



Town of Amherstburg

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Michael Prue, Mayor

December 15, 2025

Residents of the Town of Amherstburg

Attn: Members of the Public

Every year, the Council must adopt a budget for the following year. It is a difficult task beginning with deliberations during the summer months and culminating with a final mill rate, which apportions the taxes to each residential property and business.

The Municipal General Tax Levy includes the County levy, the School Boards levy, and the municipal Amherstburg levy. Ontario law mandates that the budget must balance.

Council relies on a broad range of revenues, including Ontario government grants, the gas tax, development charges, user fees, and property taxes. Ontario's grants continue to decline as they have been in the past several years.

We have two separate budgets to consider. The first is the operations budget, which covers the annual costs required to deliver Council-approved services. The second is the 7-year capital budget, which outlines a plan to acquire, repair, and replace assets and infrastructure going forward not just this year, but every year until 2032.

In 2026, our capital expenditures are as follows:

Asset Type	2026 Capital Budget
Investment in Existing Assets	
Bridges & Culverts	\$1,115,000
Buildings & Facilities	\$1,215,000
Land Improvements	\$422,450
Machinery & Equipment	\$359,000
Naturalized Assets	\$0
Road Network	\$1,900,000
Stormwater Network	\$0
Vehicles	\$1,260,000
Wastewater Network	\$175,000
Water Network	\$2,650,000
Total Investments in Existing Assets	\$9,096,450

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Investment in New Assets	
Bridges & Culverts	\$0
Buildings & Facilities	\$0
Land Improvements	\$500,550
Machinery & Equipment	\$25,000
Naturalized Assets	\$0
Road Network	\$200,000
Stormwater Network	\$0
Vehicles	\$0
Wastewater Network	\$200,000
Water Network	\$0
Total Investments in New Assets	\$925,550
Total Approved Capital for 2026	\$10,022,000

After thoughtful and thorough deliberations, including deputations from the public, Council approved both budgets in principle with a tax increase of **2.86%**. By comparison, the municipalities in Windsor-Essex that have tabled or approved their budget to date have an average rate of increase of 3.27%. All have similar cost pressures to our own.

Our budget meets all of the pillars of Amherstburg's Community Strategic Plan and will ensure the long-term viability of this wonderful place we call home.

Sincerely,

Michael Prue, Mayor
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