



Where the money goes

2024 Total Expenditures by Programme		
Children's Early Years	\$58,729,800	19.5%
Social Housing	\$43,128,900	14.3%
Roads and Bridges	\$42,741,400	14.2%
Wellington Terrace Long-Term Care	\$30,062,200	10.0%
Ontario Works	\$28,124,100	9.3%
Police Services	\$18,913,300	6.3%
Solid Waste Services	\$17,403,600	5.8%
Office of the CAO and Clerk	\$9,269,700	3.1%
County Library System	\$8,929,200	3.0%
Ambulance Services	\$6,586,500	2.2%
General Expenses and Revenues	\$6,091,100	2.0%
County Property	\$4,381,700	1.5%
Planning and Development	\$4,240,500	1.4%
Treasury	\$3,498,400	1.2%
Museum and Archives at Wellington Place	\$3,245,000	1.1%
Human Resources	\$3,152,100	1.0%
Affordable Housing	\$2,927,700	1.0%
Public Health	\$2,699,400	0.9%
Economic Development	\$1,744,900	0.6%
Property Assessment	\$1,569,600	0.5%
County Council	\$1,411,100	0.5%
Green Legacy	\$1,024,800	0.3%
Emergency Management	\$898,500	0.3%
Community Grants and Hospital Funding	\$469,400	0.2%
Provincial Offences Act Administration	\$170,000	0.1%
Total	\$301,412,900	100%

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The County of Wellington 2024 Budget Highlights

At the January 25 County Council meeting, Wellington County Council adopted its 2024 budget with a 4.6% increase to the County portion of property taxes. The County continues to feel the cost impacts from inflation as well as changes to provincial funding models including the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund. These budgetary pressures have been mitigated through a commitment to long term financial planning and reserve management. This budget protects core services and makes significant investments in infrastructure, housing, ambulance, long-term care, and the Ride Well Rural Transit Service. Highlights of the 2024 Budget include:

- \$37.4 million in roads capital infrastructure and public works facilities including the construction of the new public works garage in Arthur and funding for the reconstruction of the first of four bridges on Wellington Road 109.

- Facility upgrades at the Elora and Rothsay Transfer Stations, providing similar infrastructure, working conditions and patron experience to the other four County waste facilities.
- Construction of the new Erin Library Branch.
- Capital investment for 24 new emergency shelter beds and 12 transitional housing units at 23 Gordon Street in Guelph. This project is supported by the Governments of Canada and Ontario.
- Ambulance service expansion including the addition of nine new paramedics to improve response times.
- Enhanced direct care hours at the Wellington Terrace Long-Term Care Home, supported by the Government of Ontario.
- Increased service levels for Ride Well Rural Transit Service to provide additional availability for residents in need.



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Tax Relief for Low Income Seniors and Persons with Disabilities



The County and its member municipalities provide tax relief programmes for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities. To be eligible, a low-income senior must have attained the age of 65 years and be in receipt of benefits under the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) programme. To be eligible a low-income disabled person must be in receipt of benefits under the Ontario Disability Support Programme (ODSP). For 2024, County Council has approved a minimum rebate of \$400, up to a maximum of \$500. Applications will be accepted until November 1, 2024.

Property Tax Rebate for Eligible Charities and Similar Organizations



In addition, there is a tax rebate programme for charities and other similar organizations which either own or lease space in a commercial or industrial property. County Council has approved a rebate of 40% of taxes paid by an eligible charity on the eligible property it occupies. Applications, accompanied by proof of taxes paid, should be directed to the municipality in which the property is located.

➔ To find out more about these programmes, contact the County or your local municipal office, or visit our website at www.wellington.ca