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## 2024 Budget Approval

Municipality of Bayham Council approved the 2024 Municipal Budget on March 5, 2024 with a 10.33% Tax Rate increase over 2023. The Notional Value increase of the 2024 budget is 10.33% over 2023.

- 'Tax Rates' are the rates levied against the assessed value of a property.
- 'Notional Value' is the total dollars required for the Municipality of Bayham.

In 2023, the Municipality of Bayham experienced slower building and development growth, which contributed to the tax rate increase.

What does this mean for the average property owner? As a result of an increased assessment base and depending on MPAC determined assessment phase-in, as follows:

| 2024               |               |             |   |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|---|
|                    | Assessment    | Municipal   | Year over Year Levy Increase/(Decrease) |
| <b>Residential</b> | \$ 250,000.00 | \$ 1,974.02 | \$ 184.82                               |
| <b>Farm</b>        | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 726.44   | \$ 68.02                                |
| <b>Commercial</b>  | \$ 250,000.00 | \$ 3,232.65 | \$ 302.67                               |
| <b>Industrial</b>  | \$ 250,000.00 | \$ 4,392.38 | \$ 411.25                               |

**NOTE:** Actual taxation impacts do not parallel assessment change because of Ontario's variable tax rate system. Tax rates vary by property class based on tax ratios, which affect the distribution of the tax levy across property classes. The numbers noted in the above table are for illustration purposes only for a property with unchanged year over year assessment.

### INFRASTRUCTURE GAP

Like most municipalities, Bayham has a significant gap between the amount of funds available each year to maintain its infrastructure and the amount of funds needed to ensure infrastructure remains in a state of good repair. This is further detailed in the Municipality of Bayham Asset Management Plan (AMP). From 2023 onward, the Municipality increased the Capital Levy to fund Project Ojibwa debt and rising future construction costs to meet the AMP targeted increases.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) identified that Ontario municipalities receive only 9 cents of every tax dollar raised in Ontario, while the Provincial and Federal governments receive 44 cents and 47 cents respectively. In contrast to this, municipalities own 65% of the capital infrastructure, while the Provincial Government owns 31% of Infrastructure and the Federal Government only 4%

The Municipality of Bayham Asset Management Plan recommends increasing revenues by 1.5% each year for the next 20 years solely for the purpose of phasing in full funding to Capital Assets. The Asset Management Plan also recommends increasing existing and future infrastructure budgets by the applicable inflation index on an annual basis. In 2024, the Municipality increased the Capital Levy by \$150,098.

The 2024 Budget generally maintains 2023 service levels while incorporating expenses associated a high period of sustained inflation. The 2024 Budget also works to continue the process of sustainably protecting assets in fair to good condition by extending their useful lives, while also providing for fiscal stability by investing in infrastructure renewal.

| <b>Service Area Budget Allocation</b> |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Public Works                          | 20.90%        |
| General Government                    | 18.32%        |
| Police Services                       | 13.09%        |
| Fire Services                         | 8.37%         |
| Recycling & Waste Management          | 4.87%         |
| Development Services                  | 1.45%         |
| Conservation Authority                | 1.45%         |
| Council                               | 1.39%         |
| Parks & Recreation                    | 1.56%         |
| Tourism & Marketing                   | 0.82%         |
| Straffordville Community Centre       | 0.81%         |
| Marine Museum                         | 0.57%         |
| By-law Enforcement Services           | 0.95%         |
| Building Services                     | -0.24%        |
| Municipal Drains                      | 0.07%         |
| Cemeteries                            | 0.28%         |
| Municipal Assistance                  | 0.10%         |
| <b>Capital Programs</b>               | <b>25.23%</b> |

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUDGET INCLUDE:**

- Development Charges Review Study
- Pumper 1 Replacement
- Fire Equipment – Technical Rescue, Radios, Bunker Gear
- SCC – Cistern for Fire Suppression
- Stewart Bridge
- Tunnel Line Culvert removal
- PW Pickup
- Tollgate Road – resurface
- Vienna Line – resurface
- Roads Need and AMP update
- Financial Plans for Water and Wastewater
- Richmond Water – equipment updates
- Wastewater System Updates
- Eden Pump Station Upgrades
- Canoe Launch
- Rail Trail Works
- Marine Museum Accessibility Upgrades
- SCC Expansion
- Facility Audits
- PB Beach Washroom Expansion Eng.
- Public Works – HVAC replacement
- Official Plan Review

The Municipality has also made application to a number of grant programs in order to complete additional projects that will improve infrastructure and quality of place in the Municipality of Bayham. Additional information is available by viewing Budget Report TR-01/24 re Operating Budget through the website on the [January 9, 2024 Agenda](#) or the 2024 Budgets under the [Budgets & Finances](#) section of the website.

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