

Waves

A publication for the citizens and communities of the Municipality of Lakeshore
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2022 Budget

Council for the Municipality of Lakeshore approved the draft 2022 Budget on Wednesday, January 12.

The Budget earmarks operating expenditures of \$53.6 million with an estimated \$17.1 million in offsetting revenue from grants, user fees, and investment returns. An additional \$19 million is planned for capital projects, which will be funded by transfers from reserves or

the issuance of long-term debt.

On average, the 2.4 per cent increase in tax rate will add \$35 to the municipal portion of property tax bills. When factoring in County and estimated School Board levies, property tax owners can expect to pay an additional \$52 per year, or \$4.33 per month.

"As a Council, we know that many of our community members and business

owners have had a difficult couple of years dealing with the pandemic. With that in mind, we sought to reduce the budget's impact on taxpayers wherever we could," said Mayor Tom Bain.

Please note: Adoption of the 2022 Budget was scheduled for February 1, 2022, after the publication of this newsletter. For the most current information, visit:

Lakeshore.ca/Budget

On average the **2.4%** tax rate increase will add **\$35** to the municipal portion of your annual tax bill or **\$52** total, including County of Essex and estimated school board levies.

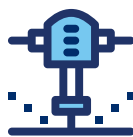
Where Your Tax Dollars Go



\$386 goes to the County of Essex

\$117 goes to school boards

\$497 stays with Lakeshore

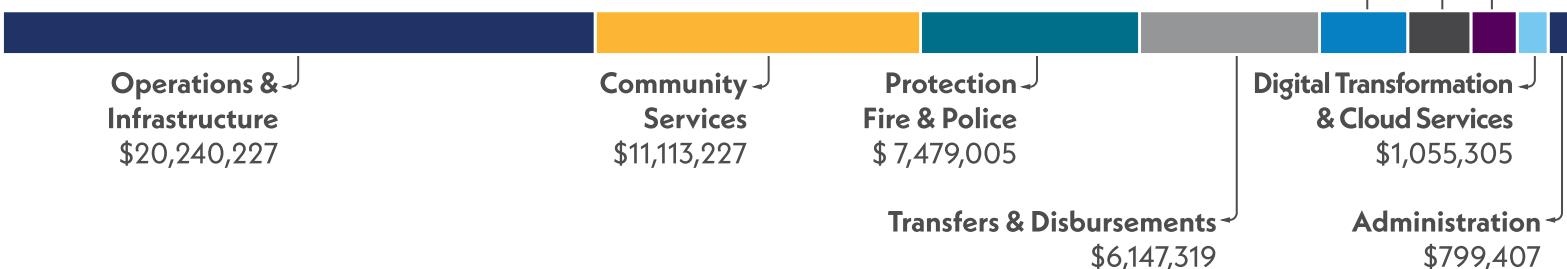


Capital Highlights

- **\$675,000** for road surface treatments
- **\$100,000** for sidewalk replacements
- **\$1,000,000** for gravel road conversions
- **\$1,100,000** for lifecycle asphalt road resurfacing
- **\$280,000** for stormwater monitoring, emergency pump, and modelling software
- **\$612,000** for design of watermain replacement on Comber Side Road
- **\$870,000** for design work for Puce Road, Major Street and Lilydale Avenue
- **\$1,800,000** for Puce Road reconstruction
- **\$67,500** for community visioning and design of Stoney Point Park and community hub
- **\$250,000** for improvements at St. Clair Shores Park
- **\$150,000** to update the Transportation Master Plan
- **\$10,000** for new tree planting in Maidstone Park

Expenditures by Category

This graph shows how the \$53,585,044 of operating expenditures is broken down by category. This does not include estimated revenue of \$17,136,534 which is received in the form of grants, user fees, and other sources.



The Scoop on Fill

By-Law 60-2020 states that no fill or alteration of land shall occur without first obtaining a permit from the Municipality of Lakeshore's Building Division.

For questions, contact the Building Division at 519-728-2818. Plus, access the Fill Permit application and more online at:

[Lakeshore.ca/Permits](https://www.lakeshore.ca/Permits)

Off-Road Vehicles Prohibited from Local Parks & Trails

In 2021, a number of Lakeshore parks were damaged by careless Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) drivers. These vehicles are prohibited from driving on:

- Local parks, beaches and sports fields
- Railroad tracks

- Private property (unless approved by owner)

To find where ORVs are permitted in Lakeshore, review By-Law 65-2017 at:

[Lakeshore.ca/Bylaws](https://www.lakeshore.ca/Bylaws)

For more information on Provincial rules, visit:

[Ontario.ca/ATV](https://www.ontario.ca/ATV)

Residents who witness ORVs trespassing should record information, such as vehicle make, colour, and license plate, and contact the Lakeshore OPP at:

**519-728-1810 or
1-888-310-1122**

Property Tax Bills & Payments

All property owners should have received their interim property tax bill in January.

Interim tax bills are 50% of the taxes paid in the previous year, with payments due on the last business day of February and April.

Final tax bills, mailed in June, are based on the 2022 tax rates and current assessed value of your property. This year, final tax bill payments are due July 29 and October 31.

Supplementary tax bills are issued throughout the year to owners of new properties or properties which have had additions, renovations, or other physical alterations not captured in the other bills.

Lakeshore offers a number of convenient payment methods, including:

- **In-person** using cash, debit, or cheque (mail and drop box payments by cheque also available)

- **Pre-authorized payment plans (PAP)**
- **Telephone or online** through your financial institution
- **Online by credit card** (subject to a 2.5% user fee)
- **Directly through your mortgage company**

For more information, please visit our website or call:

**519-728-2700 ext 301
[Lakeshore.ca/Taxes](https://www.lakeshore.ca/Taxes)**

Dog Tag Reminder

Calling all dog owners! Don't forget, dog tags must be purchased every year for each dog in your possession. Tags can be purchased online or at the Municipal Office. All payments made after March 31 will be subject to a \$10 late fee.

Learn more at:

[Lakeshore.ca/Pets](https://www.lakeshore.ca/Pets)

2022 Municipal Election

Voters in the Municipality of Lakeshore will head to the polls in 2022. Check out some of the key dates below:

May 1: First day for candidate nominations and third-party advertiser registrations

August 19: Nomination Day (final day for candidate nominations, deadline of 2:00 PM)

October 24: Voting Day

November 15: New term of Council begins

Learn more at:

[Lakeshore.ca/Votes](https://www.lakeshore.ca/Votes)



Water Meter Replacements Coming Up

Lakeshore's Lifecycle Water Meter Replacement program begins this year.

The program, approved by Council in October of last year, will see the replacement of 4,500 water meters which are nearing the end of their lifecycle.

To carry out the program, Lakeshore has partnered with

Neptune Technology Group.

Affected residents and properties will receive information in advance with more details, including how property visits will be scheduled.

To learn more, please contact Lakeshore's Water Management Division at:

519-728-2488 ext 633

Get Prepared for EPW 2022

Emergency Preparedness Week is coming up! From May 1 to 7, the Lakeshore Fire Department will share important information on how you and your family can get prepared for an emergency.

Check out Lakeshore's website and social media for highlights, and learn more at:

[Lakeshore.ca/Prepare](https://www.lakeshore.ca/Prepare)

Questions?

Municipal staff are here to help! Report a problem online, visit a community facility, connect with us online, or give us a call.

[Lakeshore.ca/Connect](https://www.lakeshore.ca/Connect)
519-728-2700

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