

# The Regional Municipality of Durham - 2023 Budget

## \$1.9 billion total investment

This investment funds the programs and services that strengthen our already strong community, and supports the **Region's commitment to deliver and maintain safe, reliable and financially sustainable services.**

## \$153 annual property tax increase

The approximate annual increase for an average residential property owner in Durham Region with a 2023 current value assessment of \$483,100.

## 2023 Budget Highlights

### Housing and Homelessness

- Total investment of **\$117.3 million** – an **increase of 31%** from 2022, including a Regional investment of \$75.5 million towards:
  - Expanded homelessness support programs
  - The At Home Incentive Program to support the development of new affordable housing units
  - Rent supplement programs and community housing provider payments
  - Redevelopment of social housing across the Region

### Paramedic Services

- Total investment of **\$76.3 million** - an **increase of 16%** from 2022 including:
  - **48 hours** of new paramedic service daily, to be deployed at peak hours with **four additional ambulances** and **24 new paramedics**
  - Advanced Care Paramedic training
  - Capital investments for the Clarington Station, a North Durham Station and a new station in South Whitby

### Durham Region Transit

- Total investment of **\$199.2 million** including:
  - **27,178** additional service hours
  - **22 new electric buses** supporting Transit's E-Mission Zero Fleet Electrification Plan

### Other key investments

- 41 additional police positions including 20 front line police officers
- Develop a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy
- Provide 4.2 hours of direct Nursing and Personal care and 0.55 hours of Allied Health care per resident per day in the Region's long-term care homes
- Plans to construct a new Regional long-term care home in North Pickering
- Ongoing public health supports for COVID-19 pandemic
- Support for Ukrainian newcomers in Durham
- \$183.3 million in roads and bridges capital infrastructure program
- Implement the Region's Cycling Plan including 19.5 kms of cycling infrastructure
- Expand Durham Vision Zero, the Region's plan to improve road safety
- Prepare for impacts from Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*
- Advance the implementation of the Region's Corporate Climate Action Plan and Durham Community Energy Plan
- Advance deep energy retrofits at Regional facilities
- Implement the Region's Long-term Waste Management Plan including advancing the redesign and optimization of the Oshawa Waste Management Facility
- Implement Ready Set Future – A PLACE Blueprint for Durham, the Region's Economic Development and Tourism Strategy
- Advance the Service Durham program to modernize the Region's customer service delivery and provide a seamless customer experience

## 2023 Regional Services (excluding water supply and sanitary sewerage services)

Property taxation is the single largest source of funding for the Region, averaging approximately 42 per cent of the annual funding required for the full scope of regional services excluding water supply and sanitary sewerage services. Other sources of funding include federal and provincial funding, development charges, reserves/reserve funds, and debt financing. The graph below provides a breakdown of the Regional portion of the 2023 property tax bill which supports a wide range of programs and services for a growing and diverse community of residents and businesses.



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