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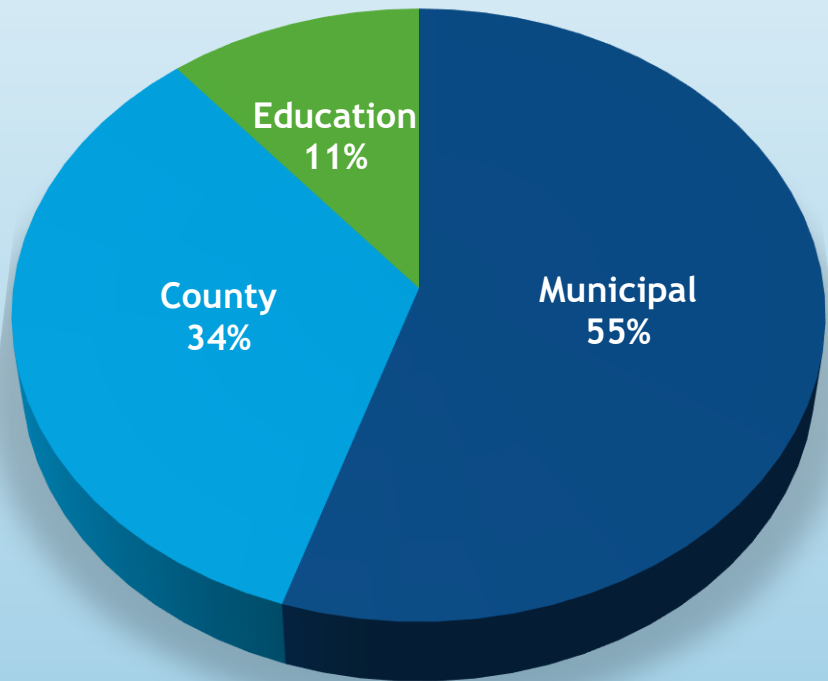
TOWNSHIP

2026 Budget

Draft #3

February 10, 2026

Property Tax Dollars Allocation



The property tax bill contains 3 separate portions:

- 55% to pay for services provided by the Township of Howick
- 34% goes to pay for Huron County services
- 11% is allocated to School Boards for education

The County's 2026 tax rate has not yet been approved. The 2026 Education tax rate will remain unchanged.

2026 Budget Highlights

The budget as presented includes a 5.340% + 2% capital levy tax rate increase for 2026. The table below details the change in the total taxes collected over the past 5 years:

