

BUDGET 2022

HIGHLIGHTS



Each year, the Township of Ramara must develop a budget that funds strategic initiatives and capital projects that sustain Township services and service levels. The 2022 budget outlines investments in customer service improvements, asset renewal and infrastructure, including road maintenance.

In light of a zero percent increase in the municipal tax rate last year, Council has decided for the 2022 Budget to have a **2.86%** increase (1.57 combined rate). The combined rate includes municipal, county and school tax rates. Please note that the education and county rates are estimated based on the tax rates of the past three years and won't be finalized until early 2022. **The budget is expected to be adopted at the Council meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021.**

This document outlines the budgeting process and the challenges of balancing the budget. It will outline expenses, capital and operating, and sources of income to cover all anticipated expenditures.

REVENUE

Municipalities use a variety of revenue sources to pay for a wide range of services that residents and businesses depend on and use regularly. The major revenue sources that are typically used to pay for day-to-day services include:

- Property Taxes
- Utility User Fees
- Other User Fees (recreation, LCPW levy)
- Permits and Licensing Fees (i.e building permits, business licenses)

Municipalities also have access to other forms of funding:

- Grants from Provincial and Federal governments
- Reserve Funds (funds saved up over time for large projects)



PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax revenue represents approximately 50% of revenue in 2021 and 48% of revenue in 2022. Budget and tax rate information related to the County of Simcoe and the related School Boards are not included in the municipal budget as they have no impact on the municipal tax rate. It is the responsibility of the Township of Ramara to collect taxes on behalf of the County and School Boards. The rates from both the County and School boards (Province of Ontario) will be released early in 2022.

The total raised by taxes in **2022** will be **\$13,545,372** compared to \$12,828,394 in 2021.

RAMARA'S PORTION OF TOTAL TAX BILL

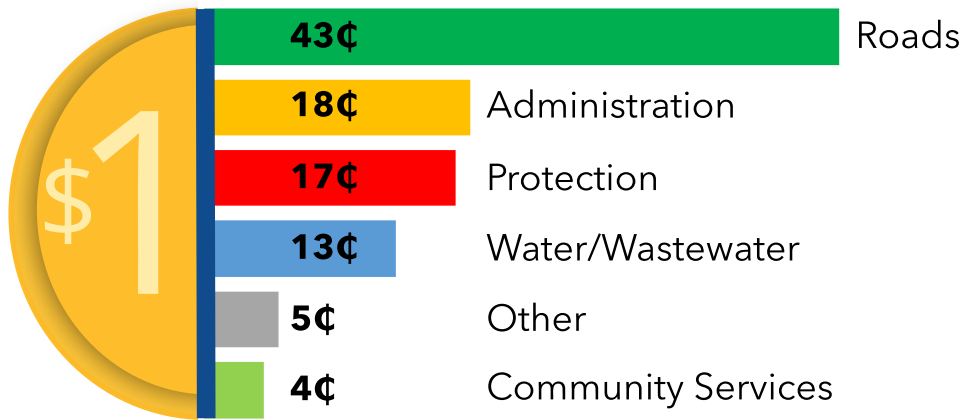
2022 TAX IMPACT AT 2.86%

\$15.35

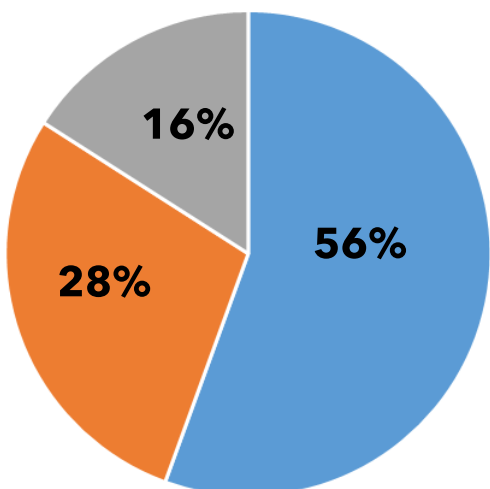
PER \$100,00
ASSESSMENT
VALUE

How Are Property Tax Dollars Used?

In 2022, the Township of Ramara retains about \$0.56 for every dollar of property taxes we collect from residents. The rest of your taxes are sent to your school board and the County of Simcoe to fund regional services such as public health, garbage collection, social services, paramedical services and more.



Services Funded by Your Property Tax Dollar



Township of Ramara

County of Simcoe

- Waste and Recycling Collection
- Regional Roads and Transportation
- Social Services
- And more...

Education (School Boards)

EXPENSES

Municipalities are service based organizations and provide a wide variety of services. The challenge is striving to meet the needs of as many of our residents as possible in a fiscally responsible way. The Township of Ramara is responsible for the following services:

- Administration
- Fire and Rescue Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Roads
- Streetlights and Sidewalks
- Water and Sewer

