

Thank you!

It has been more than one year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. During this troubling time, the City of Kingston has supported residents and businesses that have been significantly impacted while continuing to provide essential

services and successfully managing the financial impacts of the pandemic.

Thank you for your patience – and for your part in the community’s resilient response to this pandemic.



Serving you during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through every season of the pandemic, your City provided safe and essential services, advanced Council priorities, and introduced creative and collaborative solutions to support our community.



Continuous delivery of essential services during COVID-19.



Standard and Poor’s awards City an AA credit rating with stable outlook.



Expansion of public engagement tools both on and offline.



Major projects continue, including the Third Crossing, Kingston East Community Centre, and the Climate Leadership Plan.



Continued investment in City Council’s Strategic Priorities.



The development of the Integrated Care Hub with community partners to provide wraparound, low-barrier and trauma-informed services to vulnerable residents.



Council introduced property tax relief programs to support the community, including a property tax deferral program.



The City created a \$1 million recovery fund to support artists and small business owners.

Get Involved in the 2022 Budget

We want your input on shaping service levels, spending priorities and pandemic recovery efforts. Complete the survey now at [GetInvolved.CityofKingston.ca](https://www.cityofkingston.ca/GetInvolved) Surveys can also be completed by mail or phone, by calling **613-546-0000**.

Attend a virtual session in July and hear about budgets from City-funded agencies and departments. Sessions will be held with the City’s Housing and Social Services and Recreation and Leisure departments and the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority and Kingston Police.

Learn before you burn

All residents must now obtain a free permit prior to having an open air fire. Read the regulations and apply at [CityofKingston.ca/OAF](https://www.cityofkingston.ca/OAF)

Never forget waste collection day again!

Sign-up to receive weekly waste and recycling collection reminders at [CityofKingston.ca/Collection](https://www.cityofkingston.ca/Collection) You will be reminded if it’s:

- a blue or grey box week.
- a two-bag week.
- a holiday week.
- time to put your brush, leaves or batteries out for collection.

City Meetings

Tune into Council and Committee meetings from home by following Kingston City Council on YouTube at [YouTube.com/c/KingstonCityCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/c/KingstonCityCouncil) Learn more about your Council and stay up to date at [CityofKingston.ca/Council-Meetings](https://www.cityofkingston.ca/Council-Meetings)

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2021 Property Tax Information



Residential Tax Bill Changes 2020-2021

Average 2020 tax bill total

Municipal – \$3,518.68 ⁽¹⁾	\$4,190.71	This is the amount of a 2020 area weighted average tax bill based on residential assessment of \$328,099
County of Frontenac - \$170.04		
Education – \$501.99		

Municipal budget change	84.54	2021 municipal tax rate change 2.4%. Municipal budget change includes 1.4% operating budget and 1% capital budget levy
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County of Frontenac budget change ⁽²⁾	25.06	2021 County of Frontenac budget change 7.5%
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Education change	0.00	2021 provincial education tax rate unchanged from 2020
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Average 2021 tax bill total

Municipal - \$3,603.22	\$4,300.31	This is the amount of a 2021 area weighted average tax bill based on the same residential assessment of \$328,099
County of Frontenac – \$195.10		
Education - \$501.99		

Average tax bill change	2.62%	% change from 2020 to 2021
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⁽¹⁾Fire services are area-rated, causing tax rates to vary from area to area. The 2020 estimated average tax bill total has been updated to reflect 2021 area weighted average fire charges.

⁽²⁾The County of Frontenac's 2020 budget requisition exceeded the amount initially included in the City's 2020 approved budget, resulting in a budget change greater than the 7.5% noted for 2021.

Want to look up your property taxes?

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

Why was the tax bill deferred?

Recognizing the financial hardship caused by COVID-19, the City adopted measures in 2021 to provide property owners with some relief. They included:

- Postponing the interim property tax billing from February to March and the final property tax billing from June to July.
- Permitting residents on the pre-authorized payment plan to defer two monthly payments, upon request. If you have not already applied for this deferral, you may do so before July 16 by emailing Tax@CityofKingston.ca

For additional programs to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19, visit CityofKingston.ca/Tax

Assessment and tax appeal information

The Government of Ontario has postponed its planned 2020 property assessment update. The Province has indicated that property assessments for the 2021 and 2022 taxation years will be based on the fully phased-in Jan. 1, 2016 current values (i.e., the same valuation date used for the 2020 taxation year).

If you have questions about your property assessment contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation 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

Taxation office fees

- Payment transfer - \$21.85
- To refund an incorrect payment - \$32.90
- Service fee for items returned from bank - \$39.25
- Reprint of tax bill/account statement - \$16.10

County of Frontenac 2021 Budget Requisition

- As per Council direction, beginning in 2021, the amount levied for the City's share of Frontenac Paramedic and Fairmount Home for the Aged services, as managed by the County of Frontenac, will be billed as a separate component on the property tax bills. The levy is based on the 2021 budget requisition received directly from the County.

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".

Payment Options: To minimize in-person contacts at the City Hall Payment Centre, property owners are encouraged to use the alternative payment options listed on the back of the property tax bill.

Join the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan! It is a convenient and secure option to pay property taxes. For more information, visit CityofKingston.ca/Tax