,069 | 5,533 | -1,219 | 4,314 | 245 | 0.25% |
| Fleet & Procurement | 2,469 | -1,493 | 976 | 2,534 | -1,532 | 1,003 | 26 | 0.03% |
| Human Resources | 2,480 | -384 | 2,096 | 2,637 | -384 | 2,253 | 157 | 0.16% |
| Information Systems | 5,682 | -395 | 5,287 | 5,778 | -395 | 5,383 | 96 | 0.10% |
| Legal Services | 947 | -88 | 859 | 1,086 | -88 | 998 | 139 | 0.14% |
| Legislative Services | 1,934 | -176 | 1,758 | 2,092 | -176 | 1,916 | 158 | 0.16% |
| Total Corporate Services Dept. | 20,452 | -3,829 | 16,623 | 21,323 | -3,834 | 17,489 | 866 | 0.87% |
| IPPW Commissioner Office | 916 | -943 | -27 | 939 | -943 | -3 | 23 | 0.02% |
| Building Standards | 3,220 | -3,220 | - | 3,307 | -3,307 | - | - | 0.00% |
| City Utilities | 70,027 | -70,027 | - | 74,133 | -74,133 | - | - | 0.00% |
| Engineering Services | 3,908 | -683 | 3,226 | 4,023 | -683 | 3,341 | 115 | 0.12% |
| Planning | 3,179 | -913 | 2,266 | 3,524 | -916 | 2,608 | 342 | 0.34% |
| Transportation | 9,841 | -2,416 | 7,426 | 10,587 | -2,426 | 8,161 | 735 | 0.74% |
| Total Int. Planning & Public Works Dept. | 91,092 | -78,202 | 12,890 | 96,514 | -82,408 | 14,106 | 1,216 | 1.20% |
| Library | 7,720 | - | 7,720 | 8,084 | - | 8,084 | 364 | 0.37% |
| Corporate Transactions | 31,691 | -23,350 | 8,341 | 33,738 | -23,749 | 9,989 | 1,648 | 1.65% |
| Total Other | 39,411 | -23,350 | 16,061 | 41,822 | -23,749 | 18,073 | 2,012 | 2.02% |
| GRAND TOTAL BUDGET | 228,226 | -128,616 | 99,610 | 241,030 | -134,002 | 107,028 | 7,419 | |
| Tax Increase | | | | | | | 6,319 | 6.34% |
| Assessment Growth | | | | | | | 1,100 | 1.10% |
| Total Change | | | | | | | 7,419 | 1.10/0 |
| rotal Change | | | | | | | 7,419 | |

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^{**} Figures subject to rounding



2026 City of Waterloo Approved Budget (in 000's**)

| | | 2025 | | | 2026 | | \$CHANGE | %CHANGE |
|--|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Department/Division | EXP | REV | NET | EXP | REV | NET | 26-25 | 26-25 |
| Chief Administration Office (CAO) | 654 | -10 | 644 | 672 | -10 | 662 | 18 | 0.02% |
| Economic Development | 4,950 | -2,178 | 2,772 | 5,159 | -2,298 | 2,861 | 89 | 0.08% |
| READI* | 996 | -32 | 964 | 1,129 | -32 | 1,097 | 133 | 0.12% |
| Strategic Initiatives | 577 | -50 | 527 | 588 | -50 | 538 | 11 | 0.01% |
| Total CAO Dept. | 7,177 | -2,270 | 4,907 | 7,547 | -2,390 | 5,157 | 250 | 0.23% |
| Comm. Commissioner Office | 449 | -42 | 407 | 461 | -42 | 419 | 12 | 0.01% |
| Community Programming & Outreach | 6,998 | -1,704 | 5,294 | 7,209 | -1,638 | 5,571 | 277 | 0.26% |
| Facility Design & Management | 11,101 | -1,509 | 9,592 | 11,625 | -1,587 | 10,038 | 446 | 0.42% |
| Fire Rescue | 23,990 | -367 | 23,623 | 26,365 | -372 | 25,993 | 2,370 | 2.21% |
| Municipal Enforcement | 5,873 | -4,220 | 1,653 | 6,049 | -4,310 | 1,739 | 86 | 0.08% |
| Parks, Forestry & Cemetery | 12,512 | -3,136 | 9,376 | 13,056 | -3,042 | 10,014 | 638 | 0.60% |
| Recreation Services | 13,271 | -10,763 | 2,507 | 13,602 | -10,950 | 2,652 | 144 | 0.13% |
| Total Community Services Dept. | 74,194 | -21,741 | 52,453 | 78,367 | -21,941 | 56,426 | 3,973 | 3.71% |
| Corp. Commissioner Office | 432 | -40 | 392 | 444 | -40 | 404 | 12 | 0.01% |
| Communications | 1,230 | 0 | 1,230 | 1,390 | 0 | 1,390 | 160 | 0.15% |
| Finance | 5,533 | -1,219 | 4,314 | 5,647 | -1,186 | 4,461 | 147 | 0.14% |
| Fleet & Procurement | 2,534 | -1,532 | 1,003 | 2,602 | -1,571 | 1,032 | 29 | 0.03% |
| Human Resources | 2,637 | -384 | 2,253 | 2,695 | -384 | 2,311 | 57 | 0.05% |
| Information Systems | 5,778 | -395 | 5,383 | 6,005 | -395 | 5,610 | 226 | 0.21% |
| Legal Services | 1,086 | -88 | 998 | 1,111 | -88 | 1,023 | 25 | 0.02% |
| Legislative Services | 2,092 | -176 | 1,916 | 2,145 | -176 | 1,970 | 54 | 0.05% |
| Total Corporate Services Dept. | 21,323 | -3,834 | 17,489 | 22,038 | -3,839 | 18,199 | 710 | 0.66% |
| IPPW Commissioner Office | 939 | -943 | -3 | 963 | -943 | 20 | 24 | 0.02% |
| Building Standards | 3,307 | -3,307 | 0 | 3,398 | -3,398 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| City Utilities | 74,133 | -74,133 | 0 | 78,753 | -78,753 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Engineering Services | 4,023 | -683 | 3,341 | 4,138 | -683 | 3,455 | 115 | 0.11% |
| Planning | 3,524 | -916 | 2,608 | 3,907 | -920 | 2,987 | 379 | 0.35% |
| Transportation | 10,587 | -2,426 | 8,161 | 11,048 | -2,436 | 8,613 | 452 | 0.42% |
| Total Int. Planning & Public Works Dept. | 96,514 | -82,408 | 14,106 | 102,208 | -87,132 | 15,076 | 969 | 0.91% |
| Library | 8,084 | | 8,084 | 8,424 | | 8,424 | 341 | 0.32% |
| Corporate Transactions | 33,738 | -23,749 | 9,989 | 35,927 | -24,219 | 11,708 | 1,719 | 1.61% |
| Total Other | 41,822 | -23,749 | 18,073 | 44,351 | -24,219 | 20,133 | 2,059 | 1.92% |
| GRAND TOTAL BUDGET | 241,030 | -134,002 | 107,028 | 254,512 | -139,521 | 114,991 | 7,963 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Tax Increase | | | | | | | 6,863 | 6.41% |
| Assessment Growth | | | | | | | 1,100 | 1.03% |
| Total Change | | | | | | | 7,963 | |

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^{**} Figures subject to rounding



SECTION #3 Tax Base Approved Budget



TAX BASE BUDGET 2024-2026 Budget - Summary

| Tax Base | 2024 (\$) | 2024 (%) | 2025 (\$) | 2025 (%) | 2026 (\$) | 2026 (%) |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Base Budget | | | | | | |
| Funding | (2,106,844) | -2.27% | (1,375,083) | -1.38% | (1,527,985) | -1.43% |
| Efficiency | (283,930) | -0.31% | (150,000) | -0.15% | (150,000) | -0.14% |
| Committed | 4,560,185 | 4.92% | 4,506,224 | 4.52% | 4,560,994 | 4.26% |
| Recommended | 189,700 | 0.20% | 57,500 | 0.06% | 174,000 | 0.16% |
| Reversal | (34,000) | -0.04% | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% |
| Total Base Budget Changes | 2,325,111 | 2.51% | 3,038,641 | 3.05% | 3,057,009 | 2.85% |
| Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth | | | | | | |
| Committed | 458,312 | 0.49% | 452,020 | 0.45% | 363,745 | 0.34% |
| Recommended | 335,705 | 0.36% | 338,480 | 0.34% | 319,250 | 0.30% |
| Total Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth Budget Changes | 794,017 | 0.86% | 790,500 | 0.79% | 682,995 | 0.64% |
| Service Level Changes | | | | | | |
| Increase - Committed (See Schedule 3) | 1,544,500 | 1.67% | 1,295,500 | 1.30% | 1,986,500 | 1.86% |
| Increase | 323,500 | 0.35% | 457,000 | 0.46% | 354,500 | 0.33% |
| Decrease | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% |
| Total Service Level Budget Changes | 1,868,000 | 2.02% | 1,752,500 | 1.76% | 2,341,000 | 2.19% |
| Infrastructure Investment | | | | | | |
| Recommended | 703,000 | 0.75% | 737,000 | 0.74% | 781,500 | 0.73% |
| Total Infrastructure Budget Changes | 703,000 | 0.75% | 737,000 | 0.74% | 781,500 | 0.73% |
| TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES | 5,690,128 | 6.14% | 6,318,641 | 6.34% | 6,862,504 | 6.41% |
| • | | | | | | |
| Household Impact: | | | | | | |
| Tax Increase (\$) | | \$91 | | \$99 | | \$107 |
| Tax Increase (%) | | 6.14% | | 6.34% | | 6.41% |
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Note: Figures subject to rounding



