



## 2024/25 Approved Operating and Capital Budget

# Guide to the Budget Book

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## What is the budget?

The budget sets forth a strategic resource allocation plan that is aligned with community goals, preferences and needs. The budget is a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication device.

Through the budget, the Village of Kingston demonstrates its accountability to its residents and customers. To provide the maximum accountability, this section provides the reader with some basic understanding of the components of the budget document and what is included in each of these components.

## Organization of the budget document

The budget document includes four major areas:

1. The Introduction which provides the Clerk/Treasurer's budget message along with overview information about Kingston including the organization, values and goals and community profile.
2. The Budget Summary shows the sources and uses of funds, budget summaries, descriptions of revenues and expenses and illustrates the financial picture of Kingston including the fund structure, budget process and development and fiscal guidelines.
3. The Departmental Budget Section – General and Sewer funds - includes information on all business units, and includes an introduction, significant achievements for the year and strategic objectives for the upcoming year.
4. The Capital Improvement section includes information regarding the current year capital projects and four year forecast, the capital budget process and debt information.



# Budget Message

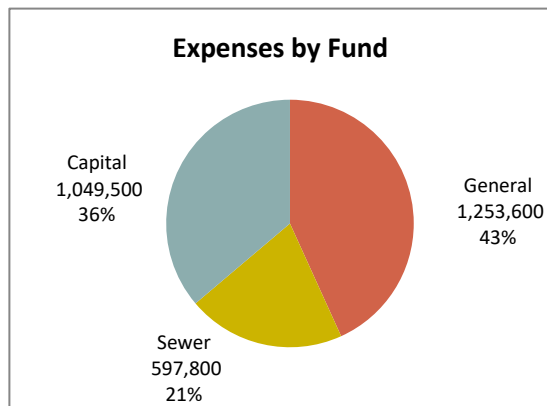
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April 11, 2024

Chair, Commission Members and the Kingston Community:

I respectfully transmit the budget for Kingston for the April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 fiscal year. This represents the annual financial plan and allocation of public resources for the coming year.

The approved expenditure budget totals approximately \$2,900,900 which includes \$1,851,400 (64%) for operating budgets and \$1,049,500 (36%) for capital budgets.



The format and presentation of the budget is similar to previous years. The Capital Improvement Plan (current year and four year forecast) will allow the Village to approach infrastructure management in a fiscally sustainable method. Continuation of strategic and proactive planning will ensure that Kingston will be able to provide for the needs of today's and future residents.

## Economic Environment and Assumptions

This budget forecast assumes that provincial and federal funding (both operating and capital components) will be negatively impacted and thus municipal budgets will come under increasing pressure to fund more services and infrastructure with less. These challenges have been identified and incorporated in this year's and future year's budget.

Fiscal sustainability is the focus of this year's (and future year's) budgets – strategically planning for today and tomorrow in a manner that is fair and equitable. Proper use and management of reserves will be key, along with leveraging outside funding to achieve the greatest amount of work for the lowest cost. Although there are significant pressures on many budget areas, we expect the increase on resident tax bills to be minimal. To this end, Kingston has managed its rates reasonably and is competitive with similar municipal units.

# Budget Message

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## Looking Ahead

Staff will focus on working on existing services, new initiatives and capital projects identified by the Commission, along with continued policy development and long term planning, to the benefit and improvement of the Village as a whole.

This budget includes Commission directed strategies and new service initiatives, such as:

- Continued work to extend sewer service to all residents
- Long term funding strategies for capital programs
- Improved communications with residents
- Continued proactive infrastructure maintenance program

This budget document was created as a communication tool for the residents of Kingston. This document is the result of a significant amount of work by the Commission and staff, as many hours were spent identifying, developing and confirming goals, developing operating plans and prioritizing programs and projects. I would like to express my appreciation to everyone involved in providing their expertise and knowledge in creating the budget.

Respectfully,



Mike McCleave  
Clerk/Treasurer

# Organizational Profile

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The Village of Kingston is a municipal unit located in the western end of Kings County and adjacent to the Village of Greenwood. Incorporated in 1957, the Village is responsible for services such as sewer collection and treatment, recreation programming, public works, sidewalks, and tourism functions. Five Commission members are elected at large to three-year staggered terms. The Chair is a member of the Commission, elected by the Commission for one-year terms. The Clerk/Treasurer is appointed by the Commission to manage 6 other full-time staff and many part-time and seasonal employees.

## Village Commission

Chair

**Wayne Fowler**

Deputy Chair

**Mike Bishop**

Commissioners

**Muriel West**

**Brad Beardsley**

**Neil Larder**

## Village Staff

Clerk/Treasurer

**Mike McCleave**

Administrative Assistant

**Janice Knickle**

Public Works and Wastewater

**Danny Lundrigan**

**David Feener**

**Jeff Hannam**

**Steve Mosher**

Recreation Coordinator

**Elizabeth Wright**

Community Development

**Emily Harris**

# Organizational Profile

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## Corporate Values

We are committed to providing affordable, high quality municipal services which meet the reasonable needs of our residents.

We are committed to protect Kingston's quality of life and the individual rights of our residents.

We will treat all people courteously and equitably. We will listen and ask questions until we understand. Our actions will be consistent with approved rules and policies, yet flexible and responsive to individuals whose reasonable needs cannot otherwise be met.



We are committed to respond to the needs of our citizens in an honest, credible and timely manner.

We are committed to meeting and exceeding community needs by fostering a spirit of creativity, resourcefulness and open-mindedness.

We will strive to ensure that all communications are dealt with honestly and fairly with a commitment to accuracy and timeliness.

## Strategic Goals

Kingston is implementing work toward organizational alignment from strategic goals all the way to individual performance standards.

The Commission is committed to ensure the areas of fiscal management, public safety, community development, infrastructure management, recreation and effective governance are being performed in a reasonable and cost-effective manner.

Specific departmental goals are identified on their individual fund pages.



# Community Profile

The Village of Kingston was settled in the year 1793 by the United Empire Loyalists, and from this settlement sprang one of the most flourishing industries in the Province, the apple industry. Kingston is located in the heart of the beautiful Annapolis Valley and is surrounded by rich farmland and fruit orchards. Just a short drive away is the incredible Bay of Fundy boasting the highest tides in the world. Kingston was incorporated as a village in 1957.

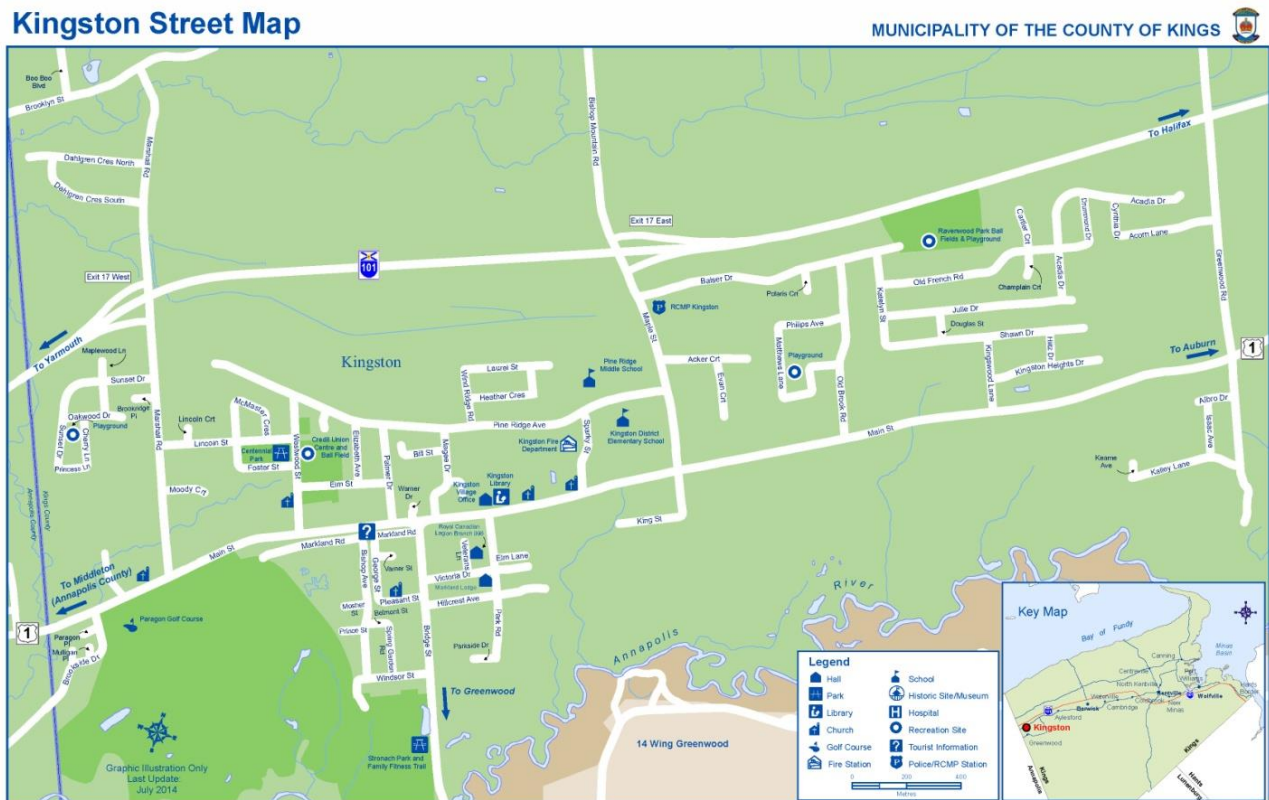
Kingston began as a settlement nearly 230 years ago but did not become an industrial centre until the early 1900's, with the establishment of its lumber and apple processing industries. Today, the Village economy is largely influenced by Canadian Forces Base Greenwood; a consistent generator of employment, service demand and housing activity. A 1995 community survey indicates approximately one quarter of households in Kingston have employment related to the base.

