



# City of Kingston

## 2016 Interim tax bill

### When are my property taxes due?

Your taxes are due by Monday, Feb. 29, 2016.

### How was my 2016 interim tax bill calculated?

Your 2016 interim tax bill is based on 50 per cent of your 2015 final tax bill.

If applicable, past due amounts shown on this tax bill include pre-calculated interest, which is due if your account was not paid in full on or before Jan. 31, 2016.

If you made a payment on your account between the billing date and Jan. 31, 2016, please call customer service at 613-546-0000 for an updated balance before paying your 2016 interim tax bill.

### Does the City have property tax assistance programs?

The City has the following property tax assistance programs for ratepayers. Please note that ratepayers may need to meet specific criteria.

- **Seniors property tax grant program (\$100):**  
This program is for senior citizens receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). The deadline for 2016 applications is April 30, 2016.
- **Tax deferral program (up to \$1,000):**  
Property owners receiving benefits under the

Ontario Disability Support Program or the *Ontario Works Act*, or senior citizens receiving a Guaranteed Income Supplement may apply for the 2016 tax year by April 30, 2016.

- **Tax increase deferral program for assessment-related increases:**  
Senior citizens receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement or disabled persons receiving assistance under the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act* or the *Family Benefits Act of Ontario* may apply for the 2016 tax year by April 30, 2016.
- **Rebates for vacant units in commercial/ industrial property:**  
The deadline to apply for the 2015 tax year is Feb. 29, 2016.
- **Registered charity property tax rebate:**  
This rebate is for registered charities that pay commercial or industrial property taxes for premises they lease or own. The deadline to apply for the 2015 tax year is Feb. 29, 2016.

### How can I apply?

Applications for all tax rebate and tax assistance programs are available at: **CityofKingston.ca/taxrebates**. You can also contact taxation services at **613-546-4291 ext. 2015** or **tax@cityofkingston.ca**, or stop by City Hall, 216 Ontario St.

## Strategic priorities 2015 - 2018

Kingston's Strategic Plan 2015-2018 identifies six strategic priorities in support of council's vision for Kingston: A Smart and Livable 21st Century City. They are:

- Create a smart economy
- Invest in infrastructure
- Plan a livable city
- Green the city
- Advance a vibrant waterfront
- Foster open government

Further details on council's priorities and the progress of the strategies can be found at [CityofKingston.ca/apps/councilpriorities](http://CityofKingston.ca/apps/councilpriorities).

Operating and capital budgets provide the financial resources in support of council's priorities. On Dec. 15, 2015, council approved a 2016 municipal operating budget of \$348M. The annual operating budget determines the revenues required from property taxation which will then be used to set final tax rates later this year. Council also approved a 2016 capital budget of \$70M and 2016 municipal utility budgets of \$94M for wastewater, water and gas operations.



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# Connect with your City

## We are re-making downtown Princess Street

Downtown stores and restaurants remain open as we rebuild downtown Princess Street – and everything beneath it – between Bagot and Clergy. This section of Princess Street will reopen to traffic on Canada Day. Parts of Montreal, Sydenham and Bagot streets will also be rebuilt this year. See [CityofKingston.ca/Princess](http://CityofKingston.ca/Princess) for more on this project to renew Kingston's lively main street.

## Plan to take climate action in 2016

Have you seen the Kingston Climate Action Plan? It's the community-built plan to reduce Kingston's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 352,500 tonnes by 2020. It outlines actions you can take to reduce your GHG emissions and your impact on climate change. See the plan and explore the climate action tool kit at [CityofKingston.ca/ClimateAction](http://CityofKingston.ca/ClimateAction).

## You can help meet community climate and waste reduction goals

You can help with Kingston's environment-related goals.

- To divert 60 per cent of household waste from landfill by 2018: Go to [CityofKingston.ca/WasteNot](http://CityofKingston.ca/WasteNot) for ideas on how to avoid creating waste and how to separate your waste to keep it out of landfill. Waste in landfill produces GHG emissions that lead to climate change.
- To reduce GHG emissions by 15 per cent by 2020: Go to [CityofKingston.ca/ClimateAction](http://CityofKingston.ca/ClimateAction) for ideas on how to cut your GHGs by taking steps to save energy and reduce the use of fossil fuels like gas and oil.

**Good news:** many of these actions can save you money as well!

## DASH: see how Kingston is developing

DASH is the City's new online development-and-services hub! Use it to:

- Search for active land development applications
- Submit and manage a planning application
- To see what development is being proposed for your neighbourhood, go to

[CityofKingston.ca/DASH](http://CityofKingston.ca/DASH)

## Responsible pet owners license their pets

Now you can license your dog or cat online at

[CityofKingston.ca/pets](http://CityofKingston.ca/pets). When you license your pet, you will receive a new pet tag (allowing use of off-leash dog parks), an online account and an online renewal card. Pet licences provide a better chance for you to quickly reunite with your pet if it is lost – an important part of being a responsible pet owner. The bylaw to regulate animals requires the registration of all dogs living in any part of Kingston and all cats living in the urban area.

## Council contacts:

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