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| Category | Sub-Category | Dept | Division | Ref# | Budget Request Title | Net Annual Impact 2024 (\$) | Property Tax Increase 2024 (%) | FTE Impact (2024) | Net Annual Impact 2025 (\$) | Property Tax Increase 2025 (%) | FTE Impact (2025) | Net Annual Impact 2026 (\$) | Property Tax Increase 2026 (%) | FTE Impact (2026) |
|----------|-------------------|--------------|--|--------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Base | Funding | COMM | Recreation Services | B1 | Community Services 2024-2026 Fees and Charges (COM2023-019) | (96,969) | -0.10% | - | (100,543) | -0.10% | - | (104,272) | -0.10% | - |
| | | CORP | Legislative Services | B2 | Corporate Services 2024-2026 Fees and Charges (CORP2023-036) | (57,000) | -0.06% | - | (7,000) | -0.01% | - | (7,000) | -0.01% | - |
| | | Corp. Trans. | Corporate Transactions | B3 | Assessment Growth - 2024-2026 Projection | (1,100,000) | -1.19% | - | (1,100,000) | -1.10% | - | (1,100,000) | -1.03% | - |
| | | | | B4 | Enova Power - Increased Dividends | | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - | (150,000) | -0.14% | - |
| | | | | B5 | In-Housing City Utilities Billing Increase | - | 0.00% | - | (17,540) | -0.02% | - | (16,713) | -0.02% | - |
| | | | | B6 | Investment income | (250,000) | -0.27% | | (100,000) | -0.10% | - | (100,000) | -0.09% | - |
| | | | | B7 | Payment in Lieu Revenue (GRT Northfield Site) | (390,000) | -0.42% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | | | M15 | Additional Assessment Growth (2023) | (162,875) | -0.18% | - | | 0.00% | - | | 0.00% | - |
| | | | | M27 | B6 Investment Income - Additional Increase | (50,000) | -0.05% | - | (50,000) | -0.05% | - | (50.000) | -0.05% | - |
| | Funding Total | | | 1712.7 | DO INTESTRICTOR - PROGRAMMENT CONTROL OF CON | (2,106,844) | -2.27% | | (1,375,083) | -1.38% | - | (1,527,985) | -1.43% | - |
| | Efficiency | Corp. Trans. | City-wide | B8 | Discretionary Operating Accounts – Permanent Reductions | (50,000) | -0.05% | | (1,373,003) | 0.00% | | (2,527,505) | 0.00% | |
| | Linciency | corp. mans. | Corporate Transactions | B9 | Increased Capital Overhead Recovery Revenue | (150,000) | -0.16% | | (150,000) | -0.15% | | (150,000) | -0.14% | |
| | | | corporate transactions | B10 | Increased Capital Overhead Recovery Revenue | (83,930) | -0.10% | | (130,000) | 0.00% | - | (130,000) | 0.00% | - |
| | Efficiency Total | | | B10 | increased Enterprise Overnead Contribution | (283,930) | -0.09% | | (150.000) | -0.15% | - | (150,000) | -0.14% | - |
| | Efficiency Total | | | | | 1 | | | (150,000) | | | (150,000) | | _ |
| | Committed | CAO | Strategic Initiatives | B11 | Climate Change/Sustainability Contributions | 158,000 | 0.17% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | COMM | Fire Rescue Services | B12 | Fire Communications (Dispatch) Software Mtce and Licenses | | 0.00% | | 221,500 | 0.22% | - | 221,500 | 0.21% | - |
| | | | Municipal Enforcement | B13 | Kitchener-Waterloo & Stratford Perth Humane Society Contract Increase | 11,295 | 0.01% | - | 11,520 | 0.01% | - | 11,750 | 0.01% | - |
| | | CORP | Information Management and Technology Services | B14 | Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions | 206,000 | 0.22% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | Corp. Trans. | City-wide | B15 | In Camera | 2,742,304 | 2.96% | | 2,698,696 | 2.71% | | 2,655,930 | 2.48% | - |
| | | | Corporate Transactions | B16 | Contribution to CIRRF from Assessment (30%) | 330,000 | 0.36% | - | 330,000 | 0.33% | - | 330,000 | 0.31% | - |
| | | | | B17 | Contribution to CRF from Assessment (10%) | 110,000 | 0.12% | | 110,000 | 0.11% | - | 110,000 | 0.10% | - |
| | | | | B18 | Inflationary Contribution to CARF | 56,732 | 0.06% | - | 66,418 | 0.07% | - | 73.613 | 0.07% | _ |
| | | | | B19 | Inflationary Contribution to CIRRF | 705,908 | 0.76% | - | 812,698 | 0.82% | - | 883,317 | 0.83% | - |
| | | | | B20 | Inflationary Contribution to CRF | 239,946 | 0.26% | | 255,392 | 0.26% | - | 274,884 | 0.26% | - |
| | Committed Total | | | 520 | innacionary contribution to citi | 4,560,185 | 4.92% | - | 4,506,224 | 4.52% | - | 4,560,994 | 4.26% | - |
| | | CAO | Farancia Barrela arrant | 0.21 | | 4,500,185 | 0.00% | | 4,500,224 | 0.00% | - | 4,500,994 | 0.00% | - |
| | Recommended | CAO | Economic Development | B21 | Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding | | | - | - | | - | - | | _ |
| | | | | B22 | Physician Recruitment | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | | | M1a | Economic Development Marketing Coordinator | 55,000 | 0.06% | 1.0 | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | | | M34 | B21 Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding | 30,000 | 0.03% | | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | | | M34a | Council's Community Priority and Contingency Reserve Reduction | (30,000) | -0.03% | | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | | Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion | B23 | Project Coordinator | - | 0.00% | | - | 0.00% | - | 107,000 | 0.10% | 1 |
| | | | | B24 | Truth and Reconciliation Implementation | | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | _ |
| | | | Strategic Initiatives | B25 | Encampment Clean-up Costs | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | | otrotege mittatives | M11 | Sustainability and Climate Change Co-op | 17.000 | 0.02% | 0.3 | | 0.00% | - | | 0.00% | |
| | | | | M28 | B11 Climate Change/Sustainability Contributions - Phasing | (30,000) | -0.03% | - | 30,000 | 0.03% | | _ | 0.00% | - |
| | | сомм | Facility Design and | B26 | Audio Visual Technician | 135,000 | 0.15% | 1.0 | - | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | - |
| | | | Management Services Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | B27 | Manager Parks Operations | 175,700 | 0.19% | 1.0 | - | 0.00% | - | | 0.00% | - |
| | | CORP | Human Resources | B28 | EMPDV Funding for Contract Support | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | | Legislative Services | B29 | Privacy Analyst | 90,000 | 0.10% | 1.0 | (3,500) | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | + | | | B30 | Government Relations Assistant | 30,000 | 0.10% | 2.0 | 70,000 | 0.07% | 1.0 | | 0.00% | - |
| | + | IPPW | Planning | B31 | Senior Policy Planning (Affordable Housing) | | 0.00% | | 70,000 | 0.07% | 1.0 | 148,500 | 0.14% | 1 |
| | + | | City-wide | B32 | Commissioner Special Projects | | 0.00% | | - | 0.00% | - | 140,300 | 0.00% | - |
| | + | Corp. Trans. | city-wide | M19 | | | 0.00% | | - | 0.00% | - | (120,000) | -0.11% | (1 |
| | + | | | | Reduction of New Position - 1 FTE (2026) | 1202 | | | | | | | | _ |
| | | | | M26 | Staffing Additions Deferred Start Date (June 1 2024 and June 1 2025 start date) | (203,000) | -0.22% | - | 11,000 | 0.01% | - | 192,000 | 0.18% | - |
| | | | | M35 | Other Expense Reductions and/or Revenue Generation | | 0.00% | | Ton or 1 | 0.00% | - | (100,000) | -0.09% | |
| | | | Corporate Transactions | M33 | B20 Inflationary CRF Contribution Reduction | (50,000) | -0.05% | - | (50,000) | -0.05% | - | (50,000) | -0.05% | - |
| | Recommended Total | | | | | 189,700 | 0.20% | 4.3 | 57,500 | 0.06% | 1.0 | 174,000 | 0.16% | 1 |
| | Reversal | CAO | CAO Administration | N/A | Reversal of Prior Year (2023) One-time: Director of Strategic Initiatives | (8,500) | -0.01% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | COMM | Recreation Services | N/A | Reversal of Prior Year (2023) One-time: Programming Coordinator | (8,500) | -0.01% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | |
| | | CORP | Finance | N/A | Reversal of Prior Year (2023) One-time: PeopleSoft Functional Specialist | (8,500) | -0.01% | | | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | |
| | | IPPW | Planning | N/A | Reversal of Prior Year (2023) One-time: Senior Development Planner, | (8,500) | -0.01% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | <u> </u> |
| | Reversal Total | | | | The state of the s | (34,000) | -0.04% | | | 0.00% | - | | 0.00% | |
| se Total | | | | | | 2,325,111 | 2.51% | | 3,038,641 | 3.05% | 1.0 | | 2.86% | 1 |



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2024-2026 Budget Details - SCHEDULE I