## Population

The population of Kingston is estimated at 3,500 people, with approximately 1,290 homes and 75 businesses. Many people retire to the area because of its many services and its proximity to major centers. 14 Wing Greenwood is located just 4 km south of Kingston.

## Location

For those traveling from a westward direction, Kingston is the gateway to Kings County. The Village is approximately a 45km drive to Kentville, 75km to Acadia University in Wolfville, 140km to Halifax, and 150km to the Halifax Stanfield International Airport.



Source: Municipality of the County of Kings



# Community Profile

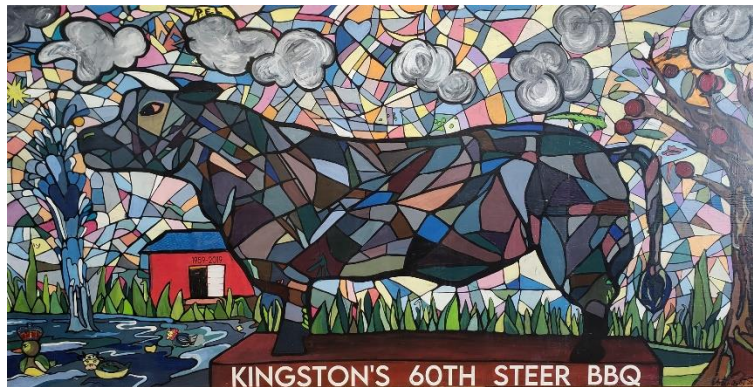
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## Commerce

Kingston has a well-defined business district in which the major commercial and industrial development is concentrated. Expansion potential, in terms of vacant land however, is limited and commercial development is concentrated along Highway 1-between Westwood Street and Maple Street.

The major commercial district, which straddles Highway 1, is surrounded by residential neighbourhoods. However, part of this area, south of the old railway right-of-way, contains a growing mixture of commercial and residential uses, which offers some potential for commercial growth through relocation and redevelopment. Markland Road and Victoria Drive are evidence of this transition from traditional residential and industrial, to more retail and service orientation.

Kingston's "Downtown" is a mixture of traditional, business supply and professional services; a wholesale meat processing plant, a sign printing company, doggy day care and a furniture and cabinet making firm. As well, there are service stations, grocery stores, hardware stores, pharmacies, restaurants and a motel.



## Community Services

Kingston has a Village Office, medical clinic, pharmacy, post office, library, RCMP detachment, volunteer fire department and a wellness clinic. It is 10 minutes to Middleton's Soldiers Memorial Hospital and 45 km to our Regional Hospital in Kentville. We have an elementary and a middle school with enrollments of approximately 900+ students. The high school is located in Auburn, just east of Kingston. Being a sharing community, Kingston hosts a food bank. Places of worships located in the Village are the United Church of Canada, United Baptist Church, Anglican Church of Canada, New Hope Wesleyan Church and Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. In the surrounding communities you will also find churches of other faiths. Kingston also has many service clubs and fraternal organizations such as the Lions Club and the Royal Canadian Legion to name a couple.

## Recreation

The Village Office has a full time Recreation Coordinator who works with local schools and seniors. Kingston has an indoor arena named the Credit Union Centre, owned and operated by the Western Kings Rink Association, which services the surrounding communities as well as Kingston. Adjacent to the arena is an outdoor recreation area with a baseball diamond, tennis courts, basketball court, beach volleyball court and a soccer field. This area is host to Kingston's annual Steer BBQ event held on the second Saturday of July, as well as the Santa Comes to Kingston event the first Friday in December and the New Year's event. Our Harvest Moon Trail (rail trail) flanks Main Street and connects communities from Annapolis Royal to Grand Pre. The Village has a disc golf course, basketball court, and two more ballfields at our Ravenwood Park as well.

There is an 18 hole golf course, a picnic park and family fitness trail, and a Provincial Picnic park just beyond the east end of the Village. We are located 4km from 14 Wing Greenwood's Sports and Fitness Center, which is open to the surrounding communities.

# Budget Summary

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## Budget Process and Development

The budget process begins with the Commission determining the priorities for the year, staff then develops the best possible budget that incorporates the Commission's priorities and fits within the resources available.

To incorporate the Commission's desire to maintain existing service levels, staff determined the "**Base Budget**" requirement to meet these levels. The base budget is the minimum amount needed to maintain current services. The adjustments to base budget's amounts are shown in Table 2 on page 14.

Inflationary pressures, growth and the impact of the approved capital expenditures mainly drive the changes in the base budget. Some program expenditures, specifically repairs/maintenance and utilities, have increased well in excess of the rate of inflation; the approved budget reflects these requirements. The budget also reflects the costs of maintaining new infrastructure (i.e., sidewalks and other new infrastructure), wage settlements and financing costs related to prior capital expenditures.

"**Service Level Initiatives**" incorporate numerous items which, if approved, would enhance existing service levels or provide for new services or programs. Staff recommended service level initiatives are shown in Table 4 on page 16.

The Commission set the following guidelines for budget preparation:

- Keep tax rates competitive
- Include a proactive infrastructure funding plan into the base budget
- Amend the sewer rate based on base budget needs
- Include the funding for the current year capital plan and present the five year capital forecast

## Budget Calendar

The schedule below documents the schedule of public meetings and budget deliberations prior to the recommended budget being adopted by the Commission.

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved 2023-24 Budget Released to public</li><li>• Distribute to Commissioners and public</li></ul>
Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 7:00pm (if required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public input</li><li>• Budget review and deliberations</li></ul>
Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget review and deliberations</li><li>• Budget adopted by Commission</li></ul>

# Budget Summary

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## Basis of Budgeting

The budget is prepared on a basis that is generally consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The Village's funds consist of the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Capital Fund. Governmental fund type budgets are developed using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Under the modified accrual basis revenues are estimated for the fiscal year if they are accrued (amounts can be determined and will be collected within the current period). Principal and interest on general long-term debt are budgeted as expenditures when due, whereas other expenditures are budgeted for based on the timing of receipt of the goods or service.

Revenue forecasts are conservative in nature; known changes to assessment data (net of appeals) are incorporated as is, while other items are increased by very moderate amounts.

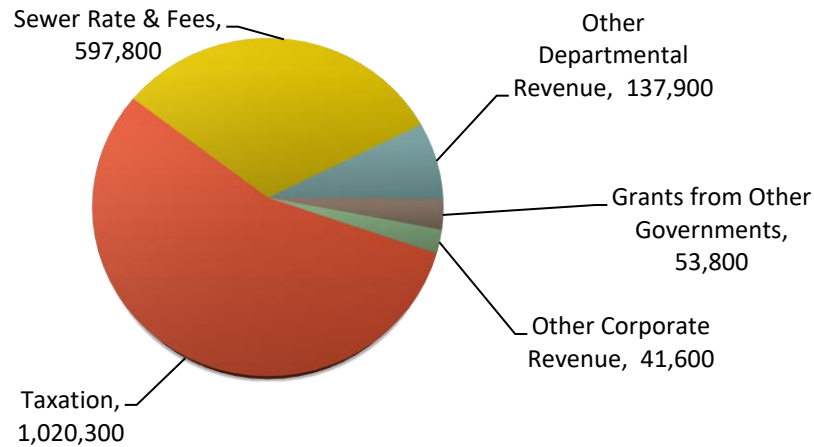
Expenditure items are forecast based on known amounts, or based on projections or trends. Increases for anticipated unknown items are typically 1% to 5% (Nova Scotia's 2023 CPI is 2.8%.)

