

### 2023-2026 City Council Strategic Priorities

City Council held strategic planning discussions in March 2023 to develop a strategic plan for the current Council term. Many of the priority areas that emerged through the strategic planning process reflect what was being heard from the community, such as: supporting housing affordability, leading environmental stewardship and climate action, building an active and connected community, fostering a caring and inclusive community, and driving inclusive economic growth. Council will be approving the final 2023-2026 Strategic Plan later this spring.

#### Your community. Your budget.

You can help shape the City of Kingston's 2024 operating and capital budgets! Weigh in on service and program priorities and funding sources. The budget impacts residents every day and we want you to have your say. Watch **GetInvolved. CityofKingston.ca** for engagement details coming soon!

# Protect your loved ones from common causes of fire

Kingston Fire & Rescue wants you to be fire safe and to proactively prevent home fires by taking our home self-inspection checklist. Find and complete the checklist at **CityofKingston.ca/ HomeSelfInspection.** Always remember the best way to ensure you and your family or housemates are protected from fire is to have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and a home escape plan.

#### Stay engaged and informed

Want to know what's happening in the city or have your say? There are lots of ways to stay engaged!

- Take part in a variety of public engagements. Sign up and learn more at GetInvolved.CityofKingston.ca.
- Watch Council meetings, access meeting agendas and schedules. Visit CityofKingston.ca/Council.
- Sign up for City news releases and stay connected about everything happening in Kingston. Visit <u>CityofKingston.ca/city-hall/news-public-notices</u>.
- Subscribe to City Matters, our monthly newsletter, or listen to our podcast, Tell Me More. City staff and leadership give insight surrounding current issues, initiatives and decisions that are shaping the community. Visit <u>CityofKingston.ca/</u> <u>Publications.</u>

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# 2023 Property Tax Information



Average Residential Tax Bill Changes 2022-2023 (based on an average assessment of \$328,099)

Tax Levy Breakdown	Average 2022 Tax Bill Total	Average 2023 Tax Bill Total	Levy Change	% Change
Municipal Services <sup>(1)</sup>	\$3,722	\$3,847	\$125	3.35% levy increase including 1% for capital.
County of Frontenac	187	216	29	15.5% levy increase.
Education	502	502	0	2023 Education tax rates unchanged.
Totals <sup>(2)</sup>	\$4,411	\$4,565	\$154	

<sup>(1)</sup> Municipal services include the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation (UHKF) levy of \$2.5M unchanged from 2022.

#### Want to look up your property taxes?

Use the assessment tax levy lookup tool at: CityofKingston.ca/Assessment

#### Assessment and tax appeal information

The Ontario government continues to postpone the previously scheduled 2020 Assessment Update. The province has indicated that property assessments for the 2023 taxation year will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values (i.e., the same valuation date that has been in use since 2020).

If you have questions about your property assessment contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722 or visit mpac.ca

If your property has undergone changes, you may be eligible to apply for a tax adjustment. For information and applications please go to **CityofKingston.ca/Tax**. Please note that taxes must be paid even if you are appealing your assessment. The City has no authority to cancel interest beyond the amount of tax reduction achieved if your appeal is successful.

## Are you interested in receiving future tax bills by email?

The City is currently developing a portal that will allow residents to receive their tax bills electronically and view their tax account information. Your 2023 Final Tax Bill includes an Access Code; keep this code handy as it will be required to access this portal. Visit <a href="CityofKingston.ca/Tax">CityofKingston.ca/Tax</a> for further information on this project.

# University Hospitals Kingston Foundation and County of Frontenac 2023 levies

As per Council direction, the request from the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation as well as the amount levied by the County of Frontenac for the City's share of Frontenac Paramedic and Fairmount Home for the Aged services will be billed as separate components on the property tax bills.

#### **Payment options**

The back of your property tax bill has a list of convenient payment options, or you can visit <a href="CityofKingston.ca/Tax">CityofKingston.ca/Tax</a> for more information.

You may also join the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan. This plan is a convenient, worry-free, and secure option to pay property taxes over 10 monthly installments. If you have not already signed up for pre-authorized payments you may do so before June 15, 2023. For details and applications, visit **CityofKingston.ca/Tax**.

#### **Taxation office fees**

Payment transfer - \$23.20 To refund an incorrect payment - \$34.90 Service fee for items returned from bank - \$41.65 Reprint of tax bill/account statement - \$17.10

#### Tax payment receipts

Receipts are available by mail when you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your tax bill. You may also present your tax bill to have it stamped "paid".

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup>Fire services are area-rated, causing tax rates to vary from area to area. The 2022 estimated average tax bill total has been updated to reflect 2023 area weighted average fire charges.