| | | | | | 2024-2026 Budget Details - SCHEDULE | I | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--|------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Category | Sub-Category | Dept | Division | Ref# | Budget Request Title | Net Annual Impact 2024 (\$) | Property Tax Increase 2024 (%) | FTE Impact (2024) | Net Annual Impact 2025 (\$) | Property Tax Increase 2025 (%) | FTE Impact (2025) | Net Annual Impact 2026 (\$) | Property Tax Increase 2026 (%) | Impact (2026) |
| Op Impacts of Capital | Committed | IPPW | Transportation Services | | Winter Control 5 Year Avg Budget Adjustment | 100,000 | 0.11% | 0.9 | 85,000 | 0.09% | 0.9 | 20,000 | 0.02% | |
| and Growth | | | | G1 | | , | | 0.0 | , | | -0.0 | | | |
| | | Corp. Trans. | Library | G2 | Waterloo Public Library Funding Agreement | 358,312 | 0.39% | | 367,020 | 0.37% | | 343,745 | | _ |
| | Committed Total | | | | | 458,312 | 0.49% | 0.9 | 452,020 | 0.45% | 0.9 | 363,745 | 2026 (%) 0.02% 0.32% 0.34% 0.02% -0.01% 0.12% 0.05% 0.05% 0.05% 0.09% 0.05% 0.00% 0.11% 0.15% 0.11% 0.11% 0.10% 0.00% | - |
| | Recommended | COMM | Facility Design and | G3 | Operating Impacts of Capital - Facility Design and Management Services | | 0.00% | | 63,000 | 0.06% | - | 25,000 | 0.02% | - |
| | | | Management Services Municipal Enforcement | G4 | Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) | (11,295) | -0.01% | 1.2 | (11,520) | -0.01% | - | (11,750) | -0.0194 | - |
| | | | Parks, Forestry and | 04 | Operating Impacts of Capital - Parks Services | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Cemetery | G5 | operating impacts of capital - Parks services | 169,000 | 0.18% | 0.6 | 85,000 | 0.09% | - | 131,000 | 0.12% | 0.6 |
| | | CORP | Finance | G6 | Operating Impacts of Capital - Finance | | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | - | 20,000 | 0.02% | - |
| | | IPPW | Transportation Services | G7 | Operating Impacts of Capital - Transportation Services | 28,000 | 0.03% | | 52,000 | 0.05% | - | 55,000 | 0.05% | - |
| | | Corp. Trans. | City-wide | G8 | Fleet Equipment Operating Impacts of Capital | 150,000 | 0.16% | - | 150,000 | 0.15% | - | 100,000 | 0.09% | - |
| | Recommended Total | | | | | 335,705 | 0.36% | 1.8 | 338,480 | 0.34% | | 319,250 | 0.30% | 0.6 |
| Op Impacts of Capital | and Growth Total | | | | | 794,017 | 0.86% | 2.7 | 790,500 | 0.79% | 0.9 | 682,995 | 0.64% | 0.6 |
| Service Level Change | Increase - Committed | CAO | Economic Development | 51 | WREDC - Increased Annual Contribution (CAO2023-025) | 100,000 | 0.11% | | 50,000 | 0.05% | - | 50,000 | 0.05% | - |
| | | COMM | Fire Rescue Services | S2 | Fire Master Plan Expansion (COM2023-016) | 1,065,000 | 1.15% | 6.0 | 1,437,000 | 1.44% | 8.0 | 1,519,000 | | 8.0 |
| | | | | M16a | Fire In Camera Revised | (428,000) | -0.46% | - | (488,000) | -0.49% | - | (80,000) | -0.07% | - |
| | | | Parks, Forestry and | | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement - 2024/25 Winter Season | 393,000 | 0.42% | 2.1 | | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | |
| | | | Cemetery | 53 | (IPPW2023-040) | 393,000 | | 2.1 | | | - | | | |
| | | | | S4 | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement - 2025/26 Winter Season | - | 0.00% | - | 514,000 | 0.52% | 0.8 | - | | - |
| | | | | S5 | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement - 2026/27 Winter Season | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - | 115,000 | 0.11% | - |
| | | | | | S3, S4, S5 Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement - Phasing of Budget | (93,000) | -0.10% | | (214,000) | -0.21% | - | 157,000 | 0.15% | |
| | | conn | | M30 | Increase | | 0.000/ | | | 0.000/ | | 447.000 | 0.1107 | |
| | | CORP | Communications | S6 | Digital Services Specialist (CORP2023-034) | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - | 117,000 | 0.11% | 1.0 |
| | | | Information Management | 57 | Digital Services Web Developer (CORP2023-034) | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - | 108,500 | 0.10% | 1.0 |
| | | | and Technology Services Legal Services | 58 | Assistant City Solicitor - Planning and Development (IPPW-2023-058) | 217,500 | 0.23% | 1.0 | (3,500) | 0.00% | - | | 0.00% | |
| | | IPPW | Planning | S9 | Senior Development Planner (IPPW2023-031) | 145,000 | 0.16% | 1.0 | (3,300) | 0.00% | - | - | | - |
| | | | | 510 | Senior Development Planner (IPPW2023-031) | 145,000 | 0.16% | 1.0 | - | 0.00% | - | - | | - |
| | Increase - Committed | | | 510 | Senior Development Financia (in Financia) | 1,544,500 | 1.67% | 11.1 | 1,295,500 | 1.30% | 8.8 | 1,986,500 | | 10.0 |
| | Increase | COMM | Community Programming | | Community Inclusion Initiatives | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | and Outreach Services | S11 | | 161,000 | 0.17% | 1.0 | 100,000 | 0.10% | 2.2 | 42,000 | | 2.3 |
| | | | | M31 | S11 Community Inclusion Initiative - Phasing of Budget Increase | (61,000) | -0.07% | - | - | 0.00% | - | 61,000 | 0.06% | - |
| | | | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | 512 | Splash Pads Water Consumption | 100,000 | 0.11% | - | | 0.00% | | - | 0.00% | - |
| | | CORP | Legal Services | S13 | Paralegal | | 0.00% | | 113,500 | 0.11% | 1.0 | (3,500) | 0.00% | - |
| | | IPPW | Planning | 514 | Development Planner | 123,500 | 0.13% | 1.0 | (3,500) | 0.00% | - | - | | - |
| | | | | S15 | Development Planner | | 0.00% | | 123,500 | 0.12% | 1.0 | (3,500) | | - |
| | | | | S16 | Development Planner | - | 0.00% | - | 123,500 | 0.12% | 1.0 | (3,500) | | - |
| | | | | S17 | Site Plan Coordinator | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - | 123,500 | | 1.0 |
| | | | Transportation Services | M4 | Transportation Engineering Supervisor | | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | | 138,500 | | 1.0 |
| Service Level Change Total | Increase Total | | | | | 323,500 1,868,000 | 0.35% 2.02% | 2.0 13.1 | 457,000 1,752,500 | 0.46% 1.76% | 5.2 14.0 | 354,500 2,341,000 | | 4.3 14.3 |
| Infrastructure | Recommended | COMM | Facility Design and Management Services | 11 | Preventative Building Maintenance Infrastructure | | 0.00% | | 100,000 | 0.10% | | 300,000 | 0.28% | |
| Investment | | | management services | 12 | Senior Project Engineer (Mechanical) | | 0.00% | - | 155,000 | 0.16% | 1.0 | (3,500) | 0.00% | <u> </u> |
| | | | Parks, Forestry and | | Outdoor Water Technician and Preventative Mechanical Maintenance of Splash | 120,000 | | | | | | (-,, | | |
| | | | Cemetery | 13 | Pads | 130,000 | 0.14% | 1.0 | (2,500) | 0.00% | - | - | | |
| | | CORP | Finance | 14 | GIS Specialist/Analyst | | 0.00% | - | 58,000 | 0.06% | 1.0 | - | | - |
| | | | Fleet and Procurement | 15 | Contracts Manager | 98,000 | 0.11% | 1.0 | (3,500) | 0.00% | | - | | - |
| | | IPPW | Transportation Services | 16 | Transportation Services Lead Hand | 120,000 | 0.13% | 1.0 | - | 0.00% | - | - | | - |
| | | Corp. Trans. | Corporate Transactions | 17 | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP | 575,000 | 0.62% | | 700,000 | 0.70% | | 795,000 | | |
| | | | | M23 | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP | (220,000) | -0.24% | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | | - |
| | | | | M24 | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP | - | 0.00% | - | (270,000) | -0.27% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| | Recommended Total | | | M25 | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP | | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | - | (310,000) | -0.29% | - |
| | | | | | | 703,000 | 0.76% | 3.0 | 737,000 | 0.74% | 2.0 | 781,500 | 0.73% | - |
| Infrastructure Investm | nent Total | | | | | 703,000 | 0.76% | 3.0 | 737,000 | 0.74% | 2.0 | 781,500 | 0.73% | 15.9 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | 5,690,128 | 6.14% | 23.1 | 6,318,641 | 6.34% | 17.9 | 6,862,504 | 6.41% | |



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2024-2026 Budget Details - Reserve / Reserve Funds Funded Budget Requests - SCHEDULE 2

| Category | Sub-Category | Dept | Division | Ref # | Budget Request Title | Funding Source | Amount 2024 (\$) | Amount 2025 (\$) | Amount 2026 (\$) |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|-------|--|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Base | Recommended | CAO | Economic Development | 821 | Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding | Economic Development Reserve | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| | | | | 822 | Physician Recruitment | Economic Development Reserve | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| | | | | M1a | Economic Development Marketing Coordinator | Economic Development Reserve | 50,000 | - | |
| | | | | M34 | B21 Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding | Council's Contingency Priority Reserve | 30,000 | - | |
| | | | Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion | B24 | Truth and Reconciliation Implementation | Transfer from Capital (CRF) | 25,000 | - | • |
| | | | Strategic Initiatives | B25 | Encampment Clean-up Costs | General Operating Contingency Reserve | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| | | CORP | Human Resources | B28 | EMPDV Funding for Contract Support | Employee Development and Capacity Building Reserve | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| | | Corp. Trans. | City-wide | 832 | Commissioner Special Projects | Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| | Recommended Total | | | | | | 485,000 | 380,000 | 380,000 |
| Base Total | | | | | | | 485,000 | 380,000 | 380,000 |
| Service Level Change | Increase - Committed | | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | | S3, S4, S5 Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement - Phasing of Budget Increase | Winter Control Reserve | 93,000 | 214,000 | (157,000) |
| | Increase - Committed Tot | al | | | | | 93,000 | 214,000 | (157,000) |
| Service Level Change T | Fotal | | | | | | 93,000 | 214,000 | (157,000) |
| Grand Total | | | | | | | 578,000 | 594,000 | 223,000 |