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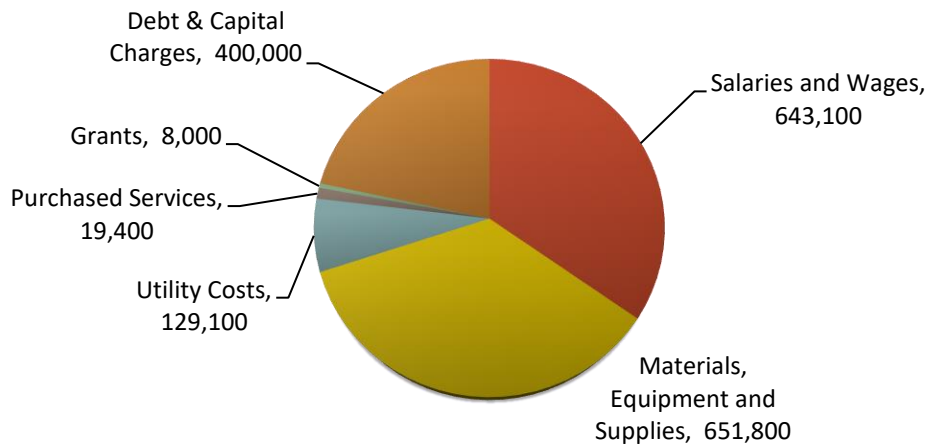
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## Sources and Uses of Funds

The total source of funds for the 2024/25 operating budget is \$1,851,400. This consists of new revenue and funds carried forward from the previous fiscal years. The revenue detail for each area is found within the budget document – either in the summary section or in the budget detail for that department. The graph below shows amount of sources by major category.



The total use of funds for 2024/25 is \$1,851,400. The expenditure detail for each area is found within the budget document – either in the summary section or in the budget detail for that department. The graph below shows amount of expenditures by major category.



# Budget Summary

## Consolidated Village Summary

Table 1

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	597,000	582,183	643,100	46,100	7.7
Materials and Supplies	566,600	560,988	651,800	85,200	15.0
Utility Costs	115,200	119,954	129,100	13,900	12.1
Purchased Services	18,900	9,208	19,400	500	2.6
Grants	6,500	7,230	8,000	1,500	23.1
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>1,304,200</b>	<b>1,279,563</b>	<b>1,451,400</b>	<b>147,200</b>	<b>11.3</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	400,000	400,000	400,000	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,704,200</b>	<b>1,679,563</b>	<b>1,851,400</b>	<b>147,200</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>Departmental Revenue</b>	<b>(744,600)</b>	<b>(760,899)</b>	<b>(789,500)</b>	<b>(44,900)</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Net Expenditures</b>	<b>959,600</b>	<b>918,664</b>	<b>1,061,900</b>	<b>102,300</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	<b>(925,600)</b>	<b>(928,050)</b>	<b>(1,020,300)</b>	<b>(94,700)</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>Other Corporate Revenue</b>	<b>(34,000)</b>	<b>(81,163)</b>	<b>(41,600)</b>	<b>(7,600)</b>	<b>22.4</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>(1,704,200)</b>	<b>(1,770,112)</b>	<b>(1,851,400)</b>	<b>(147,200)</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>General Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,549</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Accumulative Tax Rate Increase/(Decrease) - in cents</b>				<b>-</b>	

## Budget Summary

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### Base Budget Adjustments in the Operating Budget (By Fund)

Table 2

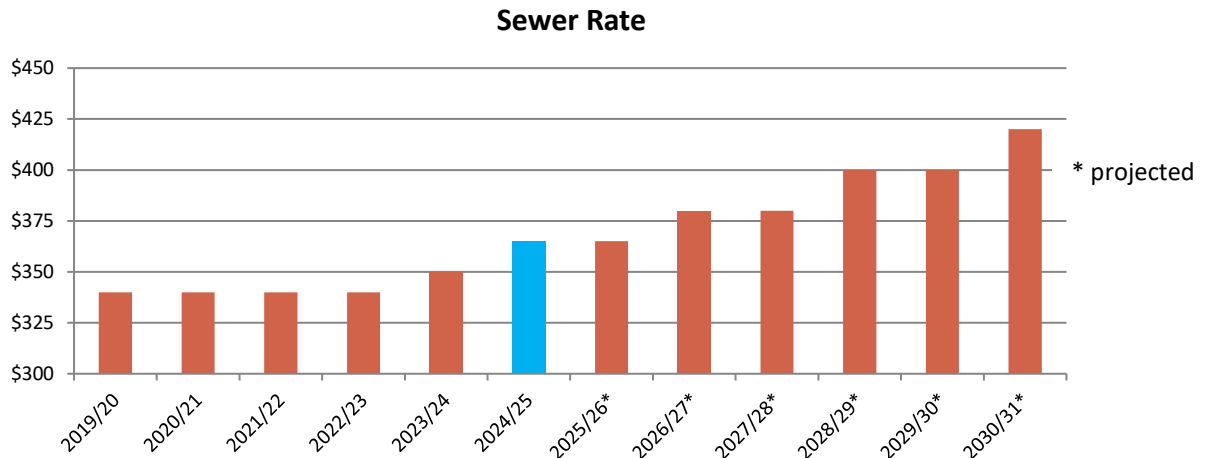
	General	Sewer	24/25 Impact
<b>Revenues</b>			
Assessment growth	- 94,500	-	- 94,500
Residential Tax Rate Increase	-	-	-
Sewer rate	-	- 50,000	- 50,000
Service Fees	-	-	-
Revenue from own services	- 5,600	-	- 5,600
Transfers from other Government	- 4,000	-	- 4,000
Other miscellaneous revenues	- 100	-	- 100
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>- 104,200</b>	<b>- 50,000</b>	<b>- 154,200</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries & benefits	39,100	2,900	42,000
Training & development	-	2,100	2,100
Utility costs	2,100	11,800	13,900
Building Maintenance costs	2,100	-	2,100
Sewer treatment costs	-	31,000	31,000
Snow removal	13,000	-	13,000
Community Development	2,900	-	2,900
Increases to Reserves	-	-	-
Other General government	-	-	-
Transportation	17,700	-	17,700
Public Work general	27,000	-	27,000
Miscellaneous expenses	300	2,200	2,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>104,200</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>154,200</b>

Under the base budget concept, services which were approved in prior years will be included within the current budget. There are some discretionary base budget items that the Commission will have to approve during the deliberations, as they generally will not impact service delivery.

# Budget Summary

## Sewer Rate

To set the sewer rate annually, staff models the total financing requirements of the sewer operations (both operating and capital). All sewer collection and treatment costs, including salaries, supplies and debt repayment are recovered entirely by the sewer rate.



To maintain existing service levels, the approval of the 2024/25 Operating and Capital Budget related to sewer will not increase the sewer rates in the 2024/25 fiscal year. The rate is mainly under pressure due to significant increases in utility costs, environmental compliance and capital investment requirements, but due to lower than expected costs on previous projects, the Commission will freeze the current sewer charges and rates. The above chart details the history of the sewer rate and the forecasted rates for the next seven years.

In addition to freezing the sewer rate, staff proposes a zero increase on the sewer connection and inspection charge of \$425.00. This fee covers the Village's cost to install a lateral from the existing sewer main to the property line and for the inspection of the connection. As reported last year, the intent of the charge is to cover the cost of these services, and while this current amount does not meet this requirement, the Commission has decided to forego any increase for the next fiscal year.

### Sewer Rates

Each municipal unit is different when setting their sewer rates, so finding a comparison is difficult. If the unit has central water, the sewer rate is usually based on water consumption, there being a relationship between water usage and discharge. Other places, such as Berwick, base sewer charges on assessed value, which has no relationship to consumption. The closest comparable would be Kings County, which models its sewer rate the same way as Kingston. Their approved sewer rate for 2023/24 was \$570 per dwelling, which is 56% greater than the \$365 approved rate for Kingston in 2024/25.



# Budget Summary

## Service Level Initiatives

Based on the direction of the Commission during the past year, specific new items or initiatives have been included in the budget.

These specific items are summarized in Table 4. The items in this table “Summary of Approved Service Level Adjustments” presents those items which the Commission approved during budget deliberations. These items are new services or initiatives outside of the base budget.

These initiatives will be reviewed during the next budget year to seek Commission consent to continue for future years, or will be removed if a single year item.

