

## Budget Town Hall will begin at 6:30 p.m.



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## Agenda





### **Overview of Regional Finances**



**Regional Programs and Services** 



Preview of the 2023 Budget



Highlights of the Region's Housing and Homelessness Initiatives

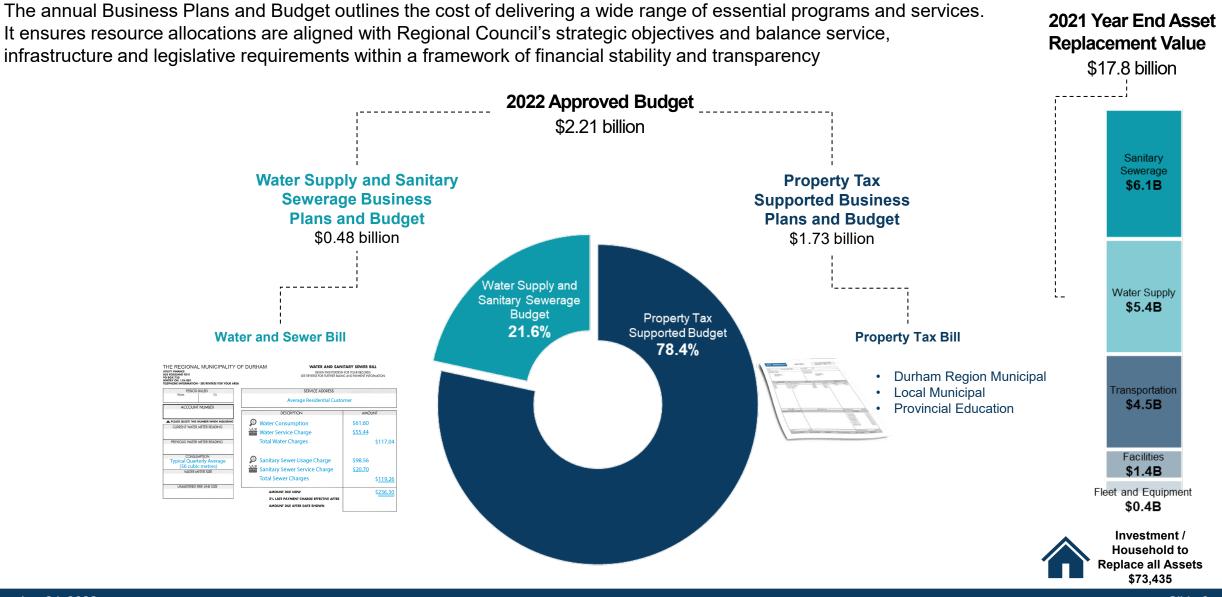


Share your Ideas and Priorities



Provide Feedback on the Town Hall

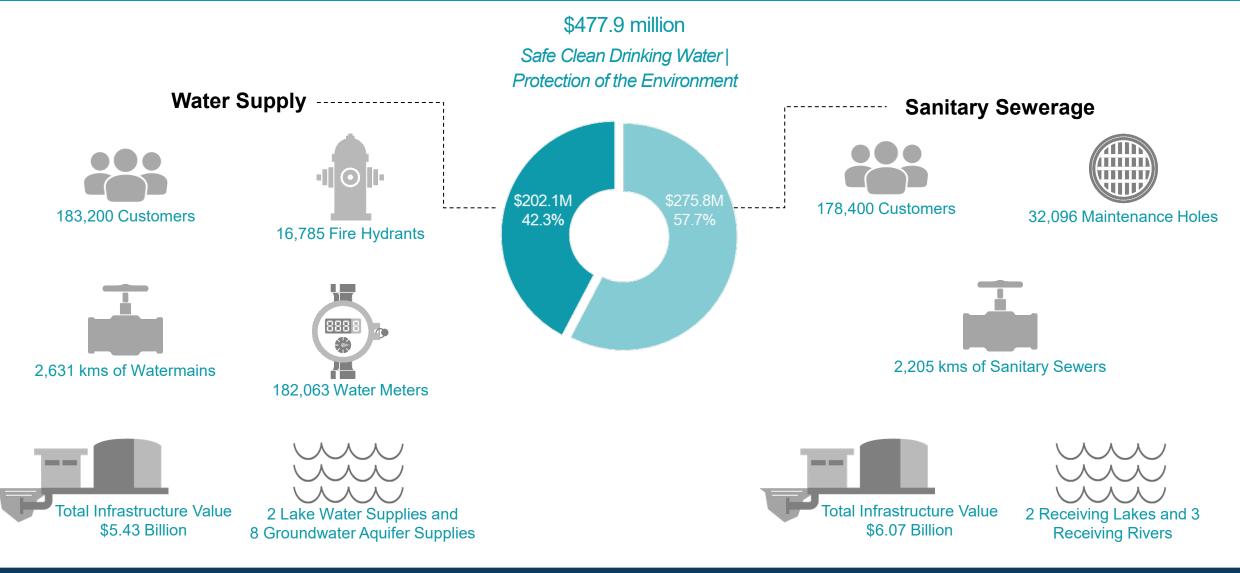
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2022 Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Business Plans and Budget

