

# Understanding your June 2026 Tax Bill

May 2026

# Average impact on a home

- Average MPAC assessed home value: \$267,000
- General and capital levy increase: approximately \$160/year
- Depends on your assessed value, and rates vary by services delivered:

## Lindsay Transit



## Police (KLPS or OPP)



# What residents need to know

- Total budget levy increase: 5.9%
- Average increase for general and capital levy: approximately \$160
- Some properties may see higher impacts, approximately \$220 to \$310
- Changes linked to general levy, infrastructure levy, policing, and transit

# Where the 5.9% comes from

- 2.9% General levy for day-to-day services (operations)
  - 2% Infrastructure levy (roads, bridges, facilities)
  - 1% Area-specific services (policing and transit)
- = 5.9% budget increase

# Why some increases are higher (Lindsay and Ops-urban)




Your tax bill will vary by services delivered:

If you are **Lindsay and Ops (urban)**:

- You'll see an increase for **Kawartha Lakes Police Service**
- And an increase for **Transit** to address a 2025 deficit.

Everyone pays the **General Levy 2.9%** increase to fund over 200 services. This includes the **Infrastructure Levy 2%** increase to keep roads, buildings and all capital assets in good repair.




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## Tax Bill

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| Assessment |       | Municipal  |  |        | Education  |        |
|------------|-------|--|--|--------|------------|--------|
| Tax Class  | Value | Municipal Levy   | Tax Rate   | Amount | Tax Rate   | Amount |
| RTEP       |       | General Levy<br>Infrastructure Levy<br>Kawartha Lakes Police Service<br>Transit Levy | 0.00953046<br>0.00052559<br>0.00337000<br>0.00078300 |        | 0.00153000 |        |

# Why some increases are higher (Rural Properties)



Your tax bill will vary by services delivered:

If you have a **Rural Property** (not in Ops):

- You'll see an increase from **OPP** to address the 2024 provincial cost reconciliation and the 2025 deficit.

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# Policing pressures

- OPP costs continue to rise
- Approximately 2.2% pressure on taxes
- Includes staffing, training, equipment

Additional \$900,000 from 2024 budget reconciliation for OPP is included in the OPP police levy for rural properties.

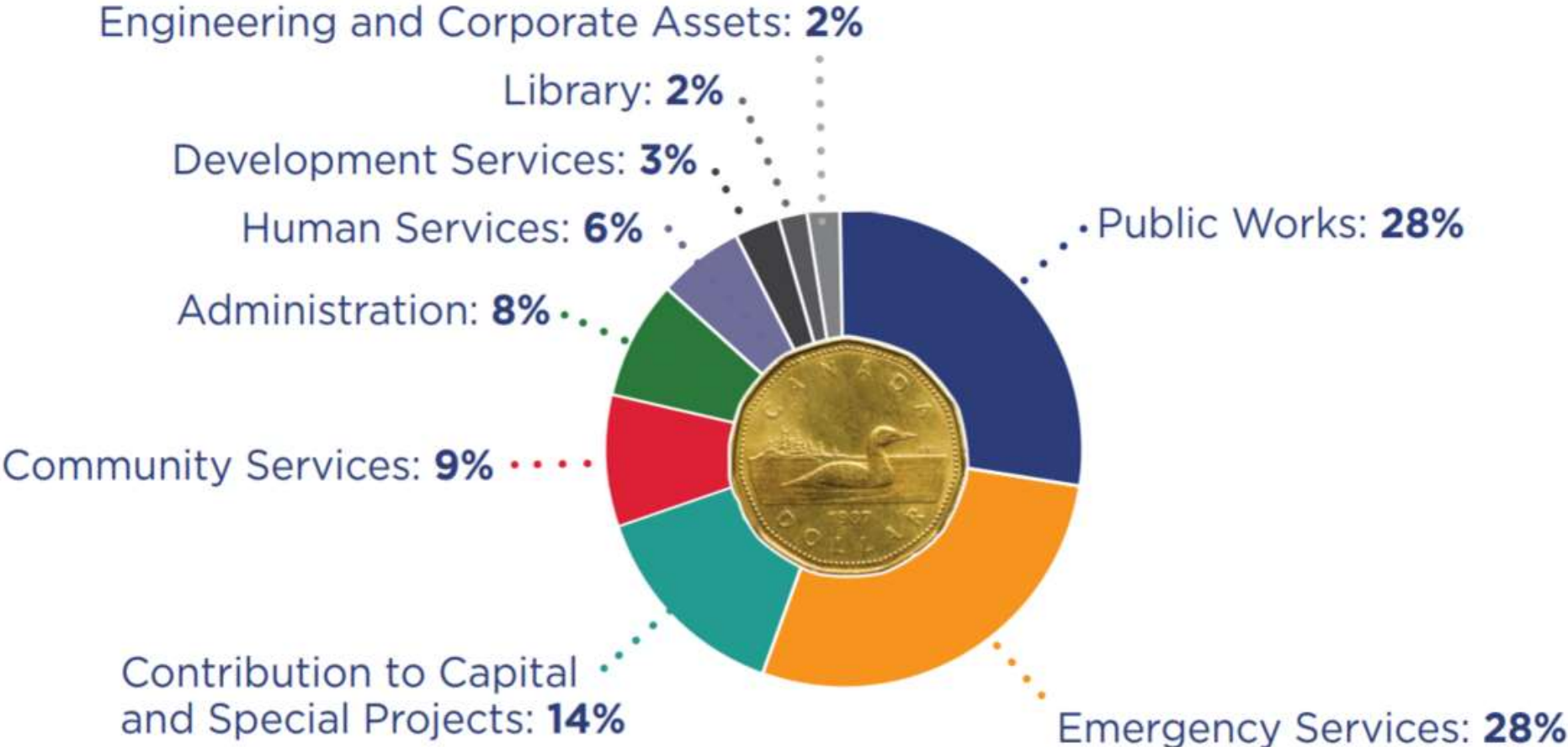
# Transit – 2025 budget shortfall

- There was a \$600,000 operational budget shortfall in 2025
- This shortfall results in an "area-rated" deficit, meaning it was applied specifically on final tax bills for property owners in the Lindsay transit service area rather than applied to the rural and general tax bases.

# Overall City Budget: \$472 million



# Where your tax dollars go



# Common questions

- **Why are taxes increasing?**  
Rising costs due to inflation and infrastructure needs  
redistribution of costs across entire municipality
- **Are increases permanent?**  
Some are long-term, some temporary
- **Are the additional costs due to growth?**  
No – growth is paid for separately, by developers

# Common questions

- **I have questions about my property tax assessment or tax treatment (residential, commercial, farm, etc).**

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# Key takeaways

- 5.9% total average increase
- Approximately \$160 average for general/capital levy increase
- Higher impacts tied to policing and transit costs
- MPAC looks after property tax assessments and tax treatment
- More questions? Contact Kawartha Lakes Customer Experience at [705-324-9411](tel:705-324-9411) or Toll free: [1-888-822-2225](tel:1-888-822-2225)