## Summary of Approved Service Level Adjustments

Table 4

	Service Level Changes			23/24 Impact
	Service Level Changes	New Service or Program	Less Revenue Offset	
Greenwood RibFest	-	5,000	-	5,000
Canada Day Fireworks Event	-	5,000	-	5,000
Brush Bins (Spring and Fall)	8,000	-	-	8,000
Greenwood initiatives	-	-	10,000	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>2,700</b>

## Explanation of Service Level Initiatives

**Greenwood Ribfest** – new initiative to support our Kingston – Greenwood relationship

**Canada Day Fireworks Event** – Greenwood Canada Day event

**Brush Bins** – Village provides brush bins in the spring and fall for its residents. Due to rising tipping fees, budget needs to be doubled

**Greenwood Initiative** – Village is working with Greenwood to increase our partnership in several events. This amount matches Kingston’s expenditures to Greenwood.

## Budget Summary

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### Total Expenditures by Department

Table 5

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Department</b>					
Legislative	21,800	19,344	21,800	-	-
Administrative	191,400	180,667	211,800	20,400	10.7
Civic Building	19,700	16,947	20,600	900	4.6
Other Gen Government	33,600	40,586	43,000	9,400	28.0
Transportation	197,400	189,564	235,100	37,700	19.1
Public Works	333,300	331,730	340,300	7,000	2.1
Village Development	16,400	14,358	18,000	1,600	9.8
Tourism	5,100	4,408	5,900	800	15.7
Parks	60,900	66,216	70,800	9,900	16.3
Recreation	194,100	188,059	205,500	11,400	5.9
Library	19,400	20,821	22,300	2,900	14.9
Corporate Expenses	53,300	53,517	58,500	5,200	9.8
Sewer Administration	345,200	339,062	354,200	9,000	2.6
Collection and Treatment	212,600	214,284	243,600	31,000	14.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,704,200</b>	<b>1,679,563</b>	<b>1,851,400</b>	<b>147,200</b>	<b>8.6</b>

# Budget Summary

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## Fund Accounting

The financial accounts for Kingston are organized on the basis of funds or account groups. In governmental accounting, a fund is a separate self-balancing set of accounts used to show operating results for a particular activity or activities.

For accounting and presentation purposes, the departmental and account structure mirror the ones prescribed by the Provincial Government through the Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual.

## Funds

### General Fund

The general fund accounts for the resources and uses of various Kingston departments. A majority of the daily operating activity is recorded in this fund. Administration, General Government, Transportation Services, Public Works and Parks are all examples of activity in the General Fund.

Governmental accounting requires the General Fund be used for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

### Sewer Fund

The sewer fund accounts for the operations of the sewer system, including net operating expenses, capital contributions and debt charges.

### Capital Project Funds

These funds account for revenue received and expenses related to infrastructure improvements such as sidewalk, wastewater, and parks. Revenue is received from contributions from operating, debt proceeds, and other sources. The Capital Improvement Plan, which includes the current year's program and four year forecast, is located starting page 37.

### Reserves Funds

Provide for the replacement of equipment and vehicles, contributions to the operating budget, and for funding Village infrastructure.



## Fiscal Guidelines

### Replacement Funding

Separate funds exist for fleet and equipment replacement. Each cost center in the General and Sewer Fund contributes for future replacement of vehicles and equipment. The contribution is based on the projected replacement cost/anticipated useful life of the fleet.

### Reserves

Kingston maintains a General (Operating) Reserve of approximately \$245,000. This amount is approximately 13% of our operating budget.

Kingston also maintains targeted or allocated reserve funds. These reserves are earmarked for specific sidewalk, sewer, recreation, and equipment renewals.

### Revenue

Kingston strives to balance residential growth with commercial and industrial growth to stabilize the tax revenue. Kingston avoids dependence on temporary revenue sources to fund recurring government services.

Kingston is conservative in revenue estimates. Revenues resulting from possible changes in laws or ordinances are not included in revenue estimates.

### Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Policies

An independent audit is performed annually. Kingston produces a Consolidated Annual Financial report in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as outlined by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB).

### Financial Planning

Kingston adopts an annual Capital Budget and four year forecast that plans for all improvements needed. Anticipated maintenance costs are included for all projects. The first five years of additional maintenance costs are combined with other data gathering techniques to project operating results for five years. This information is the basis for developing the next year budget.



## Description of Revenues and Expenditure Types

To assist the reader, these descriptions explain the categories shown in the departmental and summary tables.

### Revenues

#### Departmental Revenue

Departmental revenue includes revenues that can be directly attributable to the activities of a department or program. These revenues are broken down into four categories:

##### Activity Revenue

Activity revenue is revenue that is generated due to the actions of the department. Examples of activity revenue are sewer connection charges and fees, and recreation revenues for day camps or programs.

##### Grants

Grants are revenues from third parties that are allocated to specific programs or activities. Examples of grants are funding for recreation programs or Federal or Provincial wage subsidies.

##### Other Revenue

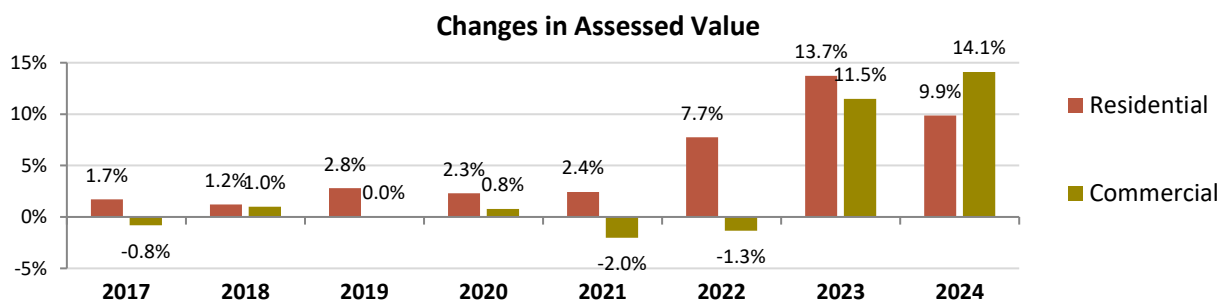
Include revenue that cannot be generally categorized within other revenues. This includes the sewer rate or internal allocations.

##### Transfers from Other Funds

These revenues are transfers between funds or surpluses ie: sewer fund to general fund or usage of an accumulated surplus.

#### Tax Revenue

Taxation is the major source of revenue for the Village. Tax rates to be applied to the various property classes are determined by the total tax levy requirement and the allocation by class of the assessed current market values of real property within the municipality. This category includes general levies, payments in lieu of taxes (through the County) and local improvement rates.



#### Other Corporate Revenue

Include revenues that cannot be generally attributable to any one department or activity. Examples of other corporate revenue include interest revenue, rentals, dog registration commissions and other general grants or miscellaneous income.

# Budget Summary

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## Expenditures

### Salaries and Benefits

Remuneration for salary and benefit expenses.

### Materials and Supplies

Include most general purchases including office supplies and equipment, advertising, travel and training costs, insurance costs, tools and equipment, vehicle costs and other miscellaneous items.

### Utility Costs

Telephone, fuel and electricity costs are shown here.

### Purchased Services

Include services such as legal, audit and banking charges. Also includes consultant fees and internal expenditure allocations between departments (i.e. between general and sewer funds.)

### Grants

Grants paid to other organizations or funds.

### Debt and Capital Charges

Include principal and interest charges for long term debt, contributions to reserves or contributions to the capital program.

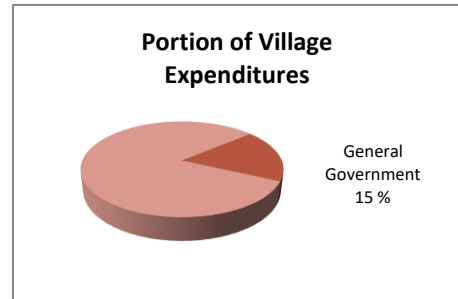


## Introduction

General government can be broken down into the following departments:

- Legislative Services
- Administrative Services
- Civic Building
- Other General Government

The purpose of General Government is to provide for the overall administration of the Village of Kingston with primary focus on policy implementation, administration, strategic planning, and effective management of Village resources and services.



The objectives of General Government Services are:

- provide community leadership, develop policies to guide Kingston in delivering services and achieving community goals, and advance and promote the physical, social, cultural and economic environment of Kingston, through effective civic leadership and through the active democratic participation of our citizens
- ensure accurate financial reporting on the results of operations and to process financial transactions in an accurate and timely manner
- maintain and repair the civic building (Village Office) and associated systems and equipment in proper working order for the safety and effective use for residents
- provide all customers with quality service in an efficient and timely manner

Other General Government includes corporate costs that cannot be generally assigned to any one department, such as grants and tax billing expenses.



