

2017



Measuring progress on the City's 2015-18 strategic priorities



Create a smart economy



Plan a livable city



Invest in infrastructure



Advance a vibrant waterfront



Green the city



Foster open government

Did you know the City is working on projects to advance these council priorities? See the initiatives associated with these priorities – and the progress we have made on them – at CityofKingston.ca/apps/councilpriorities

Your tax dollars at work

The chart below shows a breakdown of the annual municipal property taxes of \$3,387 paid by a residential property owner in 2017, based on an average property assessment of \$300,950. This equates to approximately \$282 per month for all municipal services provided by the City and its agencies and boards, broken down as follows:



The City's \$359 million tax-supported operating budget for 2017 is funded through a combination of property taxes, transfers from other levels of government and user fees.

Ways to get involved:

- Go to CityofKingston.ca/GetInvolved to find surveys, meetings, open houses and other input opportunities.
- Sign up for City news releases at CityofKingston.ca/News.
- Follow @cityofkingston on Twitter.
- Like "The City of Kingston" on Facebook.
- Volunteer to sit on a committee. Go to CityofKingston.ca/Committees and consider applying for one that could benefit from your expertise.

See CityofKingston.ca/budget for further details on the 2017 approved operating and capital budgets.

2017 Property Tax Information

Residential tax bill changes 2016-2017*		
Average 2016 tax bill total • Municipal portion \$3280.07 • Education portion \$550.80	\$ 3,830.87	This is the amount of a 2016 average tax bill based on residential assessment of \$ 292,977
Municipal budget change	\$ 82.49	2017 municipal tax rate change of 2.50%
Reassessment change	\$ 0.66	As a result of assessment change as returned by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
Council tax policy change	\$ 0.14	Council approved a 4 year tax ratio reduction for the farm property class starting in 2017
Provincial tax policy change	\$ 23.21	The Province legislated a tax ratio reduction to 2.0 for the multi-residential property class starting in 2017
Education change	\$ (12.10)	Reduction in the provincial education tax rate
Average 2017 tax bill • Municipal portion \$3386.57 • Education portion \$ 538.70	\$ 3,925.27	This is the amount of the 2017 average tax bill based on residential assessment of \$300,950
Average tax bill change	2.46%	% change from 2016 to 2017

*Tax bill changes will vary from the average as a result of MPAC property assessments that are above or below the average. In addition, fire services are area-rated, causing tax rates to vary from area to area.

2017 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) assessment update

MPAC has reassessed all properties in Ontario using a base year of January 1, 2016. Provincial legislation requires assessment increases to be phased-in equally over four years 2017-2020, while assessment decreases are to be applied fully in 2017.

The MPAC reassessment resulted in an overall increase in the City's assessment base, for 2017 taxation, of approximately 2.67%. This increase does not provide additional tax revenue for the City.

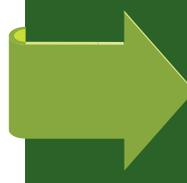
The reassessment redistributes the tax burden on individual properties that experience a change in assessment that is greater or less than the 2.67% average.

Assessment and tax appeal information

If you have questions about your property assessment contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722 or visit www.mpac.ca.

If your property has undergone changes, you may be eligible to apply for a tax adjustment. For information and applications please go to CityofKingston.ca/tax. Please note that taxes must be paid even if you are appealing your assessment.

The City has no authority to cancel interest beyond the amount of tax reduction achieved if your appeal is successful.



Want to lookup your property taxes?
Use the assessment tax levy lookup tool at CityofKingston.ca/assessment

Payment options

Please see the back of your bill or go to CityofKingston.ca/tax.

Payment transfer or refund fee

There is a fee of \$20 to transfer and \$30 to refund a payment which has been incorrectly made.

Returned items from bank

There is a service fee of \$35 for all items returned from your banking institution.

Reprinted tax bill and statement of account

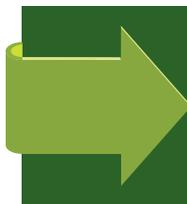
A bill reprint or statement of account is available from the tax office for a fee of \$14.30.

Tax payment receipts

Receipts are available when paying in person at the payment centre, 216 Ontario St., or by mail when you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your tax bill. You may also present your tax bill to have it stamped "paid".

Multi-residential, commercial, and industrial property classes

Visit CityofKingston.ca/tax for information about capped properties, the 2017 capping factors and options adopted by council to set the 2017 capping limits as well as information on rebate programs for businesses, charities and landlords. Information and applications are at CityofKingston.ca/taxrebates or by contacting Customer Service at 613-546-0000.



Sign up at epost.ca to have future Property Tax Bills delivered to your own safe, secure epost account. Information is at CityofKingston.ca/tax

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