



## Kawartha Lakes Turns 25 in 2026 – and You're Invited to Celebrate With Us!

All year long, we'll be recognizing our achievements at events across our communities, and we'd love for you to join in. Our towns and villages are growing, welcoming new neighbours and new businesses, and we can't wait to see what the next 25 years bring. Here's to celebrating one of Ontario's favourite places to live, visit, and call home.

— Mayor Doug Elmslie, Deputy Mayor Richardson and Kawartha Lakes Council

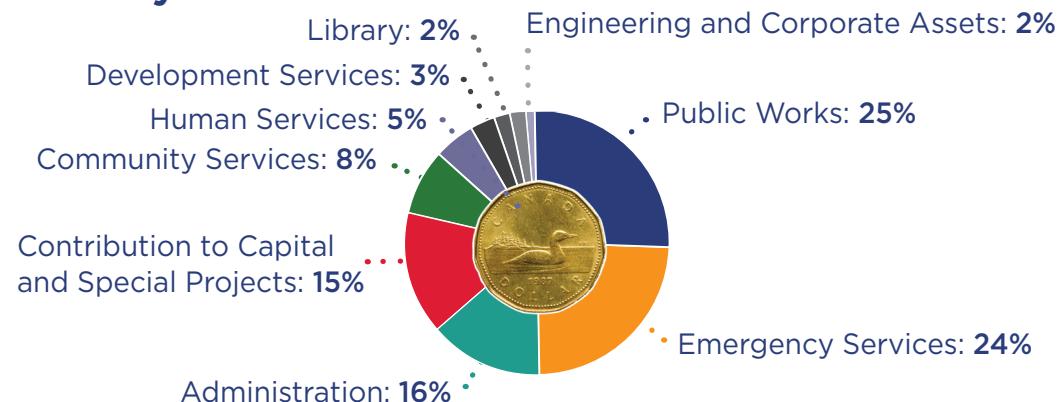
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Our City celebrates 25 years, but Indigenous peoples have stewarded this land for millennia, and our communities have roots spanning well over a century.

## 2026 Budget: A Practical Plan for a Well-Maintained and Growing Community.

### Where Your Tax Dollars Go:



### City's Financial Health

#### Total Debt

The City currently has \$138 million in debt to support its assets valued at roughly \$5.38 billion. Assets include land, buildings, vehicles, equipment.

\$138 million in debt

\$5.38 billion



In household context, this is equivalent to:

Having an estimated mortgage of \$17,900 for a home valued at \$700,000.

\$17,900 mortgage



\$700,000



#### Total Reserves 2026

Reserves are savings that help pay for future needs and stabilize tax increases.

