



City of Kingston

2018 Interim tax bill



When are my property taxes due?

Your taxes are due by Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018.

How was my 2018 interim tax bill calculated?

Your 2018 interim tax bill is based on 50 per cent of your 2017 final tax levy. 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, 2018. If you made a payment on your account between the billing date and Jan. 31, 2018, please call customer service at 613-546-0000 for an updated balance before paying your 2018 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.

- **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 2018 tax year by April 30, 2018.

- **Seniors property tax grant program (\$100):** This program is for senior citizens receiving the *Guaranteed Income Supplement*. The deadline for 2018 applications is April 30, 2018.
- **Tax increase deferral program for assessment-related increases:** Senior citizens receiving the *Guaranteed Income Supplement*, or persons receiving assistance under the *Ontario Disability Support Program* or *Ontario Works Act*, may apply for the 2018 tax year by April 30, 2018.
- **Rebates for vacant units in commercial/industrial property:** This rebate program provides tax relief to property owners who have eligible vacancies in commercial and industrial buildings for a duration of at least 90 consecutive days. The deadline to apply for the 2017 tax year is Feb. 28, 2018.
- **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 2017 tax year is Feb. 28, 2018.

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.

Planning Equals Progress

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.

Operating and capital budgets provide the financial resources in support of council's priorities. On Dec. 19, 2017, council approved a 2018 municipal operating budget of \$378M. The annual operating budget determines the revenues required from property taxation which will then be used to set final tax rates in the spring. Council also approved a 2018 capital budget of \$58M and 2018 utility operating budgets of \$95M for wastewater, water and gas operations.



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Vacancy rebate and reduction programs review

The City is currently reviewing the vacancy rebate program. The Province is providing municipalities with more flexibility to tailor the vacancy rebate and reduction programs to reflect community needs and circumstances, while considering the interests of local businesses. Visit CityofKingston.ca/TaxRebates for further information including a survey which will be available in March 2018.

Ranked Ballot Voting referendum question

The 2018 municipal election ballot will include a yes/no question about whether Kingston residents want to use a Ranked Ballot Voting system to elect the mayor and district councillors in future municipal elections.

The City launched an education campaign in January to ensure voters know:

- A referendum question about ranked ballots will appear on the 2018 ballot;
- How a ranked ballot voting system works;
- How much a ranked-ballot election will cost; and
- Other details they may need to make an informed decision about ranked balloting.

Go to CityofKingston.ca/RankedVoting to learn more.

Want to know what the City's working on?

Here are some of the special projects now underway:

- Breakwater Park improvements
- Kingston East Community Centre
- Princess Street reconstruction: Clergy to Division
- Rideau Heights Community Centre and regeneration
- Richardson Beach and Richardson Bathhouse improvements
- Vision Zero: Kingston's Road Safety Plan
- Wayfinding, Celebration and Promotion of Kingston's Waterfront

Find out more about them at CityofKingston.ca/Projects.

DASH: see how Kingston is developing

DASH is the City's online development-and-services hub!

Use it to:

- Search for active land development applications
- Submit and manage a planning application
- See what development is being proposed for your neighbourhood

Go to CityofKingston.ca/DASH.

Are you a landlord?

Find out about potential property standards issues before they impact your tax bill. Contact Property@CityofKingston.ca.

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