TAX BASE BUDGET

2024-2026 Budget - Service Level Increases - Committed - SCHEDULE 3

| Item# | Council Report | Council Date | Council Report Title | Rational for Advancing Decision | Budget Category | Ref# | Net Annual Impact 2024 (\$) | Property Tax Increase 2024 (%) | Net Annual Impact 2025 (\$) | Property Tax Increase 2025 (%) | Net Annual Impact 2026 (\$) | Property Tax Increase 2026 (%) |
|-------|----------------|--------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| - | CORP2023-034 | 06/12/2023 | Digital Services Strategy | Decision advanced in response to increased demand for digital services and new expectations for municipalities to be able to respond 24/7 through digital channels. Increased staffing resources in both Communications and IMTS was formally approved as part of the 2024-2026 budget. | Service Level Increase | S6, S7 | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | 225,500 | 0.21% |
| 2 | COM2023-016 | 06/19/2023 | Fire Master Plan Update, June 2023 | Decision advanced to permit purchase of required Fire Rescue Pumper and to provide Council direction regarding the staff phasing strategy were approved as part of the 2024-2026 budget. | Service Level Increase - Committed | S2 | 1,065,000 | 1.15% | 1,437,000 | 1.44% | 1,519,000 | 1.42% |
| 3 | IPPW2023-040 | 06/26/2023 | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement Recommendations | Decision advanced as per Council direction to review Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service hybrid model with the goal of improving accessibility and level of service was formally approved as part of the 2024-2026 budget. | | S3, S4, S5 | 393,000 | 0.42% | 514,000 | 0.52% | 115,000 | 0.11% |
| 4 | IPPW2023-031 | 06/26/2023 | Bill 109 Implementation (Housekeeping Amendment) | Decision advanced in response to legislation, and in order to meet the statutory timelines imposed by the Province. Planning staff (2 FTEs) were formally approved as part of the 2024-2026 budget. | Service Level Increase - Committed | S9, S10 | 290,000 | 0.31% | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% |
| 5 | CAO2023-007 | 09/18/2023 | WREDC - Increased Annual Contribution (CAO2023-025) | Decision advanced in response to expiring agreement. Increased City financial commitment was formally approved as part of the 2024-2026 budget. | Service Level Increase - Committed | SI | 100,000 | 0.11% | 50,000 | 0.05% | 50,000 | 0.05% |
| 6 | IPPW2023-058 | 10/30/2023 | Assistant City Solicitor - Planning and Development (IPPW-2023-058) | order to meet the statutory timelines imposed by the Province. Legal staff (I FTE) was formally approved as part of the 2024-2026 budget. | Service Level Increase - Committed | S8 | 217,500 | 0.23% | (3,500) | 0.00% | - | 0.00% |
| | | | тот | AL | | | 2,065,500 | 2.23% | 1,997,500 | 2.01% | 1,909,500 | 1.78% |

otes:

- Items approved by Council in advance of budget as per the reports/dates listed above.
- Formal approval was received as part of the 2024-2026 budget adoption on February 12, 2024



SECTION #4 Tax Base Budget Menu Items



2024-2026 BUDGET MENU LIST

The 2024-2026 budget was developed in accordance with Corporate Policy FC-019 – Core Consumer Price Index (CPIX). Through this policy, Council directed staff that:

- CPIX be used as a guideline for property tax increases.
- Staff were to strive to keep increases as close to inflation as possible for the base budget (including efficiencies) and operating impact of capital and growth, net of assessment growth.
- That the index be used as a guideline for budget decision making whereby City staff presented a staff tabled budget on that basis along with **known pressures outside of** the staff tabled budget (+) and further reduction opportunities (-) for Council's decision making (Menu List).
- On February 12, 2024 budget day, Council could choose to add (or modify) any menu items as part of the 2024-2026 budget deliberation process.

On December 11, 2023, staff released a 2024-2026 staff tabled operating budget along with a Staff Budget Committee prioritized Menu List of items outside of the staff tabled budget for Council's decision making. The staff tabled budget included a prioritized menu list with 14 potential menu item increases (M1-M14) totaling \$1.6M and 11 potential menu item reductions (M15-M25) totaling -\$2.4M.

On January 29, 2024, through report CORP2024-005 Community Engagement 2024-2026 Staff Tabled Budget, the dominant theme of the feedback provided by residents from both the budget information session and the Engage Waterloo budget survey was concern with the affordability with the level of the staff tabled tax increases and the potential impacts on the community. In consideration of this feedback, Council directed staff to present additional recommendations at the start of the February 12, 2024 budget day meeting that could, if approved, reduce the overall tax rate impact of the three-year budget. In response to that direction, senior staff developed seven additional menu reduction opportunities for Council consideration (M26-M32), which created a potential total of -\$400,000 in tax increase savings and further provided various options to phase in budget items (to ease the tax burden over 2024-2026) and to use reserve funding (and not impact the tax base).

On February 12, 2024 budget day, Council approved three (new) menu items (M33, M34/M34a and M35) and made a revision resulting in M1a.

For a complete list of menu items approved by Council - see **2024-2026 Approved Budget Menu List - Schedule 4**. All menu items **approved** by Council are listed on the top half of Schedule 4 and menu items **not** approved are shown on the bottom half of Schedule 4 for reference.

Also, all approved menu items are shown in their respective areas under Schedule I (pages 31 and 32) and Schedule 2 (page 33).



TAX BASE BUDGET

2024-2026 Budget - MENU LIST - SCHEDULE 4

| Dept | Division | BR # | Menu Ref # | Budget Request Name | Net Annual Impact | Net Annual Impact | Net Annual Impact | Net Annual Impact | Net Annual Impact | Net Annual Impact | Status |
|-------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|
| рерт | Economic Development | DK # | ivienu ket # | Economic Development Marketing Coordinator-with Economic | 2024 (\$) | 2024 (%) | 2025 (\$) | 2025 (%) | 2026 (\$) | 2026 (%) | Status |
| CAO | Economic Development | CAO.2024.017 | M1a | Development Reserve Contribution | 105,000 | 0.11% | - | - | - | - | Approved |
| CAO | Economic Development | CAO.2024.017 | M1a | Economic Development Marketing Coordinator - with Economic | (50,000) | -0.05% | | _ | _ | | Approved |
| IPPW | Transportation Services | IPPW.2024.008 | M4 | Development Reserve Contribution Transportation Engineering Supervisor | (30,000) | -0.03% | _ | | 138,500 | 0.13% | Approved |
| CAO | Strategic Initiatives | CAO.2024.013 | M11 | Sustainability and Climate Change Co-Op | 17,000 | 0.02% | | - | - | 0.1370 | Approved |
| | Corporate Transactions | | 10122 | Additional Assessment Growth (2023) | 17,000 | 0.0270 | | | | | Арргочеи |
| Corp. Trans. | | TRAN.2024.014 | M15 | | (162,875) | -0.18% | - | - | - | - | Approved |
| COMM | Fire Rescue Services | COMM.2024.032 | M16a | Fire - Temporary Budget Savings for New Hires*REVISED | (428,000) | -0.46% | (488,000) | -0.49% | (80,000) | -0.07% | Approved |
| COIVIIVI | City-wide | COMM.2024.032 | Wildu | Reduction of New Position - 1 FTE (Avg Amount) in 2026 | (420,000) | 0.4070 | (400,000) | 0.4370 | (00,000) | 0.0770 | Арріочей |
| All | 0 . 7 .: | TRAN.2024.018 | M19 | | - | - | - | - | (120,000) | -0.11% | Approved |
| Corp. Trans. | Corporate Transactions | TRAN.2024.022 | M23 | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per the LTFP - REDUCTION in 2024 | (220,000) | -0.24% | - | - | - | - | Approved |
| | Corporate Transactions | | | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per the LTFP - REDUCTION in 2025 | (==0,000) | G. <u></u> ,,, | | | | | 7 100 100 |
| Corp. Trans. | Composite Transcritions | TRAN.2024.023 | M24 | La constant de franchisco de la fina de la constant de la TER DEDUCTION de 2020 | - | - | (270,000) | -0.27% | - | - | Approved |
| Corp. Trans. | Corporate Transactions | TRAN.2024.024 | M25 | Increased Infrastructure Funding as per the LTFP - REDUCTION in 2026 | - | - | - | _ | (310,000) | -0.29% | Approved |
| | Corporate Transactions | | | Staffing Additional Deferred Start Date (June 1 2024 and June 1 2025) | | | | | (= =,===, | | P.P |
| Corp. Trans. | Cornerate Transactions | TRAN.2024.030 | M26 | B6 Investment Income Additional Increase | (203,000) | -0.22% | 11,000 | 0.01% | 192,000 | 0.18% | Approved |
| Corp. Trans. | Corporate Transactions | TRAN.2024.031 | M27 | B6 Investment Income - Additional Increase | (50,000) | -0.05% | (50,000) | -0.05% | (50,000) | -0.05% | Approved |
| CAO | Strategic Initiatives | CAO.2024.016 | M28 | B11 Climate Change/Sustainability Contributions - Phasing | (30,000) | -0.03% | 30,000 | 0.03% | - | - | Approved |
| | Parks, Forestry and | | | S3, S4, S5 Winter Sidewalk Mtce Service Enhancements - Phasing (Transfer | | | | | .= | 6 4==1 | |
| COMM | Cemetery Parks, Forestry and | COMM.2024.033 | M30 | from Winter Control Reserve S11 Community Inclusion Initiatives - Phasing of Budget Increase with | (93,000) | -0.10% | (214,000) | -0.21% | 157,000 | 0.15% | Approved |
| COMM | Cemetery | COMM.2024.034 | M31 | temporary Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve | (61,000) | -0.07% | - | - | 61,000 | 0.06% | Approved |
| Corp. Trans. | Corporate Transactions | TRAN.2024.033 | M33 | B20 Inflationary CRF Contribution Reduction | (50,000) | -0.05% | (50,000) | -0.05% | (50,000) | -0.05% | Approved |
| CAO | Economic Development | CAO.2024.018 | M34 | B21 Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding | 30,000 | 0.03% | - | - | - | - | Approved |
| CAO | Economic Development | CAO.2024.019 | M34a | B21 Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding-CCPC Reserve funding | (30,000) | -0.03% | _ | _ | _ | _ | Approved |
| Corp. Trans. | Corporate Transactions | TRAN.2024.034 | M35 | Other Expense Reductions and/or Revenue Generation | (30,000) | -0.0370 | | _ | (100,000) | -0.09% | Approved |
| corp. Trans. | | | 55 | | (4 207 075) | 1.400/ | (1 021 000) | 1.049/ | | | прріотец |
| CORP | Communications | CORP.2024.014 | M2 | Digital Services Specialist (CORP2023-034) | (1,297,875) | - 1.40% 0.00% | (1,031,000) 120,500 | -1.04% 0.12% | (300,000) | -0.28% 0.00% | Not Approved |
| COMM | Recreation Services | COMM.2024.029 | M3 | Facility Booking and Active Net Clerk | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | 103,500 | 0.10% | Not Approved |
| COMM | Parks, Forestry and | COMM.2024.019 | M5 | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement: Advance Clearing | 115,000 | 0.12% | | 0.00% | | -0.11% | |
| | Cemetery | | | Regional Road Sidewalk in Zone 1 | 115,000 | | - | | (115,000) | | Not Approved |
| CAO | Strategic Initiatives Reconciliation, Equity, | CAO.2024.015 | M6 | Sustainability Officer | - | 0.00% | 95,000 | 0.10% | (3,500) | 0.00% | Not Approved |
| CAO | Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion | CAO.2024.012 | M7 | Data/Policy Analyst | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | 124,000 | 0.12% | Not Approved |
| COMM | Community Programming and Outreach Services | COMM.2024.028 | M8 | Increased Support for Community Initiatives | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | 195,000 | 0.18% | Not Approved |
| IPPW | Engineering Services | IPPW.2024.034 | M9 | Landscape Technologist | | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | 122,500 | 0.11% | Not Approved |
| COMM | Parks, Forestry and | COMM.2024.020 | M10 | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement: Add Clearing | 220,000 | 0.24% | | 0.00% | | 0.00% | |
| COIVIIVI | Cemetery | COIVIIVI.2U24.U2U | IAITO | Sidewalk in All School Zones Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement: Add Clearing | 220,000 | U.2470 | - | 0.0076 | - | 0.00% | Not Approved |
| COMM | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | COMM.2024.021 | M10a | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement: Add Clearing Sidewalk in All School Zones - Capital Equipment | 250,000 | 0.27% | (250,000) | -0.25% | - | 0.00% | Not Approved |
| CORP | Finance | CORP.2024.013 | M12 | Accounting Clerk | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | 94,500 | 0.09% | Not Approved |
| IPPW | Transportation Services | IPPW.2024.009 | M13 | Mobile Truck Tracking Technology Enhancements | | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | 60,000 | 0.06% | Not Approved |
| СОММ | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | COMM.2024.022 | M14 | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement: Add Clearing Regional Road Sidewalk in Zone 2, 3 and 4 | - | 0.00% | 220,000 | 0.22% | - | 0.00% | Not Approved |
| СОММ | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | COMM.2024.023 | M14a | Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement: Add Clearing Regional Road Sidewalk in Zone 2, 3 and 4 - Capital Equipment | - | 0.00% | 250,000 | 0.25% | (250,000) | -0.23% | Not Approved |
| Corp. Trans. | Corporate Transactions | TRAN.2024.015 | M15a | Additional Assessment Growth (2023) to CRF (10%) and CIRRF (30%) | 65,150 | 0.07% | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | Not Approved |
| | Fire Rescue Services | COMM.2024.030 | M16 | Fire - Temporary Budget Savings for New Hires | (352,000) | -0.38% | (412,000) | -0.41% | (80,000) | -0.07% | Not Approved |
| COMM | | TDAN 2024 046 | M17 | Reduction of New Position - 1 FTE (Avg Amount) in 2024 | (120,000) | -0.13% | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | Not Approved |
| COMM | City-wide | TRAN.2024.016 | 14117 | | | 0.000/ | (120,000) | 0.420/ | | | |
| | City-wide City-wide | TRAN.2024.016 TRAN.2024.017 | M18 | Reduction of New Position - 1 FTE (Avg Amount) in 2025 | - | 0.00% | (120,000) | -0.12% | - | 0.00% | Not Approved |
| All | <i>'</i> | | | Reduction of New Position - 1 FTE (Avg Amount) in 2025 Reduction of Additional New Position - 1 FTE (Avg Amount) in 2024 | (120,000) | -0.13% | (120,000) | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | |
| All All | City-wide | TRAN.2024.017 TRAN.2024.019 TRAN.2024.020 | M18 | · | (120,000) | | (120,000) | | - - - | | Not Approved |
| All All | City-wide City-wide | TRAN.2024.017 TRAN.2024.019 | M18 M20 | Reduction of Additional New Position - 1 FTE (Avg Amount) in 2024 | - (120,000) - - | -0.13% | - | 0.00% | - - - (120,000) | 0.00% | Not Approved Not Approved Not Approved Not Approved |
| All All All | City-wide City-wide City-wide | TRAN.2024.017 TRAN.2024.019 TRAN.2024.020 | M18 M20 M21 M22 | Reduction of Additional New Position - 1 FTE (Avg Amount) in 2024 Reduction of Additional New Position - 1 FTE (Avg Amount) in 2025 | - (120,000) - - (150,000) | -0.13% 0.00% | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | Not Approved |