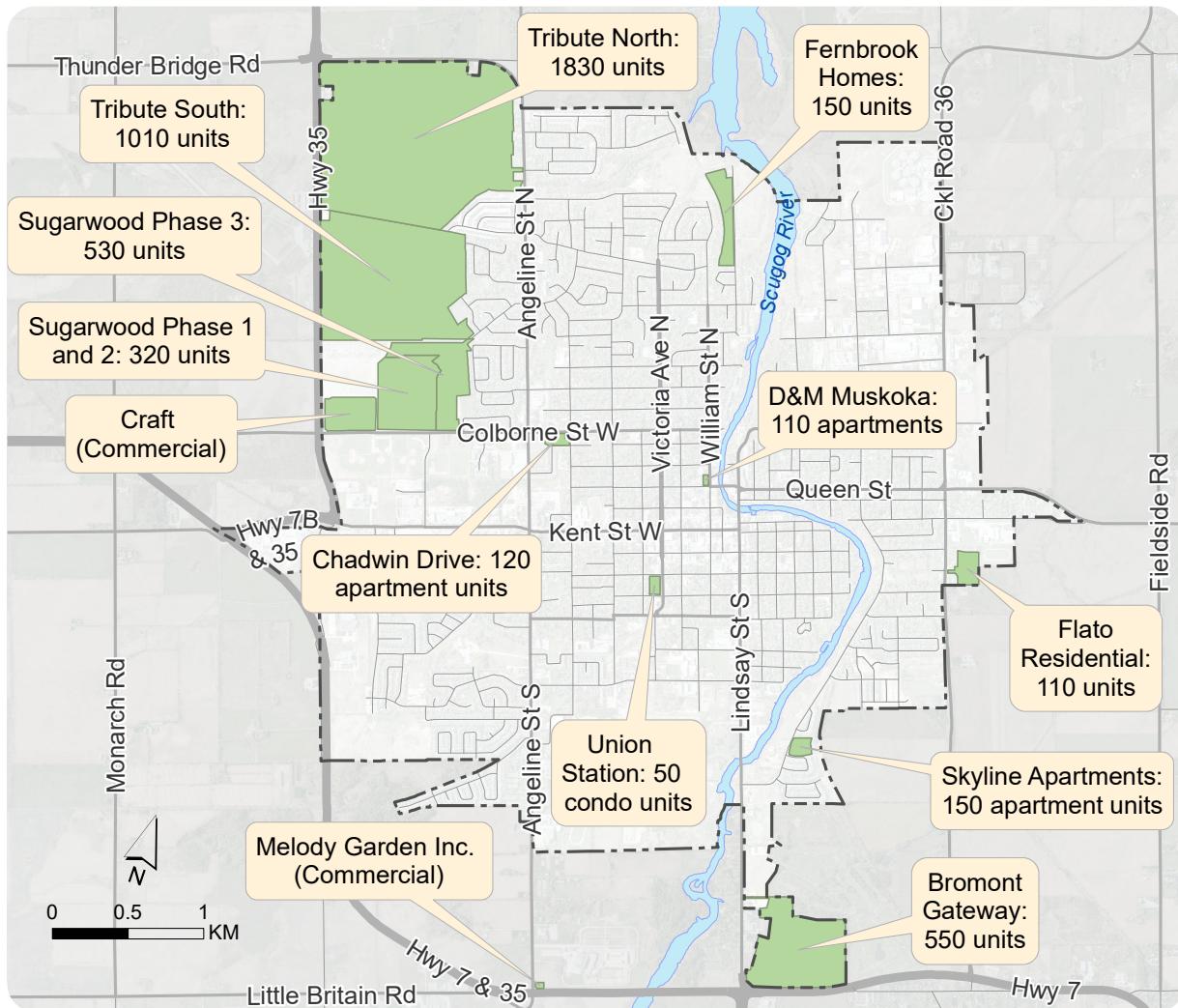
\$68 million

## Winter 2026 Update

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# We're Growing!

## Notable Lindsay Developments Map



SRQ-33519. November 2025.

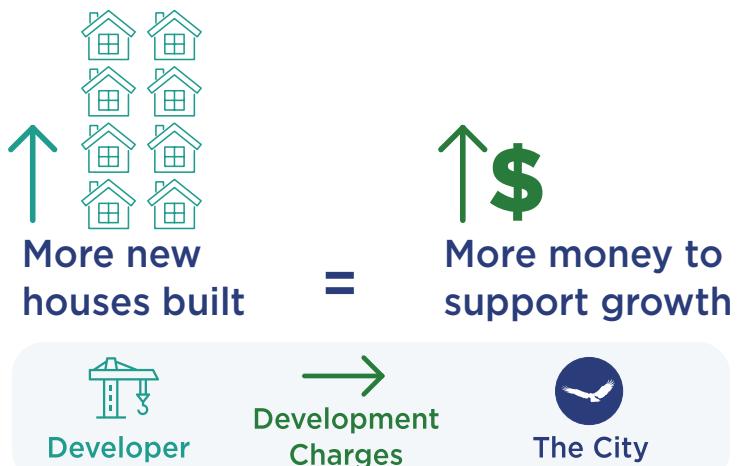
## Growth Pays for Growth

As you can see, we're moving ahead with many new homes across the municipality, mainly in Lindsay.

**Who pays for new development?** Developers are an important partner in planning the growth of our City. Development Charges (DCs) are paid by developers to the City for new homes or commercial developments. That pays for the supporting critical infrastructure such as parks, roads or water treatment plants.

If the fees aren't enough to cover costs, the existing tax base has to make up the difference. By raising the DC fees this past year, Council is making sure that new growth and development pays its share.

The Province provides funding to support meeting our Housing Pledge. To date, \$3.1 million has been provided through the Building Faster Fund.