# General Government

## General Government Services

Table 6

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	172,600	169,825	190,600	18,000	10.4
Materials and Supplies	79,500	72,967	91,700	12,200	15.3
Utility Costs	5,900	6,253	6,400	500	8.5
Purchased Services	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
Grants	1,500	2,500	1,500	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>260,500</b>	<b>251,544</b>	<b>291,200</b>	<b>30,700</b>	<b>11.8</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	(7,200)	(7,225)	(7,200)	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>(7,200)</b>	<b>(7,225)</b>	<b>(7,200)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>253,300</b>	<b>244,319</b>	<b>284,000</b>	<b>30,700</b>	<b>12.1</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>259,300</b>	<b>250,319</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>30,700</b>	<b>11.8</b>
<b>Services</b>					
Legislative	21,800	19,344	21,800	-	-
Administrative	191,400	180,667	211,800	20,400	10.7
Civic Building	12,500	9,722	13,400	900	7.2
Other Gen Gov't	33,600	40,586	43,000	9,400	28.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>259,300</b>	<b>250,319</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>30,700</b>	<b>11.8</b>

# General Government

## Legislative Services

Table 7

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	19,800	18,984	19,800	-	-
Materials and Supplies	2,000	360	2,000	-	-
Utility Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>21,800</b>	<b>19,344</b>	<b>21,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>21,800</b>	<b>19,344</b>	<b>21,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>21,800</b>	<b>19,344</b>	<b>21,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Administrative Services

Table 8

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	152,800	150,841	170,800	18,000	11.8
Materials and Supplies	36,900	28,978	39,300	2,400	6.5
Utility Costs	700	848	700	-	-
Purchased Services	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>191,400</b>	<b>180,667</b>	<b>211,800</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>191,400</b>	<b>180,667</b>	<b>211,800</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>10.7</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>191,400</b>	<b>180,667</b>	<b>211,800</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>10.7</b>

## General Government

### Civic Building

Table 9

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies	8,500	5,542	8,900	400	4.7
Utility Costs	5,200	5,405	5,700	500	9.6
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>10,947</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	(7,200)	(7,225)	(7,200)	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>(7,200)</b>	<b>(7,225)</b>	<b>(7,200)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>3,722</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>13.8</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>9,722</b>	<b>13,400</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>7.2</b>

### Other General Government

Table 10

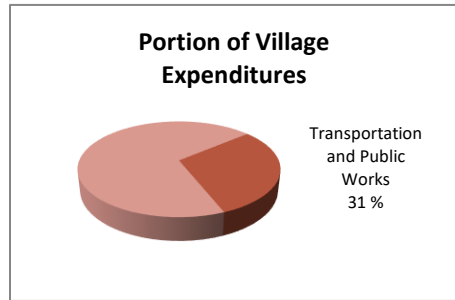
	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies	32,100	38,086	41,500	9,400	29.3
Utility Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	1,500	2,500	1,500	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>40,586</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>28.0</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>40,586</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>28.0</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>40,586</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>28.0</b>

# Transportation and Public Works

## Introduction

The objectives of Transportation and Public Works are to:

- provide Public Works operations and planning on Village common areas, parks and other buildings
- plan for, operate and maintain Kingston's infrastructure to maximize life of assets
- maintain the sidewalk and crosswalk system to ensure safety for pedestrian and vehicular traffic as well as to present an attractive roadside environment
- provide snow and ice removal activities on sidewalks, crosswalks and parking lots
- to provide prompt, courteous and informed service to our external and internal customers



The Village of Kingston currently owns and maintains approximately 10 kilometers of sidewalks, along with several parking areas in the Village core. The Public Works Department accounts for the maintenance, planning, design, construction, and improvement of the sidewalk network. The Public Works Department is also responsible for the maintenance of parks infrastructure within the Village and general Village maintenance.

## Transportation and Public Works

Table 11

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	119,300	110,581	136,400	17,100	14.3
Materials and Supplies	148,100	149,118	174,800	26,700	18.0
Utility Costs	20,300	18,594	21,200	900	4.4
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>287,700</b>	<b>278,293</b>	<b>332,400</b>	<b>44,700</b>	<b>15.5</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>287,700</b>	<b>278,293</b>	<b>332,400</b>	<b>44,700</b>	<b>15.5</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	243,000	243,000	243,000	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>530,700</b>	<b>521,293</b>	<b>575,400</b>	<b>44,700</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Services</b>					
Transportation	197,400	189,564	235,100	37,700	19.1
Public Works	333,300	331,730	340,300	7,000	2.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>530,700</b>	<b>521,293</b>	<b>575,400</b>	<b>44,700</b>	<b>8.4</b>

# Transportation and Public Works

## Transportation

Table 12

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies	78,200	71,677	95,000	16,800	21.5
Utility Costs	19,200	17,887	20,100	900	4.7
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>97,400</b>	<b>89,564</b>	<b>115,100</b>	<b>17,700</b>	<b>18.2</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>97,400</b>	<b>89,564</b>	<b>115,100</b>	<b>17,700</b>	<b>18.2</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	100,000	100,000	120,000	20,000	20.0
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>197,400</b>	<b>189,564</b>	<b>235,100</b>	<b>37,700</b>	<b>19.1</b>

## Public Works

Table 13

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	119,300	110,581	136,400	17,100	14.3
Materials and Supplies	69,900	77,442	79,800	9,900	14.2
Utility Costs	1,100	707	1,100	-	-
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>190,300</b>	<b>188,730</b>	<b>217,300</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>14.2</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>190,300</b>	<b>188,730</b>	<b>217,300</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>14.2</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	143,000	143,000	123,000	(20,000)	(14.0)
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>333,300</b>	<b>331,730</b>	<b>340,300</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>2.1</b>

# Community Development

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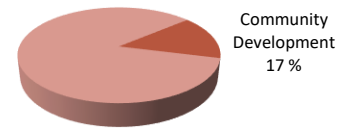
## Introduction

The Community Development section is responsible for the areas that affect the economic development and recreation and cultural services provided by the Village.

The objectives of Community Development are to:

- investigate economic development opportunities for the Village
- provide funds for Village beautification through staff activities and community partnering
- ensure that a wide array of recreational opportunities, both passive and active, are available to people of all age groups, interests, and abilities
- provide recreation programs, special events, and leisure activities for residents and visitors of Kingston
- work with community and government partners to supply high quality recreational opportunities desired by the residents

**Portion of Village Expenditures**



Economic development is essential for the community, and the Village is continuing its beautification initiatives. Short and long-term plans are being prepared to maximize the uses for common areas within the Village.

The Parks Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, planning, development, and staffing of all Village parks. This includes Stronach and Centennial Parks, four community playgrounds and several recreation facilities including ball diamonds and basketball and tennis courts.



The Recreation Department provides recreation programming for the community, and seeks to provide its residents a full range of recreation programs. These programs can improve the quality of life for the entire community; provide opportunities for participation through instructional, intramural and club sports; offer fitness, wellness and informal recreation opportunities; and improve the health and well-being of the community.

Kingston provides space for the local library branch supported by the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, and works with the AVRL to ensure library services are available to residents. The library was expanded in 2020 and now offers a larger book loan space, a children's area, reading nook, and a multipurpose room with a variety of innovative equipment available for use.