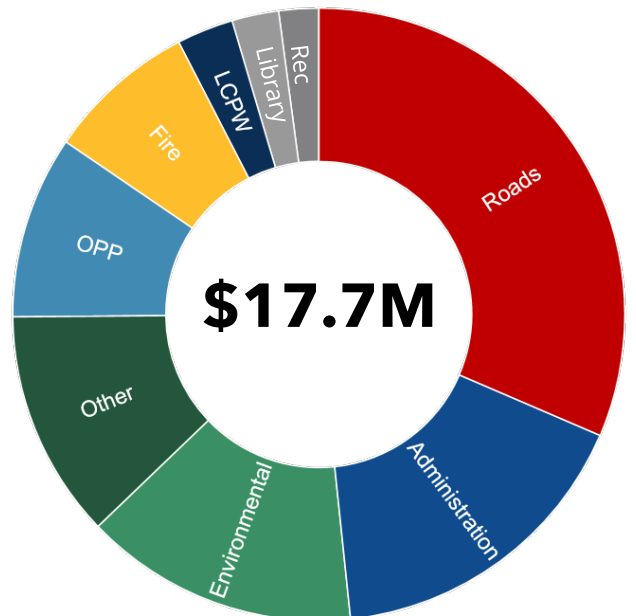
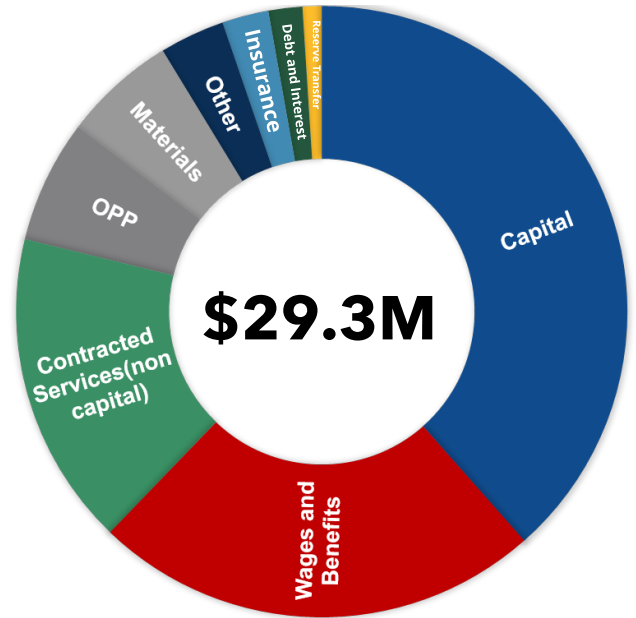
2022 OPERATING EXPENSES

The 2022 Operating Budget is \$17.7M and includes costs to perform routine operations and deliver Council's approved service levels. The money is allocated to the following service areas:

- Roads - 31%
- Administration - 17%
- Environmental - 15%
- Other - 12%
- OPP - 10%
- Fire - 8%
- LCPW - 3%
- Library - 2%
- Recreation - 2%

Expenditures are higher than what is collected through property taxes. Other projected revenues, such as investment income, grant funding, LCPW levy, utility user fees and more, make up the difference to determine what is required in property tax to create a balanced budget.

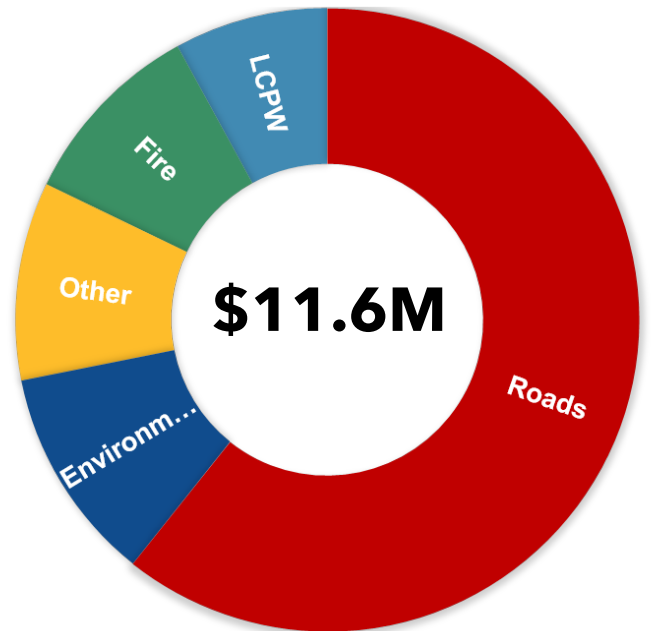
BY TYPES OF SPENDING



CAPITAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022 Capital Budget is \$11.6M. A Capital Budget provides a forecast to fund the assets that support the delivery of services to the community. The Capital Budget is allocated to the following service areas:

- Roads - 61%
- Water/Wastewater (Enviro) - 11%
- Fire - 10%
- LCPW - 8%
- Other - 10%



2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Infrastructure - Roads - \$7.1M (28 projects)

Projects include Ramara Road 47 (Stone Gate Road to Con. 1), repairs to Brechin sidewalks, new signal and wigwag installation with CN at Line 3 crossing, new pickup and tandem snowplow, fuel system replacement, upgrades to Yard 1 and 3 building and sixteen other road projects.

Infrastructure - Water/Waste Water - \$1.2M (30 projects)

Projects include the following: Inflow and infiltration (I&I) reduction program on all collection systems, Green Sand Filters replacement at the Davy Drive Water Treatment Plant, cleaning of basins at the Lagoon City/Brechin Wastewater Treatment Plant, Lift Station 4 repair, Lagoon City pump refurbishment and new roof at the Lagoon City Water Treatment Plant.

Fire - \$996K (3 projects)

Projects include a new Fire and Rescue truck, replacement truck for Deputy Fire Chief and Station 1 Bay addition. Please note that the two new vehicles were ordered in 2021; therefore, they will be coming out of the Fire and Rescue Service Department's reserves.

Administration - \$150K (2 projects)

Projects include a new customer portal system that will enhance customer service and access to information and a new Information Management system that will help increase efficiencies by digitizing, organizing and managing files.