

Municipality of West Perth Approves 2026 Mayor's Budget

West Perth- December 18, 2025- The Council of the Municipality of West Perth has approved the **2026 Mayor's Budget**, following the review and amendment period prescribed under Ontario's **Strong Mayor Budget Process**. This year's budget balances the need to maintain essential municipal services with the realities of rising costs, aging infrastructure, and long-term financial sustainability.

Throughout deliberations, Council emphasized alignment with West Perth's strategic priorities and the importance of maintaining community affordability while ensuring that critical infrastructure continues to be renewed. Reinvestment in water, wastewater, transportation, and municipal facilities remains a central priority for 2026.

"Council recognizes the financial pressures residents, farms, and local businesses are facing. The 2026 Budget reflects our commitment to delivering reliable services, planning responsibly for the future, and maintaining the long-term health of our infrastructure, while keeping increases as manageable as possible." — **Mayor, Municipality of West Perth**

Key Impacts for 2026

- **Total municipal levy increase:** \$861,803
 - **Levy increase:** 7.12%
 - **Tax rate increase (after assessment growth):** 5.65%
 - **Typical household impact:** ~\$106 per year (~\$8.84 per month)
 - **Farmland property impact:** ~\$160 per year (~\$13.35 per month)
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Operating Highlights

- Addition of **PC Transit** to municipal services, expanding transportation options for residents.
- **OPP contract** increase of 11%, impacting policing costs.
- Continued provision for **Arena debt payments**.

Capital Priorities

The capital budget continues to prioritize strategic investments, including:

- **Arena upgrades** to enhance community recreation facilities.
- **Development of the Heron Business Park** to support local economic growth.
- Ongoing **road rehabilitation** for Line 32 and Line 49.
- **Replacement and renewal of municipal equipment** to ensure reliable service delivery.
- Planned **water and wastewater system upgrades** to protect public health and support future growth.
- The Municipality will continue ongoing collaboration with landowners with a planned investment on drainage improvements to area farmland.

The 2026 Mayor's Budget emphasizes stability, collaboration, and responsible planning, balancing service enhancements, contractual obligations, and critical infrastructure investments to support the long-term sustainability of West Perth.

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