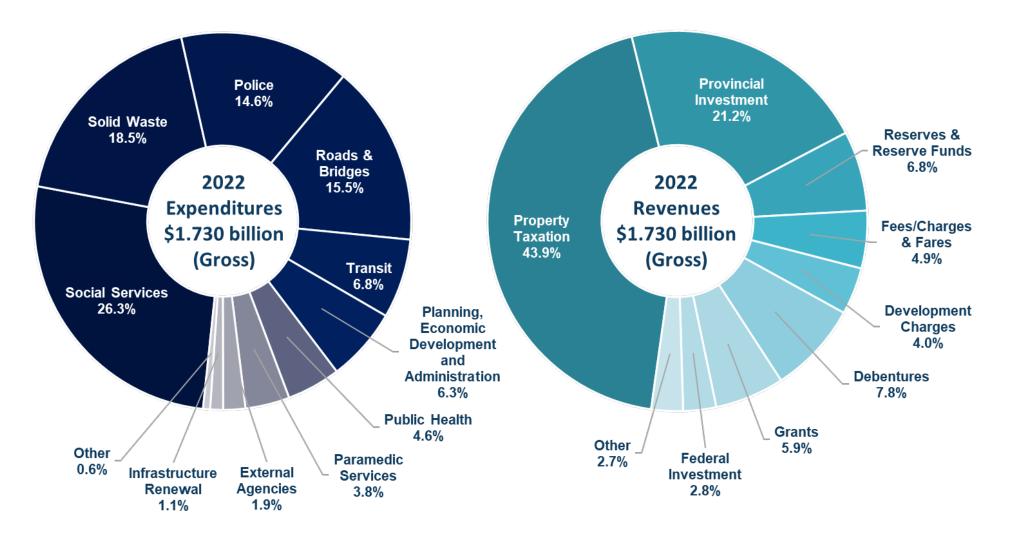


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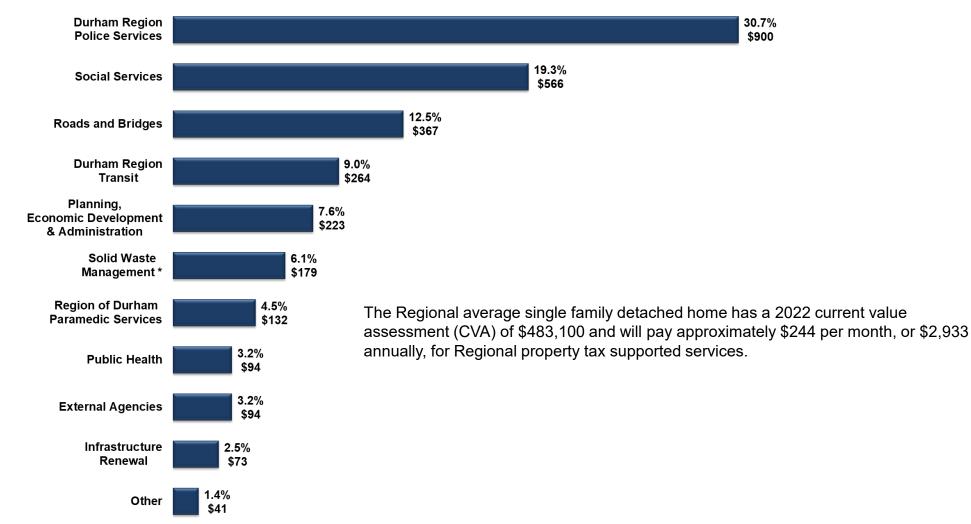
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#### 2022 Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budget