# Capital Projects are a Balance of State of Good Repair and Expansionary Projects

## 2026 Tax-Supported Capital Expenditure



Roads and Bridges:  
\$58,858,000  
46.43%



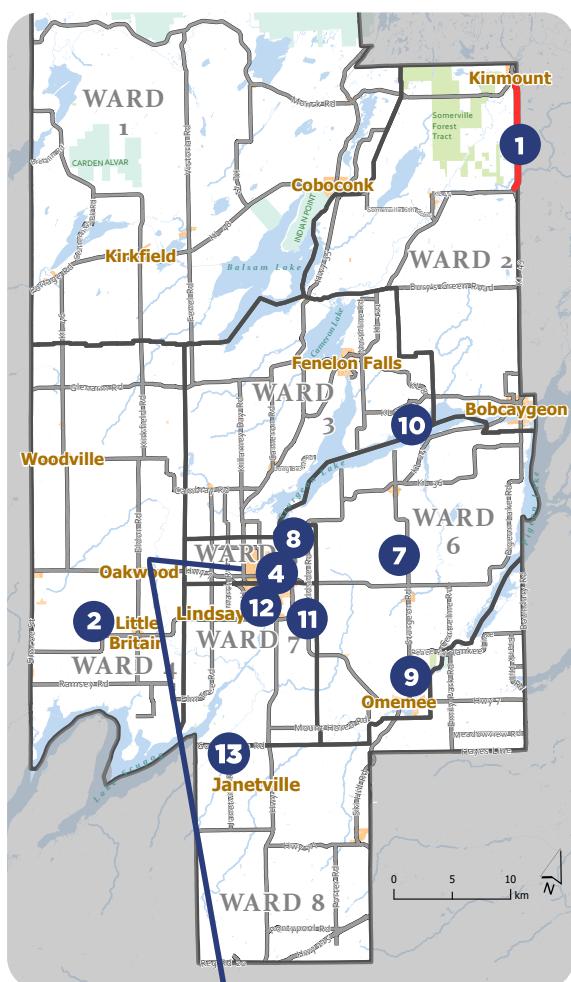
Facilities and Siteworks:  
\$48,222,000  
38.04%



Fleet and Equipment:  
\$19,690,000  
15.53%

Total 2026 Capital Expenditure: **\$126 million**

## 2026 Significant Capital Projects



### Project Name

- 1 CKL Road 121 Resurfacing • \$4.5 million
- 2 Salem Road Resurfacing • \$1.1 million
- 3 St. Patrick Street Reconstruction • \$4.9 million
- 4 Colborne Street / William Street Intersection • \$2.7 million
- 5 Colborne Street / Lindsay Street Intersection • \$2.7 million
- 6 Colborne Street Bridge Construction • \$8 million
- 7 Mustang Drive Bridges • \$1.2 million
- 8 Lindsay-Ops Landfill Weigh Scales and Drop-Off Area • \$4.6 million
- 9 Emily-Omemee Arena Dressing Room and Lobby Renovations • \$6.8 million
- 10 MacAlpine Park Rehabilitation • \$638,000
- 11 Ops Park Redevelopment • \$7.2 million
- 12 Paramedic Service Headquarters and Fleet Centre Construction • \$11 million
- 13 Arbour Park Redevelopment • \$371,000



Coming soon!



## Program Applications

### Registered Charity Rebate and Tax Reductions

due to demolition, fire or change of use of property: Application deadline is February 28, 2026 for the 2025 tax year.

### Low-Income Seniors and Disabled Persons Property Owner Rebate

Depending on your income, you may be eligible for the following relief:

**Property Tax** — up to \$300 rebate, application deadline is June 30, 2026.

**Utility Billing** — a credit of 20% of water billed in the previous year. Application deadline is September 30, 2026.

**Applications will be posted on the municipal website on May 1, 2026.** Contact us for details by emailing [taxes@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:taxes@kawarthalakes.ca) or [utilitybilling@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:utilitybilling@kawarthalakes.ca)

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- Avoid late fees
- Help reduce postage costs

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## Updates to the Recycling and Organics Programs

### Recycling Program Updates (Effective January 1, 2026)



- Emterra is now collecting residential recycling (Miller Waste continues to collect garbage). Garbage and recycling are still picked up on the same day.
- **Commercial properties are no longer eligible for curbside recycling collection.** Businesses should arrange for private service or bring recycling to a Kawartha Lakes landfill (tipping fees apply).

### Organics Program Updates (Effective June 15, 2026)



For residents eligible for the Organics Program:

- Organics will be collected on your **regular waste collection day**.
- Organics are **no longer permitted in garbage bags**.
- A **one-bag garbage limit** per household will be in effect.



Learn more in the 2026 Municipal Calendar or at [www.kawarthalakes.ca/waste](http://www.kawarthalakes.ca/waste)