SECTION #5 City Utilities Budget



CITY UTILITIES BUDGET 2024-2026 Budget - Summary

| Base Budget | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | |
| Funding | (4,042,583) | (4,135,657) | (4,650,312) |
| Efficiency | 247,463 | - | - |
| Committed | 1,917,296 | 2,648,043 | 3,311,563 |
| Recommended | 114,999 | 153,048 | 137,076 |
| Reversal | - | - | - |
| Total Base Budget Changes | (1,762,825) | (1,334,566) | (1,201,673) |
| Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth | | | |
| Committed | - | - | - |
| Recommended | 578,534 | 18,955 | 87,043 |
| Total Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth Budget Changes | 578,534 | 18,955 | 87,043 |
| Service Level Changes | | | |
| Committed | - | - | 7,000 |
| Increase | 200,000 | 61,449 | (60,500) |
| Total Service Level Budget Changes | 200,000 | 61,449 | (53,500) |
| Infrastructure Investment | | | |
| Recommended | 38,000 | 61,000 | - |
| Total Infrastructure Budget Changes | 38,000 | 61,000 | - |
| TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES | (946,291) | (1,193,162) | (1,168,130) |
| Net Operating Transfer to/(from) Reserve | 946,291 | 1,193,162 | 1,168,130 |
| TOTAL TAX BASE BUDGET IMPACT | - | - | - |
| Household Impact: | | | |
| City Utilities Increase - City Portion (\$) | 47 | 50 | 55 |
| City Utilities Increase - Region Portion (\$) | 21 | 24 | 25 |
| City Utilities Increase - Total (\$) | 68 | 74 | 80 |
| City Utilities Increase - City Portion (%) | 3.8% | 3.9% | 4.0% |
| City Utilities Increase - Region Portion (%) | 1.8% | 1.9% | 1.9% |
| City Utilities Increase - Total (%) | 5.6% | 5.8% | 5.9% |
| City Utilities Reserve (Combined) Projected Balance Note: Figures subject to rounding | \$18.4M | \$19.0M | \$17.9M |



CITY UTILITIES BUDGET

2024-2026 Budget Details - SCHEDULE 5

| | 2024-2020 Budget Details - SCHEDOLE 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Category | Sub-Category | Dept | Division | Ref# | Budget Request Title | Net Annual Impact 2024 (\$) | FTE Impact (2024) | Net Annual Impact 2025 (\$) | FTE Impact (2025) | Net Annual Impact 2026 (\$) | FTE Impact (2026) |
| Base | Funding | IPPW | City Utilities | B36 | Stormwater Revenue Increase | (903,148) | | (988,094) | - | (1,078,614) | - |
| | | | | B37 | System Alteration Fees - Wastewater and Stormwater | (35,000) | - | (700) | - | (714) | - |
| | | | | B38 | Water Retail Revenue Increase | (1,712,324) | - | (1,772,821) | - | (1,991,447) | - |
| | | | | B39 | Wastewater Retail Revenue Increase | (1,392,111) | - | (1,374,042) | - | (1,579,537) | - |
| | Funding Total | | | | | (4,042,583) | ٠ | (4,135,657) | | (4,650,312) | |
| | Efficiency | Corp. Trans. | City-wide | B10 | Increased Enterprise Overhead Contribution (City Utilities) | 247,463 | | | | | - |
| | Efficiency Total | | | | | 247,463 | | | | | |
| | Committed | CORP | Information Management and Technology Services | B14 | Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions (City Utilities | 24,000 | | | | | |
| | | Corp. Trans. | City-wide | B15 | In Camera (City Utilities) | 230,111 | - | 225,319 | - | 234,675 | - |
| | | IPPW | City Utilities | B40 | Stormwater Credit Payments | 3,768 | | 3,843 | | 3,920 | |
| | | | | B41 | Stormwater Debenture Payments | (31,950) | - | 184,636 | - | 259,632 | - |
| | | | | B42 | Water Debenture Payments | (189,568) | - | 312,075 | - | 577,339 | - |
| | | | | B43 | Water Wholesale Purchase Increase | 608,003 | | 674,719 | | 765,385 | - |
| | | | | B44 | Wholesale Wastewater Treatment Increase | 1,272,932 | - | 1,247,451 | - | 1,470,612 | - |
| | Committed Total | | | | | 1,917,296 | - | 2,648,043 | - | 3,311,563 | - |
| | Recommended | CORP | Legislative Services | B29 | Privacy Analyst (City Utilities) | 8,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | B30 | Government Relations Assistant (City Utilities) | | | 15,000 | | | |
| | | IPPW | City Utilities | B50 | Inflationary Increases - City Utilities | 106,999 | - | 120,508 | - | 120,363 | - |
| | | | | B51 | In-Housing City Utilities Billing Increase | - | - | 17,540 | - | 16,713 | - |
| | | | | B52 | Clean Water Initiatives - transfer from Water to Stormwater (Wat) | (30,000) | - | (30,000) | - | (30,000) | - |
| | | | | B53 | Clean Water Initiatives - transfer from Water to Stormwater (SWM) | 30,000 | - | 30,000 | - | 30,000 | - |
| | Recommended To | tal | | | | 114,999 | | 153,048 | | 137,076 | - |
| Base Total | | | | | | (1,762,825) | | (1,334,566) | | (1,201,673) | - |
| Op Impacts of Capital and Growth | Recommended | IPPW | City Utilities | G10 | AMI/Meter Technician and Locator | 85,289 | 1.0 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | G11 | City Utilities - Backflow Technician | 133,245 | 1.0 | (3,500) | | | - |
| | | | | G12 | City Utilities - Fleet Expansion | 310,000 | - | (178,000) | - | (50,000) | - |
| | | | | G13 | City Utilities - Meter Replacement Budget | 50,000 | | 50,000 | | 50,000 | |
| | | | | G14 | Supervisor of Water Distribution | - | - | 150,455 | 1.0 | (3,500) | - |
| | | | | G15 | Wastewater Operator | - | - | - | - | 90,543 | 1.0 |
| | Recommended To | tal | | | | 578,534 | 2.0 | 18,955 | 1.0 | 87,043 | 1.0 |
| Op Impacts of Cap | ital and Growth Tota | ıl | | | | 578,534 | 2.0 | 18,955 | 1.0 | 87,043 | 1.0 |
| Service Level Change | Committed | CORP | Communications | S6 | Digital Services Specialist (CORP2023-034) (City Utilities) | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | - |
| | | | Information Management and Technology Services | 57 | Digital Services Web Developer (CORP2023-034) (City Utilities) | - | | | | 6,000 | |
| | Committed Total | | | | | - | | - | - | 7,000 | - |
| | Increase | IPPW | City Utilities | S18 | City Utilities - Meter Reading Cost Adjustments | 200,000 | | (58,860) | | (57,000) | |
| | | | | 519 | Wastewater Technician | - | | 120,309 | 1.0 | (3,500) | - |
| | Increase Total | | | | | 200,000 | | 61,449 | 1.0 | (60,500) | |
| Service Level Change Total | | | | | | 200,000 | - | 61,449 | 1.0 | (53,500) | - |
| Infrastructure Investment | Recommended | CORP | Finance | 14 | GIS Specialist/Analyst (City Utilities) | - | - | 61,000 | - | - | - |
| | | | Fleet and Procurement | 15 | Contracts Manager (City Utilities) | 38,000 | | | - | | - |
| | Recommended Total | | | | | 38,000 | - | 61,000 | - | - | - |
| Infrastructure Inve | estment Total | | | | | 38,000 | | 61,000 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | | | | | | (946,291) | 2.0 | (1,193,162) | 2.0 | (1,168,130) | 1.0 |