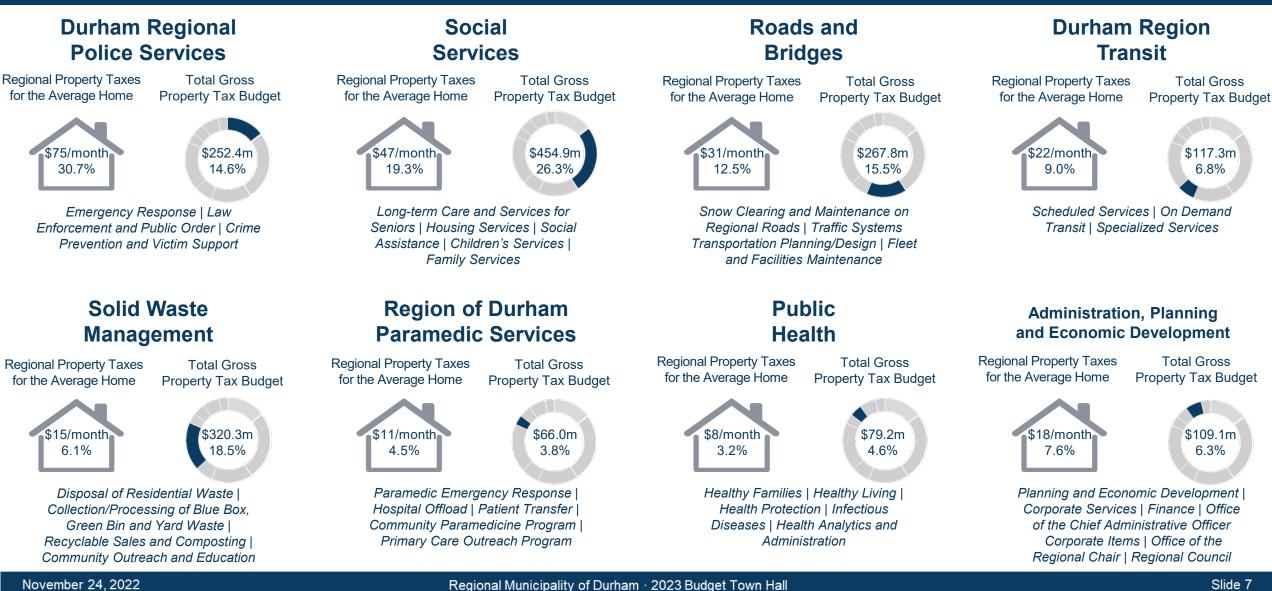


\* Solid Waste Management varies as Oshawa and Whitby residential collection services are provided by the local area municipality.

## **Regional Programs and Services**

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#### 2022 Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budget



### **Preview of the 2023 Budget**



The current economic climate, adjustments to provincial funding and a changing legislative and regulatory landscape present additional challenges for the 2023 Budget

#### **A** Base Pressures

- Annualization of 2022 Approved Budget Decisions
- Salary and Benefit Contractual Increases
- Fuel Increases
- Commodity Increases (Natural Gas, Electricity)
- Chemical Increases
- Contractual Increases (Materials and Services)
- Inflation and Capital Cost Escalation

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#### Legislative / Funding Risks

- Continuing COVID pressures (Public Health and Transit) and uncertainty around continued senior government funding
- Uncertainty of provincial funding levels for various Regional services
- Bill 23 Development Charge implications, potential tax shifts and impacts on upper-tier planning services
  - Collective bargaining impacts
- Downloading of Part IV and Part IX POA prosecutions

## **Preview of the 2023 Budget**

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In addition to the base pressures facing the Region there are a number of core services requiring strategic investment to continue to deliver critical services and programs to a growing and diverse community of residents and businesses



