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PUSLINCH COUNCIL APPROVES 2026 BUDGET

Township Portion of Taxes to Increase by \$53 annually for Typical Household

PUSLINCH, ON – Council for the Township of Puslinch has approved the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget, resulting in a 3.99% increase to the Township portion of the property tax rate.

For the typical Puslinch home assessed at \$666,000, this represents an annual increase of **\$53**, or approximately **\$4** per month, for Township services. This equates to an increase of approximately \$8 per \$100,000 of residential assessment for the Township portion of the tax bill.

When combined with the County of Wellington's 2026 Budget and the 2026 Education Tax Rate, the blended tax impact for the typical Puslinch household is 3.15%, or \$224 annually. The blended increase per \$100,000 of residential assessment is approximately \$33 per year.

"Puslinch Council has approved a sensible budget that maintains our focus on key priorities during these challenging times," said Mayor Seeley. "Despite continued high inflation and rising costs, the Township portion of the increase for residents is just \$53 annually. Council has remained committed to fiscal responsibility while continuing to invest in essential services and infrastructure without placing undue financial strain on residents."

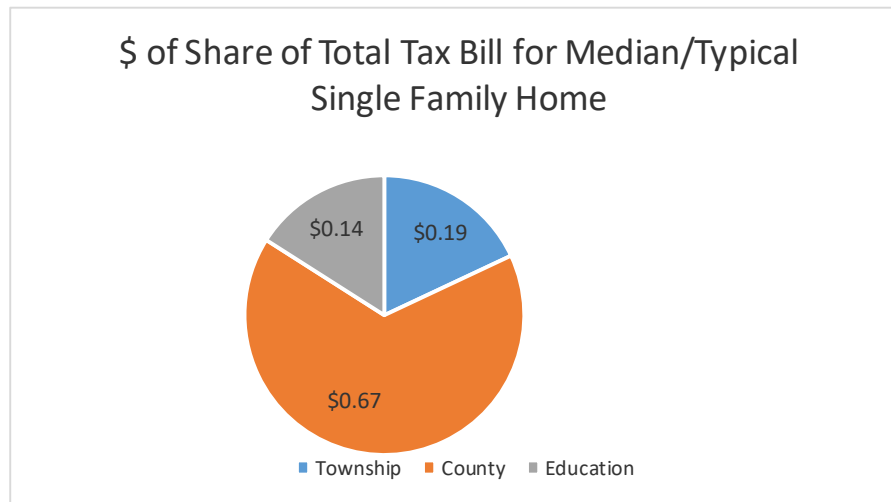
2026 Budget Highlights

- Increased operating costs reflecting ongoing inflation and rising expenses, including Ontario Minimum Wage increases, mandatory employee benefits, contract services, fuel, utilities, winter maintenance, conservation authority levies, professional services, insurance premiums, and the 2026 municipal election.
- \$3.79 million invested in public works capital projects to maintain a safe and efficient transportation network, including improvements to:
 - Concession 1, Concession 2, Daymond Drive, Nicholas Beaver Road, Carter Road, Farnham Road and Cooks Mill Road.
- \$1.53 million contributed to discretionary reserves to support future projects and equipment needs, including \$394,050 for future gravel road improvements.
- \$117,751 invested in fire equipment and other fire-related initiatives.
- \$1.73 million invested in Township parks and facilities.
- \$24,750 allocated to economic development initiatives.

Taxes on the Typical Single-Family Home

(Assessment: \$666,000)

	Share of Total Tax Bill	2025 Taxes	2026 Taxes	\$ Change	% Change
Township *	\$0.19	\$1,326	\$1,379	\$53	3.99%
County *	\$0.67	\$4,772	\$4,943	\$171	3.59%
Education	\$0.14	\$1,019	\$1,019	\$0	0.00%
Total (Blended)	\$1.00	\$7,117	\$7,341	\$224	3.15%



* Township and County tax rates are preliminary until the County of Wellington's Tax Policy is adopted by County Council.

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