

# County of Brant Proposed **BUDGET**

# 2026

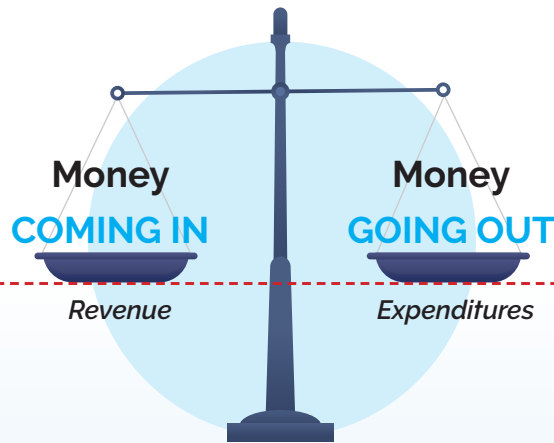
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# Proposed Budget 2026

The 2026 proposed budget is being presented by Mayor David Bailey on **January 22, 2026**. Make your voice heard and share your thoughts by visiting [EngageBrant.ca](https://EngageBrant.ca)



A 'budget' is a planned, itemized summary of money that is coming in, and how that money will be spent for a specific period of time.



This budget must be **'balanced'** meaning 'money coming in' equals 'money going out'.

The County of Brant provides many services\* to its residents, so Council and Administration have to make difficult decisions to balance the budget. These decisions are also guided by public input and by provincial legislation.

*Just a few of the services and infrastructure that the County of Brant provides:*

- Roads and Bridges
- Arenas and Facilities
- Building and Planning
- Fire and Paramedic
- Water and Wastewater
- Brant Transit
- Waste Services



## Proposed 2026 Budget Increase



Impact on a median home valued at **\$391,000**



**\$4,089.07**

2025 taxes on median home



**+\$206.28**

Annual Increase



**\$4,295.35**

Proposed 2026 taxes on median home

With this proposed budget, there would be a Property Tax increase to the resident of **\$206.27** per year.

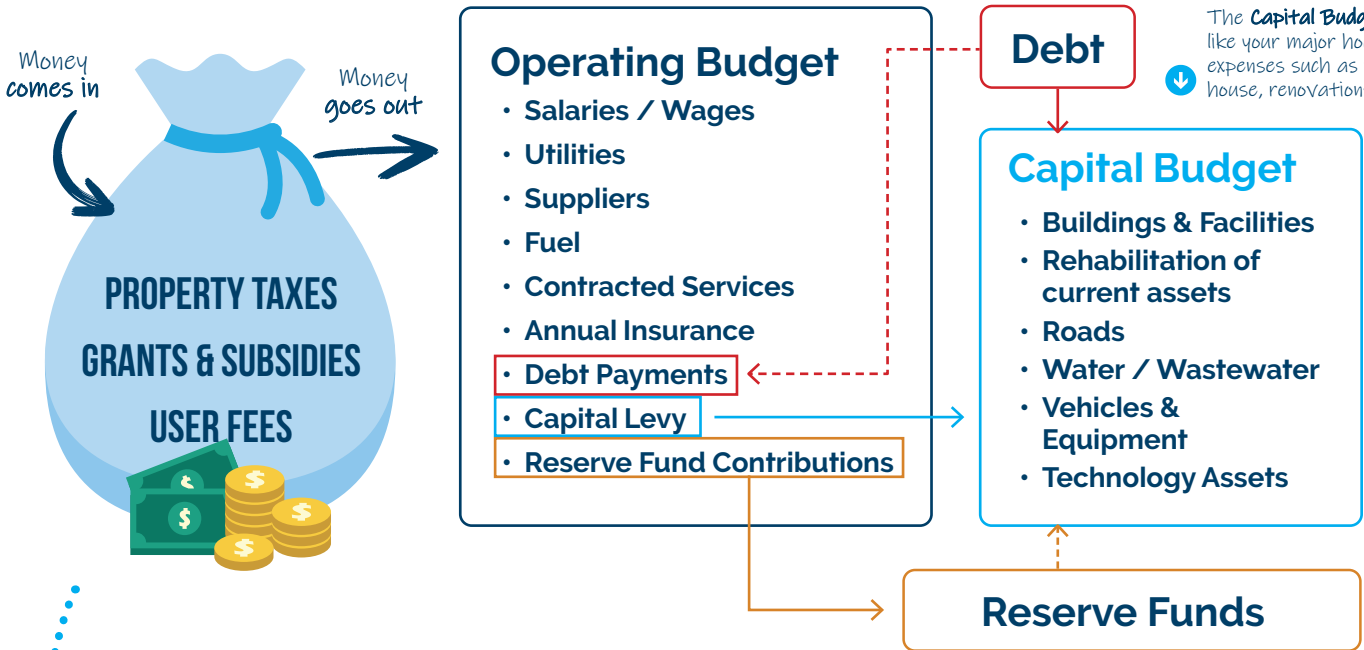
(based on the median home valued at \$391,000)

# So how do the pieces fit together?

Money comes in through **Property Taxes, Grants and Subsidies** and **User Fees**. This money collected goes towards both the Operating Budget (*day-to-day expenses*) and the Capital Budget (*new and large investments / rehabilitation of current assets*).

The **Operating Budget** is like you paying your house bills to keep the lights on, and just like in a normal household, bills go up with inflation.

The **Capital Budget** is like your major household expenses such as vehicles, house, renovations etc.



