



2026 Total Expenditures by Programme

Children's Early Years	\$105,352,700	27.2%
Social Housing	\$55,523,400	14.3%
Roads and Bridges	\$49,532,900	12.8%
Wellington Terrace Long-Term Care	\$33,040,500	8.5%
Ontario Works	\$31,902,300	8.2%
Police Services	\$21,722,600	5.6%
Solid Waste Services	\$15,498,600	4.0%
County Library System	\$10,415,500	2.7%
Office of the CAO and Clerk	\$10,205,100	2.6%
Ambulance Services	\$9,115,300	2.4%
General Expenses and Revenues	\$8,353,900	2.2%
Planning and Development	\$5,065,800	1.3%
Human Resources	\$4,813,800	1.2%
County Property	\$3,974,100	1.0%
Treasury	\$3,882,500	1.0%
Museum and Archives at Wellington Place	\$3,688,700	1.0%
Public Health	\$3,183,000	0.8%
Affordable Housing	\$3,022,400	0.8%
Economic Development	\$2,201,200	0.6%
Property Assessment	\$1,739,500	0.4%
County Council	\$1,638,700	0.4%
Green Legacy	\$1,212,900	0.3%
Rural Transportation	\$1,149,600	0.3%
Emergency Management	\$1,032,200	0.3%
Community Grants and Hospital Funding	\$475,800	0.1%
Provincial Offences Act Administration	\$100,000	0.0%
Total	\$387,843,000	100%

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The County of Wellington 2026 Budget Highlights



In January, Wellington County Council adopted its 2026 budget with a 3.6% increase to the County portion of property taxes. The budget makes significant investments in infrastructure, roads safety and speed management, children's early years services, housing and homelessness supports, ambulance services and long-term care.

- **\$58.3 million in roads capital infrastructure and public works facilities**, including the construction of a new public works garage in Erin (2026), reconstruction of four bridges on Wellington Road 109 in Arthur (2026), and the reconstruction of Main Street in Palmerston (Wellington Road 123) in partnership with the Town of Minto over the next three years.
- **\$10.6 million in capital repairs and enhancements** to the County's social and affordable housing units.

- **\$4.9 million in capital investment for road safety improvements** and speed management initiatives, funded through the trial of the automated speed enforcement trial programme.
- **Creation of 46 new child care spaces** at the Mount Forest (31) and Wellington Place (15) Child Care and Learning Centres, supported by the Government of Canada.
- **Increased funding for homelessness prevention and supports**, including additional rent supplement units and an enhanced winter response plan to support more individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- **Enhancements to ambulance services**, including the addition of nine new positions – eight of which are paramedics – to support increased call volumes and improve response times.
- **Additional resources for nursing and resident care** at the Wellington Terrace Long-Term Care Home, supported by the Government of Ontario.
- **Recycling collection for businesses** in the County's downtown areas

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Tax Relief for Low Income Seniors and Persons with Disabilities



The County and its member municipalities offer tax relief programmes for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities. To be eligible, a low-income senior must be 65 years of age or older and receiving benefits under the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) programme. Low-income persons with disabilities must be receiving benefits under the Ontario Disability Support Programme (ODSP).

For 2026, County Council has approved a rebate ranging from a minimum of \$400 to a maximum of \$500. Applications will be accepted until November 1, 2026.

Property Tax Rebate for Eligible Charities and Similar Organizations



The County also offers a tax rebate programme for charities and similar organizations that own or lease space in a commercial or industrial property. County Council has approved a rebate of 40% of the property taxes paid by eligible charities on the portion of the property they occupy.

Applications should be submitted to the municipality in which the property is located and must include proof of taxes paid.

➔ **To learn more about these programmes, please visit [wellington.ca](https://www.wellington.ca)**