SECTION #6 Other Enterprises Budget



BUILDING STANDARDS BUDGET

2024-2026 Budget - Summary

| Tax Base | 2024 (\$) | 2025 (\$) | 2026 (\$) |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Base Budget | | | |
| Funding | - | - | - |
| Efficiency | (110,147) | - | - |
| Committed | 83,375 | 81,106 | 88,612 |
| Recommended | 3,000 | 6,000 | - |
| Reversal | - | - | - |
| Total Base Budget Changes | (23,772) | 87,106 | 88,612 |
| Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth | | | |
| Committed | - | - | - |
| Recommended | - | - | - |
| Total Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth Budget Changes | - | - | - |
| Service Level Changes | | | |
| Committed | - | - | 2,000 |
| Increase | - | - | - |
| Total Service Level Budget Changes | - | - | 2,000 |
| Infrastructure Investment | | | |
| Recommended | - | - | - |
| Total Infrastructure Budget Changes | - | - | - |
| TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES | (23,772) | 87,106 | 90,612 |
| Net Operating Transfer to/(from) Reserve | 23,772 | (87,106) | (90,612) |
| TOTAL TAX BASE BUDGET IMPACT | - | - | - |
| Building Permit Reserve Fund Projected Balance | \$5.2M | \$4.5M | \$3.5M |
| Nata Figures subject to younding | | | |



CEMETERY SERVICES BUDGET 2024-2026 Budget - Summary

| Tax Base | 2024 (\$) | 2025 (\$) | 2026 (\$) |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Base Budget | | | |
| Funding | - | - | - |
| Efficiency | - | - | - |
| Committed | 56,224 | 48,405 | 49,500 |
| Recommended | 159,193 | 1,000 | - |
| Reversal | - | - | - |
| Total Base Budget Changes | 215,417 | 49,405 | 49,500 |
| Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth | | | |
| Committed | - | - | - |
| Recommended | 6,000 | 6,000 | 2,000 |
| Total Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth Budget Changes | 6,000 | 6,000 | 2,000 |
| Service Level Changes | | | |
| Committed | - | - | 3,000 |
| Increase | - | - | - |
| Total Service Level Budget Changes | - | - | 3,000 |
| Infrastructure Investment | | | |
| Recommended | - | - | - |
| Total Infrastructure Budget Changes | - | - | - |
| TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES | 221,417 | 55,405 | 54,500 |
| Net Operating Transfer to/(from) Reserve | (221,417) | (55,405) | (54,500) |
| TOTAL TAX BASE BUDGET IMPACT | - | - | - |
| Cemetery Reserve Fund Projected Balance | \$20,000 | \$30,000 | \$11,000 |
| M. F. Italian B | | | |



COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS LICENSING BUDGET 2024-2026 Budget - Summary

| Tax Base | 2024 (\$) | 2025 (\$) | 2026 (\$) |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Base Budget | | | |
| Funding | - | - | - |
| Efficiency | - | - | - |
| Committed | 16,142 | 9,808 | 9,786 |
| Recommended | 176,972 | (5,506) | (9,027) |
| Reversal | - | - | - |
| Total Base Budget Changes | 193,114 | 4,302 | 759 |
| Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth | | | |
| Committed | - | - | - |
| Recommended | - | - | - |
| Total Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth Budget Changes | - | - | - |
| Service Level Changes | | | |
| Committed | - | - | 3,000 |
| Increase | - | - | - |
| Total Service Level Budget Changes | - | - | 3,000 |
| Infrastructure Investment | | | |
| Recommended | - | - | - |
| Total Infrastructure Budget Changes | - | - | - |
| TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES | 193,114 | 4,302 | 3,759 |
| Net Operating Transfer to/(from) Reserve | (193,114) | (4,302) | (3,759) |
| TOTAL TAX BASE BUDGET IMPACT | - | - | - |
| Comprehensive Business Licensing Reserve Projected Balance | \$251,000 | \$141,000 | \$25,000 |
| Note: Figures subject to rounding | | | |



PARKING BUDGET 2024-2026 Budget - Summary

| Tax Base | 2024 (\$) | 2025 (\$) | 2026 (\$) |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Base Budget | | | |
| Funding | (68,553) | (102,190) | (94,609) |
| Efficiency | (53,386) | - | - |
| Committed | 10,334 | 7,178 | 7,179 |
| Recommended | 71,036 | 22,601 | 18,134 |
| Reversal | - | - | - |
| Total Base Budget Changes | (40,569) | (72,411) | (69,296) |
| Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth | | | |
| Committed | - | - | - |
| Recommended | - | - | - |
| Total Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth Budget Changes | - | - | - |
| Service Level Changes | | | |
| Committed | - | - | 1,000 |
| Increase | - | - | - |
| Total Service Level Budget Changes | - | - | 1,000 |
| Infrastructure Investment | | | |
| Recommended | - | 1,000 | - |
| Total Infrastructure Budget Changes | - | 1,000 | - |
| TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES | (40,569) | (71,411) | (68,296) |
| Net Operating Transfer to/(from) Reserve | 40,569 | 71,411 | 68,296 |
| TOTAL TAX BASE BUDGET IMPACT | - | - | - |
| Parking Reserve Fund (City-Programs) Projected Balance | \$0.9M | \$0.8M | \$0.8M |
| | | | |



RENTAL HOUSING BUDGET 2024-2026 Budget - Summary

| Tax Base | 2024 (\$) | 2025 (\$) | 2026 (\$) |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Base Budget | | | |
| Funding | (174,078) | (65,806) | (78,128) |
| Efficiency | - | - | - |
| Committed | 34,354 | 26,911 | 26,857 |
| Recommended | 14,000 | 6,000 | - |
| Reversal | - | - | - |
| Total Base Budget Changes | (125,724) | (32,895) | (51,271) |
| Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth | | | |
| Committed | - | - | - |
| Recommended | - | - | - |
| Total Operating Impacts of Capital & Growth Budget Changes | - | - | - |
| Service Level Changes | | | |
| Committed | - | - | 2,000 |
| Increase | - | - | - |
| Total Service Level Budget Changes | - | - | 2,000 |
| Infrastructure Investment | | | |
| Recommended | - | - | - |
| Total Infrastructure Budget Changes | - | - | - |
| TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES | (125,724) | (32,895) | (49,271) |
| Net Operating Transfer to/(from) Reserve | 125,724 | 32,895 | 49,271 |
| TOTAL TAX BASE BUDGET IMPACT | - | - | - |
| Residential Rental Housing Reserve Projected Balance | \$(31,000) | \$(122,000) | \$(192,000) |
| As per report COM2019-024, Residential Rental Housing Reserve approved to allow neg | • • • | • | , , |
| Note: Figures subject to rounding | | | |



ENTERPRISE BUDGET 2024-2026 Budget Details - SCHEDULE 6

| Category | Sub-Category | Dept | Division | Ref# | Budget Request Title | Net Annual Impact 2024 (\$) | FTE Impact (2024) | Net Annual Impact 2025 (\$) | FTE Impact (2025) | Net Annual Impact 2026 (\$) | FTE Impact (2026) |
|------------|------------------|--------------|--|------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Base | Funding | CAO | Economic Development | B33 | Parking Enterprise Permit Revenue Increase (CAO2023- 021) | (68,553) | - | (88,178) | - | (94,609) | |
| | | | | B34 | Parking Enterprise Hourly Revenue Increase (CAO2023- 021) | - | - | (14,012) | - | - | - |
| | | COMM | Municipal Enforcement | B35 | Rental Housing Program Revenue Increase | (174,078) | | (65,806) | - | (78,128) | - |
| | Funding Total | | | | | (242,631) | | (167,996) | | (172,737) | - |
| | Efficiency | Corp. Trans. | City-wide | B10 | Increased Enterprise Overhead Contribution (Building Standards) | (110,147) | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | Increased Enterprise Overhead Contribution (Parking) | (53,386) | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Efficiency Total | | | | | (163,533) | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Committed | CORP | Information Management and Technology Services | B14 | Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions (Building Standards) | 11,000 | - | - | | - | |
| | | | | | Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions (Cemetery) | 6,000 | - | - | - | | - |
| | | | | | Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions (Comp. Business Licenses) | 7,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions (Parking) | 4,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions (Rental Housing) | 7,000 | - | - | - | | - |
| | | Corp. Trans. | City-wide | B15 | In Camera (Building Standards) | 72,375 | - | 81,106 | | 88,612 | |
| | | | | | In Camera (Cemetery) | 50,224 | - | 48,405 | - | 49,500 | |
| | | | | | In Camera (Comp. Business Licensing) | 9,142 | - | 9,808 | - | 9,786 | - |
| | | | | | In Camera (Parking) | 6,334 | - | 7,178 | - | 7,179 | - |
| | Committed Total | | | | In Camera (Rental Housing) | 27,354 200,429 | - | 26,911 173,408 | | 26,857 181,934 | |
| | Recommended | CAO | Economic Development | B45 | Parking Enterprise Inflationary Increase | 17,036 | | 17,601 | | 18,134 | |
| | | | | B46 | Parking Enterprise Snow Removal Contract Increase | 52,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | COMM | Municipal Enforcement | B47 | Comprehensive Business Licencing Program Expense and Revenue Adjustment | 170,972 | | (7,506) | | (9,027) | |
| | | | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | B48 | Cemetery Operator | 93,193 | 1.0 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | B49 | Cemetery Inflationary Increases | 65,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | CORP | Legislative Services | B29 | Privacy Analyst (Building Standards) | 3,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | Privacy Analyst (Cemetery) | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | | | | Privacy Analyst (Comp. Business Licensing) | 6,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | | | | Privacy Analyst (Parking) | 2,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | Privacy Analyst (Rental Housing) | 14,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | B30 | Government Relations Assistant (Building Standards) | - | - | 6,000 | - | - | - |
| | | | | | Government Relations Assistant (Cemetery) | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |
| | | | | | Government Relations Assistant (Comp. Business Licensing) | - | - | 2,000 | - | - | - |
| | | | | | Government Relations Assistant (Parking) | - | - | 5,000 | - | - | - |
| | | L | | | Government Relations Assistant (Rental Housing) | | - | 6,000 | - | | - |
| | Recommended To | tal | | | | 424,201 | 1.0 | 30,095 | | 9,107 | - |
| Base Total | | | | | | 218,466 | 1.0 | 35,507 | | 18,304 | - |