# Community Development

## Community Development

Table 14

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	138,000	136,782	144,900	6,900	5.0
Materials and Supplies	142,700	146,162	160,200	17,500	12.3
Utility Costs	4,600	5,108	5,300	700	15.2
Purchased Services	4,600	80	4,600	-	-
Grants	5,000	4,730	6,500	1,500	30.0
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>294,900</b>	<b>292,862</b>	<b>321,500</b>	<b>26,600</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	(28,200)	(41,986)	(30,600)	(2,400)	8.5
Grants	(51,200)	(49,420)	(53,800)	(2,600)	5.1
Other	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>(94,400)</b>	<b>(106,406)</b>	<b>(99,400)</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>200,500</b>	<b>186,456</b>	<b>222,100</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>10.8</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>201,500</b>	<b>187,456</b>	<b>223,100</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<b>Services</b>					
Village Development	16,400	14,358	18,000	1,600	9.8
Tourism	5,100	1,713	(4,100)	(9,200)	(180.4)
Parks	60,900	66,216	70,800	9,900	16.3
Recreation	99,700	84,348	116,100	16,400	16.4
Library	19,400	20,821	22,300	2,900	14.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>201,500</b>	<b>187,456</b>	<b>223,100</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>10.7</b>



# Community Development

## Village Development

Table 15

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies	16,400	14,358	18,000	1,600	9.8
Utility Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>16,400</b>	<b>14,358</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>9.8</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>16,400</b>	<b>14,358</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>9.8</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>16,400</b>	<b>14,358</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>9.8</b>

## Tourism

Table 16

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies	5,100	4,408	5,900	800	15.7
Utility Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>4,408</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>15.7</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	(195)	-	-	-
Grants	-	(2,500)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(100.0)
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,695)</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>(100.0)</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>(4,100)</b>	<b>(9,200)</b>	<b>(180.4)</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>(4,100)</b>	<b>(9,200)</b>	<b>(180.4)</b>

# Community Development

## Parks

Table 17

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies	58,400	62,518	66,800	8,400	14.4
Utility Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	2,500	3,698	4,000	1,500	60.0
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>60,900</b>	<b>66,216</b>	<b>70,800</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>16.3</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>60,900</b>	<b>66,216</b>	<b>70,800</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>16.3</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>60,900</b>	<b>66,216</b>	<b>70,800</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>16.3</b>

## Recreation

Table 18

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	138,000	136,782	144,900	6,900	5.0
Materials and Supplies	47,900	49,282	52,400	4,500	9.4
Utility Costs	1,100	884	1,100	-	-
Purchased Services	4,600	80	4,600	-	-
Grants	2,500	1,032	2,500	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>194,100</b>	<b>188,059</b>	<b>205,500</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	(28,200)	(41,791)	(30,600)	(2,400)	8.5
Grants	(51,200)	(46,920)	(43,800)	7,400	(14.5)
Other	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>(94,400)</b>	<b>(103,711)</b>	<b>(89,400)</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>(5.3)</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>99,700</b>	<b>84,348</b>	<b>116,100</b>	<b>16,400</b>	<b>16.4</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>99,700</b>	<b>84,348</b>	<b>116,100</b>	<b>16,400</b>	<b>16.4</b>

# Community Development

## Library

Table 19

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies	14,900	15,597	17,100	2,200	14.8
Utility Costs	3,500	4,224	4,200	700	20.0
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>18,400</b>	<b>19,821</b>	<b>21,300</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>15.8</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>18,400</b>	<b>19,821</b>	<b>21,300</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>15.8</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>20,821</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>14.9</b>

# Corporate Expenses

## Introduction

The expenditures in this classification generally pertain to the Village operations as a whole or the benefits are shared across the entire Village. They have not been identified within specific departments.

Expenses include professional fees (banking, legal and audit), general liability insurance, crossing guard costs and inter-fund allocations.

### Sewer Administration Fees

Rather than allocate a portion of office salaries, supplies, utilities and other expenses between the general and sewer fund, in 2010 the Village charged the sewer fund an administration fee for the management of the sewer system. This amount is shown as a reduction to Purchased Services on Table 20 (to show as income would be overstating the Village's revenues.) The sewer fund shows this fee as an expense in Table 22.

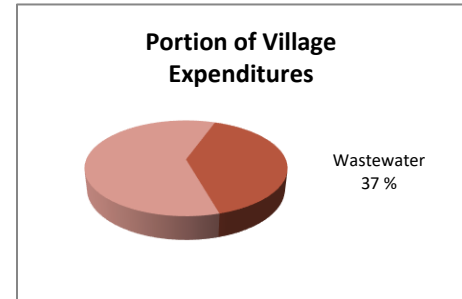
## Corporate Expenses

Table 20

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	20,900	21,729	22,100	1,200	5.7
Materials and Supplies	22,100	23,156	25,600	3,500	15.8
Utility Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased Services	10,300	8,633	10,800	500	4.9
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>53,300</b>	<b>53,517</b>	<b>58,500</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>9.8</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	(200)	(105)	(100)	100	(50.0)
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>(105)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(50.0)</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>53,100</b>	<b>53,412</b>	<b>58,400</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>10.0</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>53,100</b>	<b>53,412</b>	<b>58,400</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>10.0</b>

## Introduction

The Village of Kingston's wastewater fund is financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. Costs of providing the services to the public are financed through user charges. The mission of the Wastewater Section is to protect the health and safety of the public and provide reliable and efficient wastewater collection, wastewater treatment, effluent reuse and recharge, wastewater discharge monitoring of industrial and commercial businesses, all in a cost effective manner. The Wastewater Section maintains the necessary tools, equipment, and properly trained and skilled personnel in order to meet the public's expectations and resolve problems at the appropriate staff level.



The objectives of the Wastewater Section are:

- wastewater administration is responsible for the oversight of the wastewater system, and includes allocation for salaries, training, vehicle and other costs including internal allocations between funds
- wastewater treatment is dedicated to providing safe, reliable, efficient, and cost effective operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment operations, sludge wasting operations, and effluent production
- wastewater collection is dedicated to providing safe, reliable, efficient, and cost effective operation and maintenance of the wastewater collection system which includes sewer lines, sewer manholes, lift stations, and force mains



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Table 21

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	146,200	143,267	149,100	2,900	2.0
Materials and Supplies	174,200	169,585	199,500	25,300	14.5
Utility Costs	84,400	89,999	96,200	11,800	14.0
Purchased Services	3,000	496	3,000	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>407,800</b>	<b>403,346</b>	<b>447,800</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>9.8</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	(22,900)	(19,364)	(19,100)	3,800	(16.6)
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	(619,900)	(627,799)	(663,700)	(43,800)	7.1
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>(642,800)</b>	<b>(647,162)</b>	<b>(682,800)</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>(235,000)</b>	<b>(243,817)</b>	<b>(235,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	150,000	150,000	150,000	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>(85,000)</b>	<b>(93,817)</b>	<b>(85,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Services</b>					
Sewer Administration	(297,600)	(308,101)	(328,600)	(31,000)	10.4
Treatment and Collection	212,600	214,284	243,600	31,000	14.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(85,000)</b>	<b>(93,817)</b>	<b>(85,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

# Wastewater

## Sewer Administration

Table 22

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	146,200	143,267	149,100	2,900	2.0
Materials and Supplies	43,900	43,296	50,000	6,100	13.9
Utility Costs	2,100	2,004	2,100	-	-
Purchased Services	3,000	496	3,000	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>195,200</b>	<b>189,062</b>	<b>204,200</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	(22,900)	(19,364)	(19,100)	3,800	(16.6)
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	(619,900)	(627,799)	(663,700)	(43,800)	7.1
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>(642,800)</b>	<b>(647,162)</b>	<b>(682,800)</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>(447,600)</b>	<b>(458,101)</b>	<b>(478,600)</b>	<b>(31,000)</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	150,000	150,000	150,000	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>(297,600)</b>	<b>(308,101)</b>	<b>(328,600)</b>	<b>(31,000)</b>	<b>10.4</b>

## Treatment and Collection

Table 23

	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Projected Actual	2024/25 Approved Budget	Base Budget \$ Change	Budget % Change
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies	130,300	126,289	149,500	19,200	14.7
Utility Costs	82,300	87,995	94,100	11,800	14.3
Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>212,600</b>	<b>214,284</b>	<b>243,600</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>14.6</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Activity Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Exp.</b>	<b>212,600</b>	<b>214,284</b>	<b>243,600</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>14.6</b>
Debt & Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tax Levy Requirement</b>	<b>212,600</b>	<b>214,284</b>	<b>243,600</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>14.6</b>



## Introduction

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a five-year roadmap for creating, maintaining and paying for the Village's present and future infrastructure needs. The CIP outlines project costs, funding sources and future operating costs associated with each capital project. The plan is designed to ensure that capital improvements will be made when and where they are needed, and that the Village will have the funds to pay for and maintain them regardless of changes in the external economic environment.

Capital improvement projects are non-routine capital expenditures that generally cost more than \$5,000 resulting in the purchase of equipment, construction, renovation or acquisition of land, infrastructure and/or buildings with an expected useful life of at least five years. Capital improvement projects are designed to prevent the deterioration of the Village's existing infrastructure, and respond to and anticipate the future growth of the Village.



Capital improvements make up the bricks and mortar, or infrastructure that all municipalities must have in place in order to provide essential services to current residents and support new growth and development. Capital improvements consist of sidewalks, wastewater infrastructure and treatment plants, parks and other recreation facilities, landscape beautification projects and major equipment purchases.

To ensure that all Village residents share equally in high-quality services and amenities, infrastructure expansion and improvement must continue as our population

increases and Village facilities age, without regard to external forces, such as economic conditions, that may severely limit our ability to pay for them.