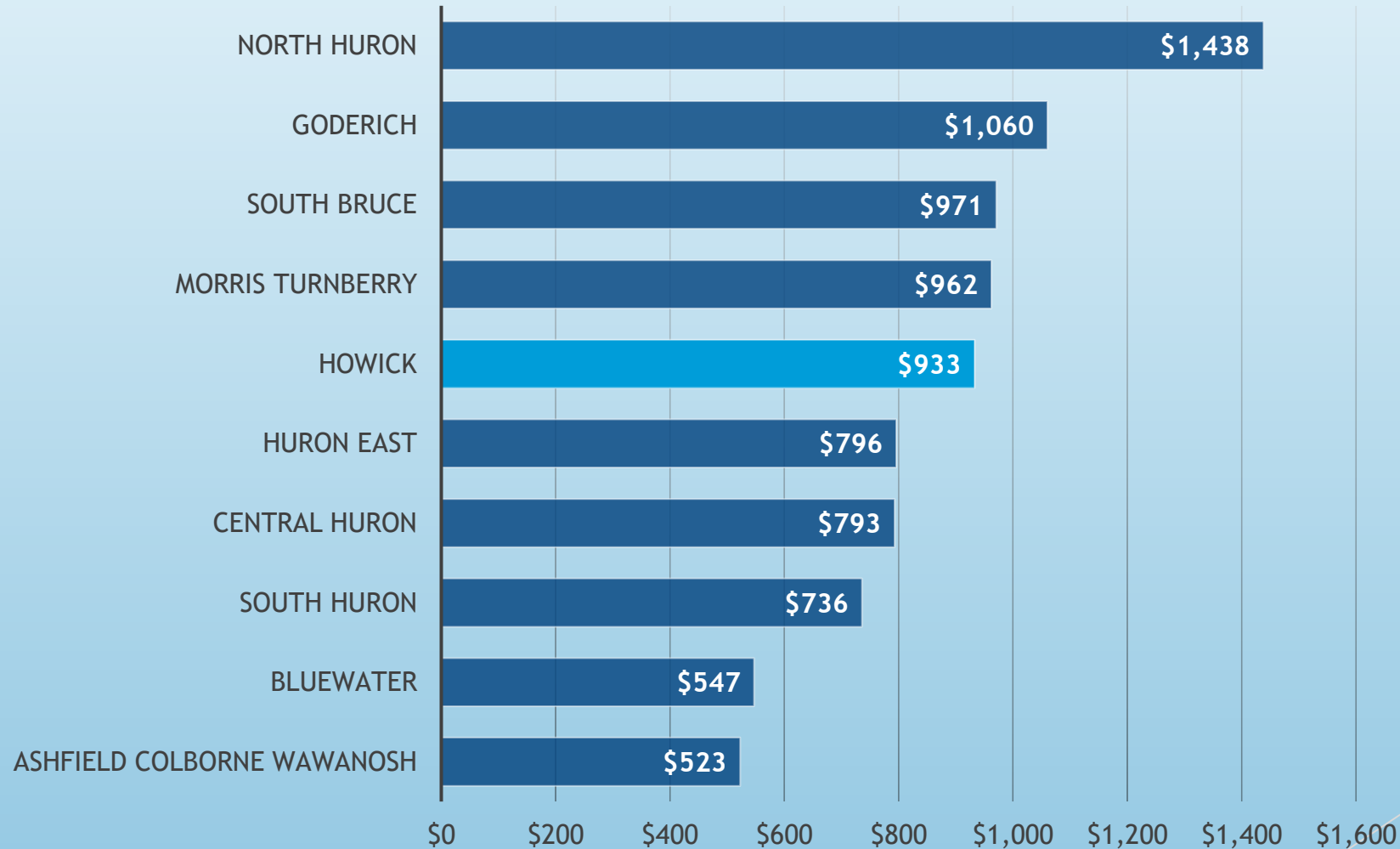
Year	Total Municipal Levy	Year over Year % Change	Local Municipal Tax Rate	Year over Year % Change
2022	3,744,611	1.98%	0.007705570	2.601%
2023	4,026,295	7.54%	0.008127740	5.479%
2024	4,318,790	7.25%	0.008679820	6.793%
2025	4,701,819	8.87%	0.009325546	7.439%
Draft 2026	5,075,488	8.06%	0.010010052	7.340%

2026 Budget Highlights

For the 2026 taxation year, MPAC will once again hold current assessment values. The above tax rates equate to the following total annual impact on the average assessed home in the Township of Howick.

Year	Average Assessed Home	Local Municipal Tax Rate	Local Municipal Tax Amount	Local Municipal Tax Amount Change
2022	210,000	0.007705570	\$1,618	\$41
2023	210,000	0.008127740	\$1,707	\$89
2024	210,000	0.008679820	\$1,823	\$116
2025	210,000	0.009325546	\$1,958	\$136
Draft 2026	210,000	0.010010052	\$2,102	\$144

2025 Municipal Taxes per \$100,000 CVA



Where your 2026 Municipal tax dollars go



- \$29 Capital Contributions
- \$27 Roads and Transportation
- \$16 Police, Fire & Protective Services
- \$11 Recreation, Parks & Facilities
- \$11 General Government & Administration
- \$5 Waste & Recycling
- \$1 Planning & Development

Capital Budget

The capital budget represents the Municipality's plan to purchase, build, maintain, repair and replace assets and infrastructure. The capital budget directly and indirectly impacts the operating budget as funds are needed to cover day-to-day operating expenses associated with the asset.