ENTERPRISE BUDGET

2024-2026 Budget Details - SCHEDULE 6

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|--|----------------------|------|--|------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Category | Sub-Category | Dept | Division | Ref# | Budget Request Title | Net Annual Impact 2024 (\$) | FTE Impact (2024) | Net Annual Impact 2025 (\$) | FTE Impact (2025) | Net Annual Impact 2026 (\$) | FTE Impact (2026) |
| Op Impacts of Capital and Growth | Recommended | СОММ | Parks, Forestry and Cemetery | G9 | Operating Impacts of Capital - Cemetery Services | 6,000 | - | 6,000 | - | 2,000 | - |
| | Recommended Tot | al | | | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 2,000 | |
| Op Impacts of Capit | tal and Growth Total | | | | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | - | 2,000 | - |
| Service Level Change | Committed | CORP | Communications | S6 | Digital Services Specialist (CORP2023-034) (Cemetery) | | - | - | - | 1,000 | |
| | | | | | Digital Services Specialist (CORP2023-034) (Parking) | | - | - | - | 1,000 | |
| | | | Information Management and Technology Services | S 7 | Digital Services Web Developer (CORP2023-034) (Building Standards) | - | - | - | - | 2,000 | - |
| | | | | | Digital Services Web Developer (CORP2023-034) (Cemetery) | - | - | - | - | 2,000 | - |
| | | | | | Digital Services Web Developer (CORP2023-034) (Comp. Business Licensing) | - | - | - | - | 3,000 | - |
| | | | | | Digital Services Web Developer (CORP2023-034) (Rental Housing) | | | - | | 2,000 | - |
| | Committed Total | | | | | | | | - | 11,000 | |
| Service Level Change Total | | | | | | | • | - | - | 11,000 | - |
| Infrastructure Investment | Recommended | CORP | Finance | 14 | GIS Specialist/Analyst (Parking) | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |
| | Recommended Total | | | | | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |
| Infrastructure Inves | stment Total | | | | | | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | | | | | | 224,466 | 1.0 | 42,507 | - | 31,304 | - |



SECTION #7 Background Information



INFLUENCING FACTORS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

The City of Waterloo like many other municipalities across Ontario, must take into account numerous influencing factors when preparing its budget.

I) 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

The City of Waterloo 2023-2026 Strategic Plan was approved by Council on June 26, 2023. The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, defines Waterloo's focus over the next four years. To help develop the Strategic Plan, we collected feedback from the community through one-on-one interviews, online surveys, workshops and in-person discussions. We connected with community, equity-deserving groups, business and organization leaders, city Council, and city staff. We also reviewed important city plans and strategies, social and economic data, and current challenges such as COVID recovery, housing and homelessness, sustainability and climate change.

The 2024-2026 budget is a three-year budget approval, and is positioned to implement the priorities of the City's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. The budget leverages the extensive public engagement undertaken as part of the Strategic Plan creation, which is the key influencer of the approved budget.

2) Climate Emergency

In 2019 Council declared a climate emergency recognizing that bold change would be required to address the climate change emergency facing our community and the globe. As part of that declaration, Council adopted a corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction target of 80% by 2050. Soon after, a corporate GHG emission target of 50% by 2030 was also established. With these corporate targets set, staff across the City began identifying actions to help the corporation reach its climate change goals. Plans and strategies became instrumental as they provided detailed actions needed to address the climate change emergency. Plans including the Corporate Climate Action Plan (CorCAP), the Energy Conservation Demand Management (ECDM) Plan and the Green Building Policy include actions we can take as an organization to mitigate the effects of climate change.

At the October 16, 2023 Council meeting, staff presented CAO2023-020 Corporate Climate Action Plan Development Update. At the January 29, 2024 Council meeting, staff presented CAO2024-001 Final 2024-2029 Corporate climate Action Plan (CorCAP). These reports presented an overview of the process to develop the City's first climate action plan to help the corporation take actions on reducing its GHG emissions. And in order to harmonize with the Government of Canada's national climate target established in 2021, Council requested that the City amend its corporate GHG emission reduction target from 80% by 2050 to a more powerful net zero by 2050. This was accomplished through Council's approval of CAO2024-002 Net-Zero Report on January 29, 2024.

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Building upon the progress already made in recent years including the creation of the Climate Action Reserve Fund (CARF), the 2024-2026 budget includes various key investments related to climate change as outlined below:

- Increased allocation of 0.74% (annual average over 2024-2026) infrastructure investment funding (11-17 offset by M23, M24, M25) to facilities to support the facility transformational projects
 - Strategic allocation of the increased infrastructure investment funding with facilities receiving 100% of the increase for 2024-2026. M23, M24 and M25 removed the IPPW and IMTS portions.
 - This strategic increased allocation for FDMS was recommended by the Budget Committee in support of the Facility Transformational Projects \$10M debenture project that will see FDMS leverage their increased infrastructure allocation to advance critical GHG reduction work via debenture financing
- \$10.25 million Facility Transformational project (capital ref #225) funded by debenture
 - o Funds to be used as part of a future grant application
- Climate Change/Sustainability Contributions (B11)
 - ClimateActionWR (\$65,000)
 - Waterloo Region Community Energy (WRCE) (\$16,000)
 - SustainableWR (\$7,000)
 - o REEP (\$30,000 deferred to 2025 per M28)
 - Funds for key initiatives, such as advocacy on the climate change front with upper levels of government, implementation efforts, and engagement (\$30,000)
- Redirecting \$100,000 in 2024, \$50,000 in 2025, and an additional \$50,000 in 2026 of the annual Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) funding to increase the ongoing annual funding for the Climate Action Reserve Fund
- Allocating 25% of final reported property tax operating surplus annually, if any, to the Climate Action Reserve Fund as per policy FC-003
- Allocating 25% of actual investment income surplus annually, if any, to the Climate Action Reserve Fund as per policy FC-006
- Redirecting \$500,000 in one-time funding from the RIM Park Investment Reserve surplus to the Climate Action Reserve Fund

The climate action investments and policy changes included in the 2024-2026 budget have the potential to significantly advance the corporation's climate goals and aligns with the Strategic Plan: Environmental sustainability and climate action priority of making transformational changes related to city operations and services while working with the community toward climate change mitigation and adaptation goals.

3) Increased Infrastructure Funding

The City's annual estimated infrastructure funding gap was recently confirmed to be \$54.3 million for all infrastructure asset classes (\$37.56 million for tax-funded assets and \$16.75 million for enterprise-funded assets) as per report CORP2023-040 2023 Asset Management

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Report Cards and Update. As part of the 2020-2022 and 2023 approved budgets, supported by previous LTFPs, Council approved additional funding intended to begin the process of closing the infrastructure gap. This included Council's 2020-2022 budget increase of \$2.1 million by 2022, and an additional \$0.7 million increase in 2023, for a total of almost \$2.8 million additional infrastructure funding annually for asset rehabilitation. The approved 2024-2026 budget will look to continue this investment and advancing of infrastructure rehabilitation through additional dedicated tax increases of ~0.75% in 2024, 0.74% in 2025 and 0.73% in 2026.

4) Legislative Impacts for Municipalities

Municipal Act

- Regulates what the City of Waterloo can and cannot do
- Requires a "balanced budget"
- Allows for multi-year budgets (up to five years) to be approved with a singular approval by Council
 - Legislation requires that if a municipality approves a multi-year budget, Council
 must review and re-affirm or amend the budget for every second or subsequent
 year either in the year that the budget applies or in the preceding year
 - As a best practice, the City of Waterloo implements a one-year budget for year one of the Council term (2023)
 - As a best practice, the City of Waterloo implements a multi-year budget for years two-four of the Council term (2024-2026)

The Planning Act

- Governs land use
- Creation of Community Improvement Plans
- Section 42 for Cash in Lieu of Parkland
- Section 37 for Community Benefits Charge

Other Legislative Influencers

- Assessment Act
- Building Code Act
- Clean Drinking Water Act
- Development Charges Act
- Drainage Act
- Employment Standards Act
- Expropriations Act
- Land Titles Act
- Ontario Land Tribunal Act
- Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)
- Places to Grow Act



Ontario Heritage Act

5) Financing

The City of Waterloo's budget is financed through a combination of property taxes, user fees and other financing sources. There are three key components to the City's budget.

a) Tax Based Operating Budget:

- Ongoing programs and services funded from a combination of property taxes, user fees and reserves. Examples include:
 - Fire Rescue and Municipal Enforcement
 - Parks, Recreation, Community and Culture
 - Transportation and Development Services
 - Waterloo Public Library

b) Enterprise Based Operating Budget:

- Ongoing programs and services funded from enterprise user rates. Includes:
 - Building Standards
 - Cemetery Services
 - City Utilities
 - o Water
 - Sanitary Sewer
 - o Stormwater
 - Comprehensive Business Licensing
 - Parking
 - Rental Housing

c) Capital Budget:

- Projects identified to create, enhance or restore the service level provided by assets funded through a variety of sources that include: property tax funded reserves/reserve funds, user rate funded reserves/reserve funds and development charges. Examples include:
 - Road Reconstruction (including Underground)
 - Park Rehabilitation / Upgrade
 - Facility Refurbishment



HOW MUNICIPALITIES ARE FUNDED

The 2024-2026 budget has various funding sources and all City expenditures are paid through these funding sources. Note that the primary funding sources are property taxes and user fees.