## Paying for the Capital Budget

In many respects, the Village planning process for selecting, scheduling and financing capital improvements—assessing many valid competing needs, determining priorities, evaluating costs and financing options (i.e. increasing revenues, reducing expenses or increasing debt) and establishing realistic completion timeframes—parallels the way an individual might plan for buying a new house or car. Initially, it must be decided if the purchase is a higher priority than other equally pressing needs. The analysis process involves many familiar questions.

- Do I need a new home or car or just “want” one?
- Can I wait another year or two?
- Are there other alternatives such as remodelling, using public transit or carpooling?
- What other purchases will I need to forego?
- What can I afford and how can I pay for it?
- Do I need outside financing and what will it cost?

If the purchase plan moves forward, a decision needs to be made about the down payment. A good planner might have started a “replacement fund” a few years ago in anticipation of the need. Other cash sources might include a savings account or a “rainy day” emergency fund. The Village, just like most families, needs to find longer-term bank financing to cover certain costs for capital improvements.

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Repaying the loan might require cutting other expenses like eating at restaurants, or increasing income by taking a second part-time job. An unanticipated inheritance may speed up the timetable; a negative event, such as a flood, might delay the plan.

Similarly, most large capital projects cannot be financed solely from a single year's annual operating budget by simply increasing income or decreasing expenses.

## Guidelines and Policies Used in Developing the CIP

Capital projects should:

- Prevent the deterioration of the Village's existing infrastructure, and respond to and anticipate future growth in the Village
- Encourage and sustain the Village's quality economic development
- Be responsive to the needs of residents and businesses, within the constraints of reasonable taxes and fees
- Take maximum advantage of improvements provided by other units of government where appropriate
- Generally cost more than \$5,000 with an expected useful life of at least five years

Economic forecasts are a critical source of information and guidance throughout the capital planning process. They provide the contextual framework within which the Commission develops its annual and long-term goals and objectives. The forecasts assess external factors such as the economic environment, population growth and other variables that may affect the Village's ability to finance needed services and capital projects.

## Capital Budget Process

In conjunction with the annual budgeting process, the Commission and staff coordinate the process of revising and updating the Village's capital plan. Individual departments identify projects, which are prioritized, and form the basis for appropriations in the 2024/25 budget. The first year of the plan is the only year appropriated by the Commission. The remaining four years are for planning purposes and funding is not guaranteed to occur in the year planned. The final decision to fund a project is made by the Commission.



The Commission's strategic goals and key objectives determine the broad parameters for adding new capital projects. Village staff members participate in an extensive review of past project accomplishments and the identification of new projects for inclusion in the Capital Budget. The Commission's commitment to the needs and desires of Village citizens is an important factor considered during the capital planning process, along with ensuring that projects remain within legal limits and financial resources. Once the projects are selected for inclusion in the Capital Plan, staff must decide which projects need to be implemented in each of the first five years. Determining how and when to schedule projects is a complicated process. It must take into account all of the variables that affect the Village's ability to generate the funds to pay for these projects without jeopardizing its ability to provide routine, ongoing services and one-time or emergency services when needed.

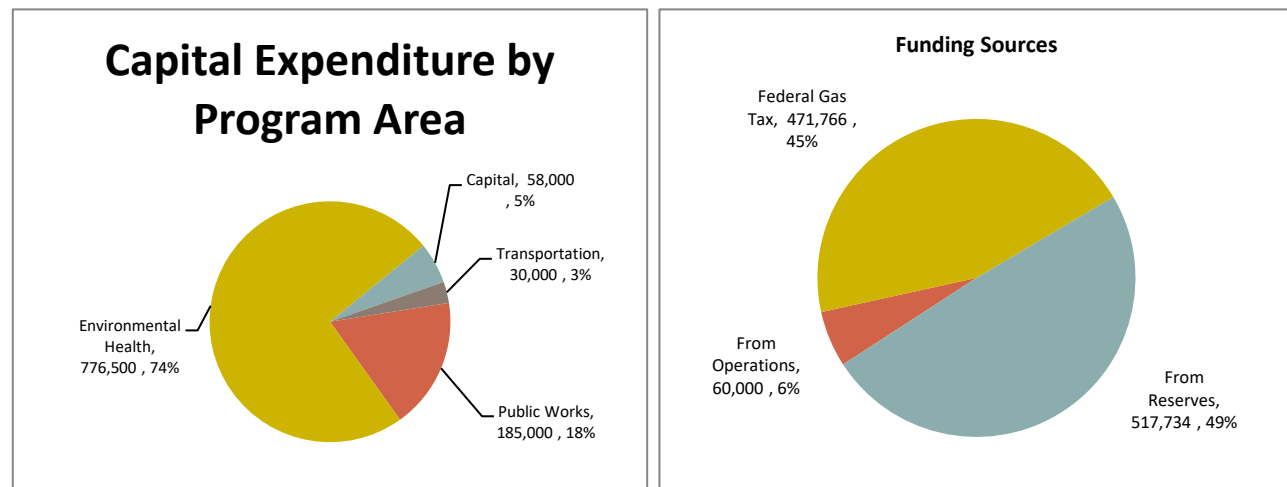
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## 2024/25 Capital Budget

The recommended 2024/25 budget includes Village capital expenditures of \$1,049,500. The projects incorporated in the CIP for 2024/25 have been classified under four sections, and are shown in detail on Table 25 (page 41)

- Environmental Health - \$776,500
- Transportation - \$30,000
- Capital Work - \$58,000
- Public Works - \$185,000

The projects have been classified on the basis of the predominate department to indicate what the impact would be on the tax rate or sewer rate for the Village. This classification also allows the reader to gain a clearer understanding of each of the major capital expenditure envelopes, the source of financing, specific pressures and impacts on the users due to rate increases in the general tax rate or specific user fees.



Projects for 2024/25 include:

- Bridge Street Crosswalk (at Windsor)
- STP – Grit Chamber repair
- KN2 Lift Station renewal
- STP – UV Room Flooding
- STP – Digital flow meter
- Paving – PW Building
- Paving – Public Parking Lot
- Paving – Rec-Hut Parking Lot
- Highway 101 signage
- Sea Container – storage
- Ravenwood Ball Field Repairs
- Kearne Avenue Streetlights
- Large Tractor replacement

Debt

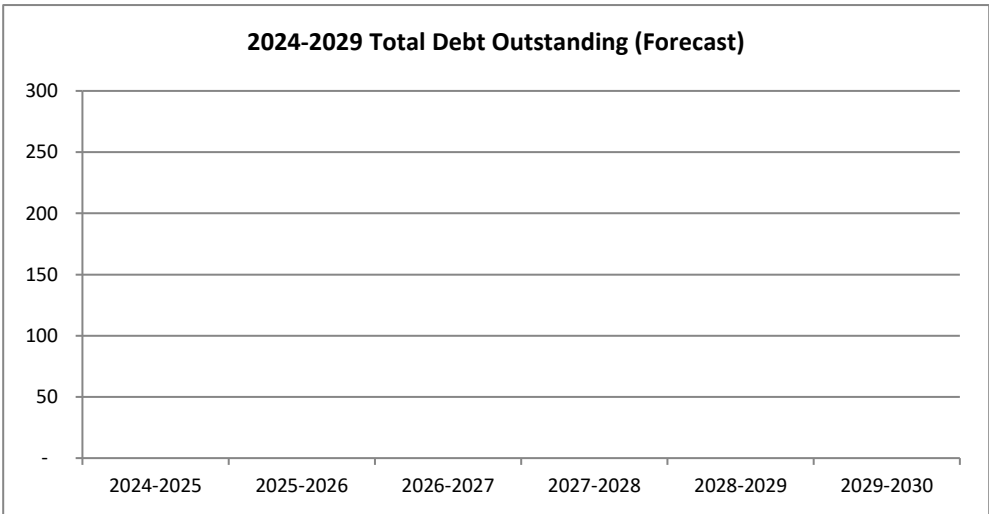
The Village of Kingston is currently debt free. This level of debt and forecasted debt issues for future years is well below the allowable Provincial limits.