The 2026 capital budget is funded through a combination of:

- 80% from Reserves
- 19% from Grants (OCIF, CCBF-Gas Tax & Modernization)
- 1% from Taxation

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Budget to Budget Change	Budget to Budget %
Capital Projects	\$1,954,930	\$2,833,415	\$878,485	44.94%

2026 Capital Projects

- IT Review & Council Chamber Technology Upgrade
- Purchase of Land for future Fire Hall location
- Fire Equipment
- UTV Trailer for Fire Department
- By-Law Vehicle
- CLI Storm Sewer Study
- Asphalt for a section of George Street and Huron Bruce Road
- Orange Hill Road Culvert #29 Replacement
- Spencetown Road Bridge #11 Repairs
- Engineering Toll Gate Line Bridge #8
- Ford F150 Pickup for Public Works
- Roadside Flail Mower and Boom Arm for Grader
- Utility Trailer for Recreation
- Generator Transfer Switches
- Truck Watering System and Beautification Project
- Landfill Improvement Phase 2 (Project to be completed in 2026)

2026 Operating Budget

General Government & Administration

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Budget to Budget Change	Budget to Budget %
Revenue	\$902,402	\$962,052	\$59,650	6.61%
Expenses	\$1,027,289	\$1,084,710	\$57,421	5.59%

Revenue

- OMPF Funding increased from \$475,800 in 2025 to \$516,000 in 2026
- OCIF Funding increased from \$193,502 in 2025 to \$212,852 in 2026

Expenses

- 2026 Election expense of \$20,000
- New Community Improvement/Beautification Façade Grant of \$7,500
- Computer support increased by \$18,000 due to increased IT/Computer Software costs

Police, Fire & Protective Services

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Budget to Budget Change	Budget to Budget %
Revenue	\$158,930	\$246,300	\$87,370	55.0%
Expenses	\$1,361,046	\$1,704,530	\$343,484	25.2%

Revenue

- Fire Protection Grant in the amount of \$16,800
- Building Permit projected revenue increased
- Recouping By-Law wages and expenses from another municipality

Expenses

- OPP Services increased by \$61,383
- MVCA Levy increased by 6.72%
- SVCA Levy increased by 1.6%
- Administrative Assistant for Fire, By-Law, Building additional Salaries & Benefits
- New Full-Time By-law position salary & benefits

Roads & Transportation

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Budget to Budget Change	Budget to Budget %
Revenue	\$383,750	\$373,750	-\$10,000	-2.61%
Expenses	\$2,584,710	\$2,876,470	\$291,760	11.29%

Revenue

- Transfer of PW F450 Truck to Recreation (Rental to Operations)

Expenses

- Increased roadside drain maintenance for Leonard Award Drain & Ira Schaefer Drain cleanouts
- Maintenance Gravel increased by \$33,750
- Engine work required for Grader C12
- New Tires required for Grader C22, Backhoe 420E & Tractor M110GX
- Includes 2% Capital Infrastructure Levy Transfer to Road Construction Reserve
- Includes transfer of \$150,000 to Road Equipment Reserve for future Dump Truck

Waste & Recycling

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Budget to Budget Change	Budget to Budget %
Revenue	\$191,000	\$125,000	-\$66,000	-34.56%
Expenses	\$372,172	\$331,195	-\$40,977	-11.01%

Revenue

- No longer receiving payments from Circular Materials Agreement after Dec 31, 2025

Expenses

- Decreased the cost of Recycling as there is no longer a charge for roadside pickup, but there will still be a cost for Recycling collected at the landfill

Recreation, Parks & Facilities

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Budget to Budget Change	Budget to Budget %
Revenue	\$267,408	\$323,823	\$56,415	21.10%
Expenses	\$956,968	\$1,055,213	\$98,245	10.27%

Revenue

- Before & After School Revenue increased due to increased participation
- Huron County Grant of \$10,000
- Rural Ontario Development Grant of \$16,865

Expenses

- New Full-Time Day Care position
- Administrative Assistant Recreation position additional Salaries & Benefits
- Reallocation of 2015 Ford F450 and 2019 Ford F150 operating expenses
- Includes spending of \$10,000 Huron County Grant

Planning & Development

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Budget to Budget Change	Budget to Budget %
Revenue	\$37,350	\$37,350	\$0	0.00%
Expenses	\$95,744	\$100,530	\$4,786	4.99%

Revenue

- No change

Expenses

- Increased Unrecoverable Drain expense to write-off small balances not invoiced within 5-year timeframe

2026 Municipal Budget Financial Summary

Proposed Revenue	\$4,761,524.96
Proposed Expenses	\$9,837,012.76
Amount to be raised from Taxation	\$5,075,487.80

2026 Municipal Tax Rate Increase
= 5.34% + 2% Capital Infrastructure Levy

Questions?