What is Assessment Growth?

New or expanded homes or businesses generate property tax funding for the City of Waterloo. These fund increased demand for existing services as the City grows (e.g. winter snow removal, maintenance of parks and roads, fire rescue services).



Tax Levy Increase = Property Tax Increase + Assessment Growth

Please watch this video, Explaining Assessment Growth for more information.



2024-2026 STAFFING SUMMARY

The City of Waterloo is a service provider and labour constitutes the single largest expense. These services include but are not limited to: fire rescue and municipal enforcement, parks and trails service, roads and transportation including winter maintenance, recreation facilities and programming, city facility maintenance, and capital project management. In addition, the City also provides essential business support functions to the operational divisions; services include but are not limited to human resources, finance, fleet maintenance and information technology. As the population within the City's boundaries continues to grow, new assets are built, and as new services are added by Council in accordance with the Strategic Plan, there is a need for additional staffing resources.

Current Staffing Levels

The 2023 approved budget included 792.2 Full Time Equivalent employees. FTE stands for Full Time Equivalent and is a calculation of the number of hours a position works compared to the standard hours for the position (35/40 hours per week).

Full Time Equivalent employees include:

- permanent full time employees
- permanent part time employees
- co-op students
- seasonal employees
- outside maintenance students
- crossing guards
- instructors/lifeguards
- all other staff that are paid hourly that are not part of the Staff Association

The 2023 approved budgeted FTEs can also be broken down between tax base funded FTEs and enterprise funded FTEs. This is shown below in Table #1.

Table #1 FTE by Dept and Tax Base vs. Enterprise Funding:

| Dept | 2023 Approved Budget FTEs - Tax Base | 2023 Approved Budget FTEs - Enterprise | 2023 Approved Budget FTEs - TOTAL | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Office of the CAO | 20.8 | 1.9 | 22.7 | |
| Community Services | 429.5 | 27.0 | 456.5 | |
| Corporate Services | 122.5 | • | 122.5 | |
| Integrated Planning and Public Works | 108.8 | 81.7 | 190.5 | |
| TOTAL | 681.6 | 110.6 | 792.2 | |



2024-2026 Approved Budget - Tax Base FTEs

As part of the 2024-2026 budget, new tax base FTEs were approved to support new and existing services and have been categorized under each budget category.

<u>Base Budget</u> - requests include adjustments to maintain current service levels, regular fee increases and efficiencies. A Base Budget FTE example approved in the 2024-2026 budget is:

 Government Relations Assistant - this role will support the office of the Mayor and Council by providing political advice, communication, and legislative support to the Corporation. This position will track and monitor legislative changes and support Council in government relations initiatives, including developing strong relationships with area municipalities as well as provincial and federal counterparts (\$70,000) – B30

Op Impacts of Cap and Growth – requests related to the operating cost of capital projects. The impacts of capital are generated as a result of previously approved capital projects or capital projects included within the 2024-2026 capital budget that will have an impact to the operating budget. It also includes growth related operating costs. An Op Impacts of Capital and Growth FTE example approved in the 2024-2026 budget is:

 Parks Seasonals - operational funding including two CUPE seasonal staff is required to support the addition of new park infrastructure. Preventative and routine maintenance in addition to routine inspections of park infrastructure are all part of the legislative and due diligence requirements of offering expanded public spaces (\$100,000) – G5.

<u>Service Level Changes</u> – requests include increases or decreases to existing service levels. A Service Level Changes FTE example approved in the 2024-2026 budget is:

• Fire Master Plan Staff Expansion - first three years of a four-year plan to increase Fire Rescue staffing as committed via report COM2023-016 and COM2023-024. The intent is to provide adequate coverage to the city's west side as well as an expansion to Waterloo Fire Rescue's (WFR) vital support divisions. With this staffing increase, WFR will be able to continue to meet the expected high standard of service, and provincial safety standards as our city continues to grow (\$4.0M) – \$2.

<u>Infrastructure Investment</u> – requests include infrastructure investment increases as recommended by the Long Term Financial Plan to address the City's infrastructure funding gap. An Infrastructure Investment FTE example approved in the 2024-2026 budget is:

Senior Project Engineer (Mechanical) – position is a critical role that oversees the
planning, design, repair, and replacement of large-scale mechanical assets/systems at City
facilities. The primary duty of this position is to ensure the safe and reliable operation of
mechanical systems at City facilities, as well as to ensure the timely, efficient, and
effective completion of capital work for building mechanical systems. This position also



works closely with the City's Energy Program Manager, to complete energy/greenhouse gas reduction projects at City facilities, in pursuit of Council's corporate greenhouse gas reduction target (\$150,000) - 12

In the 2024-2026 approved budget, there is an average of 19.0 Tax Base FTEs per year as summarized in Table #2 below which outlines the breakdown by budget category and Table #3 which outlines the breakdown by labour group.

Table #2 – 2024-2026 Budget – Tax Base FTEs by Budget Category:

| Budget Category | 2024 FTEs | 2025 FTEs | 2026 FTEs | Total FTEs |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Base Budget | 4.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 6.3 |
| Operating Impact of Capital and Growth | 2.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 4.2 |
| Service Level Changes | 13.1 | 14.0 | 14.3 | 41.5 |
| Infrastructure Investment | 3.0 | 2.0 | - | 5.0 |
| TOTAL | 23.1 | 17.9 | 15.9 | 57.0 |
| 2024-2026 A | 19.0 | | | |

Table #3 – 2024-2026 Budget Tax Base FTEs by Labour Group:

| Labour Group | 2023 Approved FTEs | 2024 FTEs | 2025 FTEs | 2026 FTEs | Total FTEs |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Staff Association | 256.3 | 9.2 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 276.5 |
| CUPE | 102.7 | 5.6 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 110.6 |
| Fire | 118.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 139.0 |
| Management | 67.3 | 3.0 | - | - | 70.3 |
| Casual | 131.6 | 0.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 136.5 |
| Elected | 5.8 | - | - | - | 5.8 |
| TOTAL | 681.7 | 23.1 | 17.9 | 15.9 | 738.6 |

Inflationary Changes

In order to help maintain existing service levels and ensure the City is able to keep pace with a growing community, increases in staffing levels compared to the 2023 FTE totals are required. In terms of inflation, the 2024-2026 budget is guided by various inflationary measures.

Table #4 - Inflationary Measures:

| Consumer Price Indices | СРІ | CPI-ONT | CPIX |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Sept 2023 - (Spot Rate) | 3.80% | 3.63% | 2.80% |
| 12-Month Rolling Average | 4.76% | 4.54% | 4.28% |



For the 2024-2026 budget, the inflationary increase is appropriately 4.3% (using CPIX as per policy). Applying an inflationary increase of 4.3% to the tax base FTEs would result in approximately 30 additional FTEs per year. The approved budget includes on average 18.6 tax base FTEs for 2024-2026 which represents an increase of 2.7%, which is below the above noted inflationary measure. This average staffing increase also includes the service level increased staffing associated with fire master plan staffing expansion, winter control sidewalk enhancements and planning/legal staffing resources in response to provincial legislation changes.

2024-2026 Budget Enterprise FTEs

As part of the 2024-2026 enterprise budgets, new FTEs are required to support new and existing services. The 2024-2026 approved budget includes 6.0 enterprise FTEs as summarized in Table #5 below.

Table #5 – 2024-2026 Enterprise FTEs:

| Enterprise | 2024 FTEs | 2025 FTEs | 2026 FTEs | Total FTEs |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| City Utilities | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 |
| Cemetery Services | 1.0 | - | - | 1.0 |
| TOTAL | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 6.0 |

Table #6 – 2024-2026 Enterprise FTEs by Budget Category:

| Budget Category | 2024 FTEs | 2025 FTEs | 2026 FTEs | Total FTEs |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Base Budget | 1.0 | - | - | 1.0 |
| Operating Impact of Capital and Growth | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 |
| Service Level Changes | - | 1.0 | - | 1.0 |
| Infrastructure Investment | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 6.0 |

For the 2024-2026 budget, the inflationary increase is appropriately 4.3% (using CPIX as per policy). Applying an inflationary increase of 4.3% to the enterprise FTEs would result in approximately 5 additional FTEs per year. The approved budget includes on average 2.0 enterprise FTEs for 2024-2026 which represents an increase of 1.8%, which is below the above noted inflationary measure.



FINANCIAL CONTROL BUDGET POLICIES

The Council for the City of Waterloo is committed to demonstrating financial leadership and sustainability in accordance with the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, Guiding Principle – Operational Excellence.

- We provide fiscally responsible, exceptional service that meets the needs of residents, partners and equity-deserving groups, employees and volunteers of the city.

The 2024-2026 budget has been guided by various Financial Control – Budget related policies. They are:

- FC-002 Financial requests outside of budget
- FC-003 Surplus Allocation Policy
 - o Policy updated as per Council approval on December 11, 2023 (CORP2023-043)
- FC-006 Reserves and Reserve Fund Policy
 - o Policy updated as per Council approval on December 11, 2023 (CORP2023-043)
- FC-009 Debt Management Policy
 - o Policy updated as per Council approval on June 19, 2023 (CORP2023-018)
- FC-010 Definition of Capital Policy
- FC-011 Multiple Year Budget Approval
- FC-012 Capital Budget
 - o Policy updated as per Council approval on June 19, 2023 (CORP2023-038)
- FC-013 Use of Budgeted Assessment Growth Revenue Update
- FC-014 New Revenue Policy
- FC-018 Capital Overhead
- FC-019 Core Consumer Price Index (CPIX)