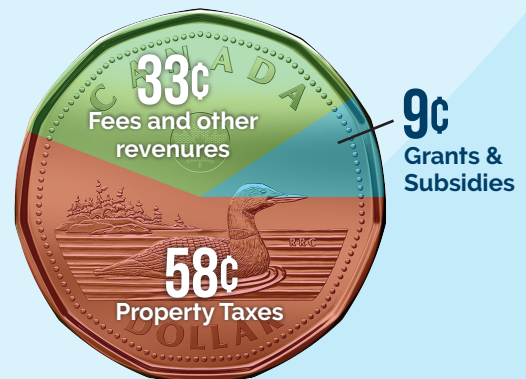
This connection is made through **3 methods**:

1. Capital Levy (*pay-as-you-go*)
2. Reserve Funds (*planned savings/acquire-or-use-later*)
3. Debt Payments (*pay later over the use/life of the asset*)

## Where does the money come from?

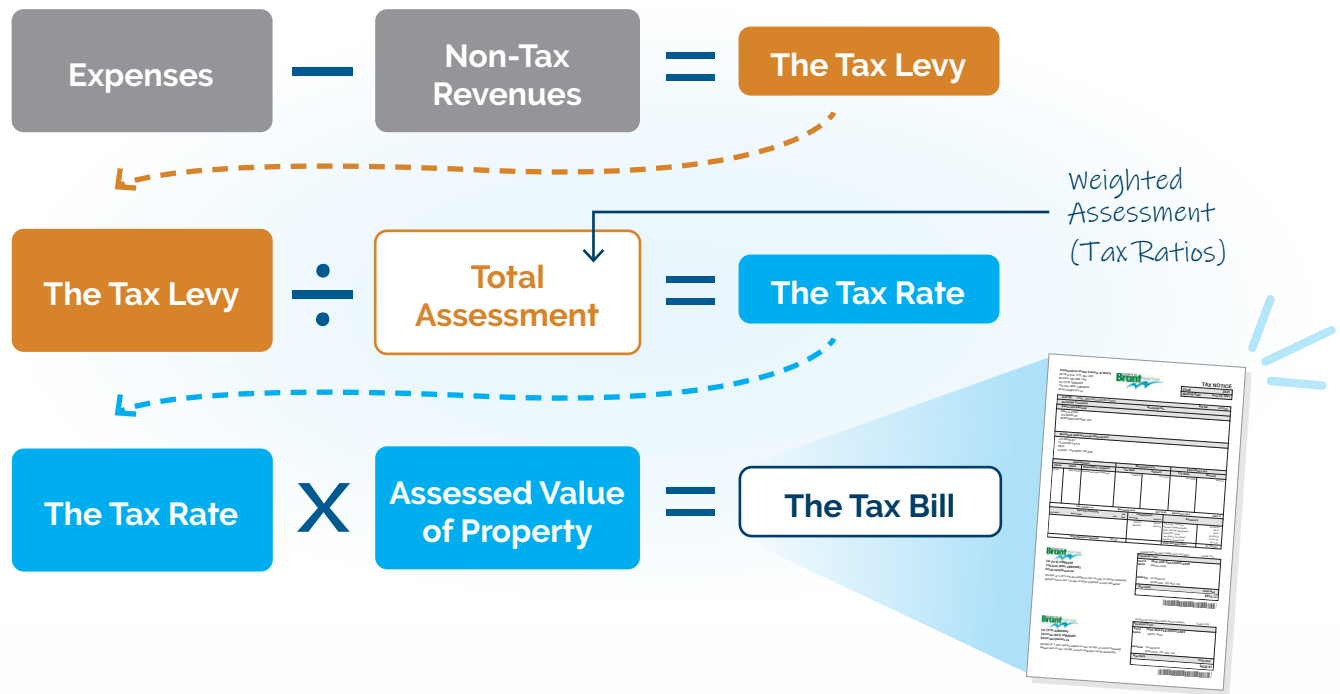
**For each dollar...**

- 58 cents** comes from **PROPERTY TAXES**
- 33 cents** comes from **USER FEES** and **other sources**
- 9 cents** comes from **GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES**



# Breakdown of Property Taxes

→ How is my Tax Bill calculated?



## High Level Budget Drivers

Staffing costs	1,841,000
Inflation, growth, and other adjustments	2,777,843
Increase in contribution from contingency reserve	(487,471)
Increase to the capital levy	1,497,162
Increase in operating grant from Province	(127,600)
Increase in OPP costs	731,804
Increase in Paramedic Services	287,129
Increases to external agencies	566,379
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,086,246</b>

### **Legislated Budget Requirements Municipal Act, 2001**

*Under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended to reflect Strong Mayor Powers implemented by the Province in 2025, the Mayor is responsible for presenting an annual budget estimating all sums required by January 31 of the applicable year. The budget, as may be amended by Council, is in effect 30 days following its delivery to Council. Under Section 290(2) of the Municipal Act, budgets must be balanced. A 'balanced budget' means that the estimated revenues must equal the estimated expenditures.*

## Join us!

Council continues to meet on the Proposed 2026 County of Brant Budget as noted below. The meetings are in person or available for viewing on the County of Brant's YouTube, live or previously recorded. Visit [brant.ca/YouTube](https://brant.ca/YouTube) to view all videos.

### **Previous meetings available on YouTube**

- December 4, 2025 – Presentation of the Long Term Financial Plan Review  
[View on YouTube.](#)
- December 18, 2025 – Review, decisions and adjustments to the Long Term Financial Plan  
[View on YouTube.](#)

### **Upcoming meetings**

- January 22, 2026 at 9:00 am – Presentation of the Mayor's Budget
- February 5, 2026 at 9:00 am – Discussion and consideration of amendments put forward by Council for the Mayor's Budget

### **Final Budget Adoption**

- February 15, 2026 – 2026 Budget in Effect

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