Implement the Corporate Climate Action Plan including the low carbon fleet, DRT's zero emissions strategy and the Regional facility low carbon pathway Improve asset resiliency through infrastructure designs Continue implementation of the Durham Greener Homes Program Implement a DRT Bike Share Program



Expand paramedic services including phased implementation of the Paramedic Services Masterplan Enhance level of care and supports for residents in the Region's long-term care homes Restore public health programs and services to address needs of priority populations Advance and expand the Region's diversity, equity and inclusion program Implement the final phase of DRPS's body worn camera program Ongoing implementation of Durham Vision Zero countermeasures to improve community safety Implement the Regional Cycling Plan Update including construction of additional cycling infrastructure and completion of the Durham Region Signage and Wayfinding Strategy

Ongoing system enhancements for **Emergency 9-1-1** 

## **Preview of the 2023 Budget**



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Continue to advance **At Home in Durham** Increase supports to residents experiencing or at risk of **homelessness** Community consultation and design and consulting for **DRLHC renewal and redevelopment** 

Advance implementation of the Region's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan

Continue operation of the Community Paramedicine Program and the Primary Care Outreach Program

Increase supports provided through the Local Immigration Partnership



Advance transit service recovery and planned service enhancements including advancing bus rapid transit expansion projects Implement "Ready Set Future" – A PLACE Blueprint for Durham Continue implementation of the Region's Broadband Strategy Invest in new facilities and equipment to respond to growth pressures Deliver the Region's Community Improvement Plan



Implement the multi-year myDurham311/Service Durham project Complete an Employment Systems Review Advance the Workplace Modernization project at Regional Headquarters, 101 Consumers Drive and five Works Depots Increase investment in technology infrastructure, applications and security Expand the Region's on-line payment program

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- Homelessness trends on the rise for many population segments
- Shelter capacity insufficient space to meet demand
- Increasing mental health and addictions challenges that the homelessness system is not able to support
- Cost of living poverty rates, food bank usage, average market rent increases
- Escalating cost of construction slow down of development, options for affordable housing

### **Housing & Homelessness - Highlights**



2023



#### Supporting Homelessness Investments

- Invested \$1.3 million of Regional funding to support people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness
- Invested \$19.3 million of Provincial (\$14.3 million) and Federal (\$5 million) funding to support people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness
- \$15.2 million Regional investment in the Beaverton Supportive Housing project
- Expanding warming centre and temporary shelter locations through partnerships with lower tier municipalities and community agencies



#### Maintaining and Increasing Housing Subsidies

- Provide funding for more than 4,446 subsidized units
- Proposing a rent supplement increase of \$0.15 million in 2023
- Leverage legislative flexibility under the Housing Service Act to maximize total housing benefits for low-income households and strengthen community housing



#### Facilitating Future Development of Affordable Housing

- A total of 395 units either completed or in progress since 2020, the Region has reached about 40 per cent of the targeted 1,000 units – and has identified potential future development opportunities that are on track to exceed this target
- Launched the At Home Incentive Program, which included \$5.5 million of funding for 2022, to encourage the development of needed affordable rental housing in Durham
- Planned revitalization of DRLHC properties which is an opportunity to modernize our housing stock, increase the number of affordable units and create sustainable mixed income communities

### **Share Your Ideas and Priorities**





#### Listening over the phone

Press 3 on your phone's keypad to ask a question





#### Watching online

#### Joining in-person

Reach out to us at: YourVoice.Durham.ca/DurhamBudget Share your question with the Welcome Desk at the entrance

#### **Public Meetings**

2023 Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Business Plans and Budget Wednesday December 21, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

2023 Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budget Wednesday March 29, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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#### Thank you for your participation in our Budget Town Hall!

How would you prefer to provide your input into the annual Budget process in the future?

- 1. Town Hall events
- 2. Online chat and/or email
- 3. Polls and/or surveys
- 4. Other

### Responses can be submitted over the phone, online at: YourVoice.Durham.ca/DurhamBudget, or to the Welcome Desk



## Continue to share your ideas and priorities with us at YourVoice.Durham.ca/DurhamBudget



# **Thank You!**