



## News Release

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### **RICHMOND HILL SETS 2026 BUDGET**

The City's Budget is *Your Budget*

RICHMOND HILL – Mayor David West's 2026 budget for Richmond Hill was adopted on December 10. This budget reflects Richmond Hill's values and priorities, ensuring the City remains vibrant, resilient and welcoming for generations to come. It was developed through diligent research and extensive discussions, focusing on what matters most to the people of Richmond Hill, while making the most out of every tax dollar.

The budget is made up of an Operating Budget that supports the City's day-to-day operations, such as waste collection and recreation programs, and a Capital Budget that supports its foundation, such as infrastructure and investments. It responsibly and transparently delivers the many services everyone in our community relies on every day.

The total 2026 Operating Budget of \$257.9 million results in a 3.46% property tax rate increase for taxpayers, reflecting a 1.96% increase for the Operating Budget and a 1.5% increase for the Capital Asset Sustainability Levy. This increase equals \$6.29 more per month on the City's portion of the tax bill for the average single detached residential property in the city.

Richmond Hill is expected to welcome 25,000 new residents by 2031. To support the evolving needs of our growing community, the Capital Budget is set at \$121.1 million, a significant increase from \$89 million in 2025, to fund over 152 projects, focusing on our most critical infrastructure needs and keeping our foundation strong and future-ready.

#### **The City's Budget is *Your Budget***

The 2026 Budget was created for everyone who lives and works in Richmond Hill. It maintains our community today and strengthens our vision tomorrow, keeping our home a Vibrant and Inclusive City of Neighbours.

For a comprehensive look at the budget and a video about how the annual budget is developed, visit [RichmondHill.ca/Budget](https://RichmondHill.ca/Budget).

#### **Quotes**

"Our 2026 Budget is a forward-looking, long-term financial strategy for our growing and evolving community. It is our commitment to fiscal prudence, sound investment and continuous improvement, and also our pledge to continue delivering high-quality services that the people of Richmond Hill rely on every day."

- Mayor David West

#### **Quick Facts**

- In 2026, Richmond Hill will keep only approximately 28% of residential property taxes collected, with 52% sent to York Region for regional services and 20% sent to school boards for education funding. Richmond Hill Council controls only the local portion of taxes.
- In 2025, the City's budget:

- delivered 9,800 recreation programs with over 64,000 registered participants;
- rehabilitated 1,000 metres of roads, 850 metres of storm sewers and 1,000 metres of watermains; and
- approved over \$1 billion of building permits for approximately 1,273 building projects in the residential, institutional, commercial and industrial sectors.

**Additional Resources**

- [RichmondHill.ca/Budget](http://RichmondHill.ca/Budget)
- [RichmondHill.ca/TaxAssistancePrograms](http://RichmondHill.ca/TaxAssistancePrograms)

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