Ten Year Debt Schedule – Current Debt

Table 24

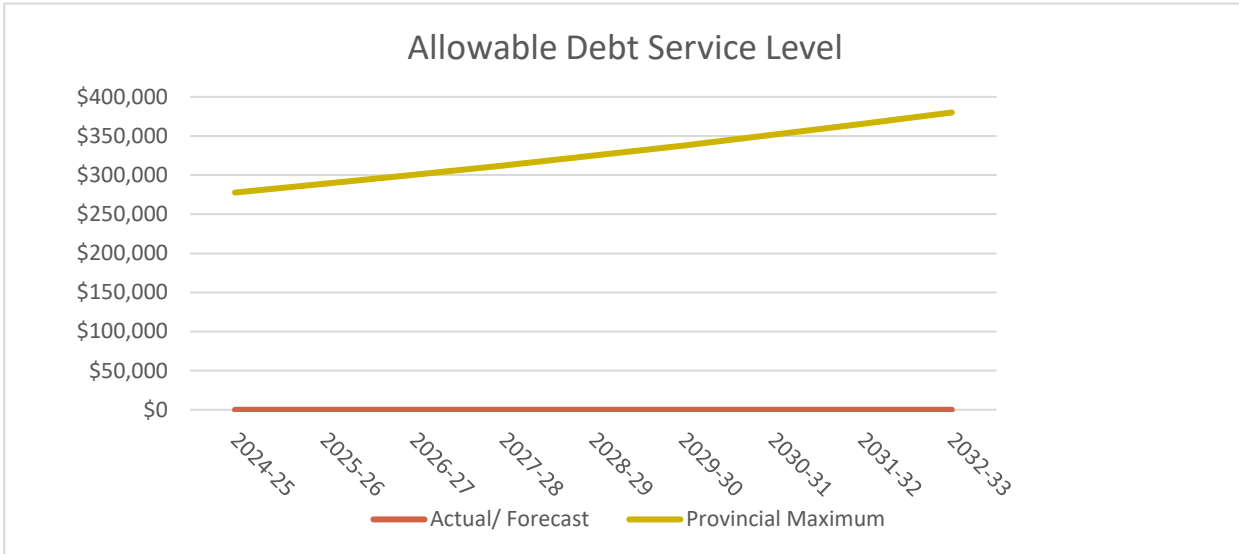
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024-2025	-	-	-
2025-2026	-	-	-
2026-2027	-	-	-
2027-2028	-	-	-
2028-2029	-	-	-
2029-2030	-	-	-
2031-2032	-	-	-
2032-2033	-	-	-
2033-2034	-	-	-
2034-2035	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-

The future year’s capital expenditures have been planned to ensure that significant increases in the tax rate are not required. With the uncertainty of Federal and Provincial funds from infrastructure programs, which have been mainly cost shared, sewer rate increases may be necessary to fund the required rehabilitation needs.



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The movement towards funding capital projects through the tax rate shows that these changes in debt leave the Village in good financial shape and provide flexibility to fund future projects. The chart below compares the forecasted debt service burden against the allowable Provincial limit of 15% of annual revenues.



## 2024/25 Capital Projects and Funding Sources

Table 25

	Cost	From Operations	From Reserves	Federal Gas Tax	Other Federal Funding	Other Provincial Funding	Kings County Funding
<b>Environmental Health</b>							
Grit chamber concrete repair	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
KN #2 Lift Station Panel & Pump Replacement	70,000	-	70,000	-	-	-	-
STP - Structural, Ventilation, Electrical	303,500	-	171,734	131,766	-	-	-
STP - UV Building (Flooding)	340,000	-	-	340,000	-	-	-
Asset Management (Surveying / GIS Design)	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-
Digital daily/weekly flow meter (STP)	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-	-
Pumps & Laterals	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Environmental Health</b>	<b>776,500</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>274,734</b>	<b>471,766</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Transportation</b>							
Crosswalk Bridge Street	30,000	-	30,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Capital</b>							
Christmas Decorations	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
Highway 101 signage (2x)	30,000	-	30,000	-	-	-	-
Ravenwood ball field repairs	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
Kearne Avenue Streetlights	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Public Works</b>							
Paving – 3 locations	110,000	-	110,000	-	-	-	-
Sea Container Storage	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
Large Tractor Replacement	65,000	-	65,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,049,500</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>517,734</b>	<b>471,766</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Five Year Capital Forecast

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Table 26 (includes outside funding)

	Cost	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
<b>Environmental Health</b>						
Grit chamber concrete repair	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
KN #2 Lift Station Panel & Pump Replacement	70,000	70,000	-	-	-	-
STP - Structural, Ventilation, Electrical	303,500	303,500	-	-	-	-
STP - UV Building (Flooding)	340,000	340,000	-	-	-	-
Asset Management (Surveying / GIS Design)	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-
Digital daily/weekly flow meter (STP)	8,000	8,000	-	-	-	-
Pumps & Laterals	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
STP - Digester - Access Walkway	140,000	-	140,000	-	-	-
STP - Aerator Upgrades Design Engineering	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-
STP - Cantilever Gate	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-
STP - Sludge Pump Upgrades	66,000	-	-	66,000	-	-
Portable Genset and KN Connections	75,000	-	-	75,000	-	-
Greenwood Rd Sewer Extension	230,000	-	-	230,000	-	-
STP - Clarifier Rehabilitation	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	-
STP - Aerator Upgrades	230,000	-	-	-	230,000	-
<b>Total Environmental Health</b>	<b>1,617,500</b>	<b>776,500</b>	<b>205,000</b>	<b>396,000</b>	<b>315,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Transportation</b>						
Crosswalk (Bridge and Windsor)	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
Bridge Street Sidewalk Renewal	150,000	-	150,000	-	-	-
Main Street Renewal (to Marshall Rd)	80,000	-	-	80,000	-	-
Pine Ridge Sidewalk Only	80,000	-	-	-	80,000	-
Main Street Renewal (Maple to Kingswood)	170,000	-	-	-	170,000	-
Main St to Embrook Place	200,000	-	-	-	-	200,000
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>710,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Capital</b>						
Christmas Decorations	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
Highway 101 signage (2x)	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
Ravenwood ball field repairs	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
Kearne Avenue Streetlights	8,000	8,000	-	-	-	-
Solar panels on PW Building	40,000	-	-	-	40,000	-
Stronach Park Wi-Fi / Cameras	30,000	-	-	-	30,000	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Public Works</b>						
Paving Projects – 3 locations	110,000	110,000	-	-	-	-
Sea Container Storage	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
Large Tractor Replacement	65,000	65,000	-	-	-	-
Lawn Mower Replacement	45,000	-	45,000	-	-	-
Small Tractor Replacement	40,000	-	-	40,000	-	-
Truck #2 Replacement	70,000	-	-	-	70,000	-
Truck #1 Replacement	85,000	-	-	-	-	85,000
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>425,000</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>
<b>Recreation</b>						
Ravenwood Irrigation	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-
Splashpad	300,000	-	300,000	-	-	-
Rec-Hut Playground Renewal	40,000	-	-	40,000	-	-
Ravenwood Playground Renewal	40,000	-	-	40,000	-	-
Ravenwood Basketball Court – surface renewal	20,000	-	-	20,000	-	-
Tennis Courts (expansion)	200,000	-	-	-	-	200,000
<b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,530,500</b>	<b>1,049,500</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>616,000</b>	<b>705,000</b>	<b>510,000</b>

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## Five Year Capital Funding Forecast

Table 27

	Cost	From Operations	From Reserves	Federal Gas Tax	Other Federal Funding	Debt	Kings County Funding
<b>Environmental Health</b>							
Grit chamber concrete repair	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
KN #2 Lift Station Renewal	70,000	-	70,000	-	-	-	-
STP - Structural, Ventilation, Electrical	303,500	-	171,734	131,766	-	-	-
STP - UV Building (Flooding)	340,000	-	-	340,000	-	-	-
Asset Management (Surveying / GIS Design)	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-
Digital daily/weekly flow meter (STP)	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-	-
Pumps & Laterals	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	-
STP - Digester - Access Walkway	140,000	-	-	140,000	-	-	-
STP - Aerator Upgrades Design Engineering	20,000	-	-	20,000	-	-	-
STP - Cantilever Gate	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	-
STP - Sludge Pump Upgrades	66,000	-	-	66,000	-	-	-
Portable Genset and KN Connections	75,000	-	75,000	-	-	-	-
Greenwood Rd Sewer Extension	230,000	-	100,000	130,000	-	-	-
STP - Clarifier Rehabilitation	60,000	-	60,000	-	-	-	-
STP - Aerator Upgrades	230,000	-	100,000	130,000	-	-	-
<b>Total Environmental Health</b>	<b>1,617,500</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>629,734</b>	<b>957,766</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Transportation</b>							
Crosswalk (Bridge and Windsor)	30,000	-	30,000	-	-	-	-
Bridge Street Sidewalk Renewal	150,000	-	150,000	-	-	-	-
Main Street Renewal (to Marshall Rd)	80,000	-	30,000	50,000	-	-	-
Pine Ridge Sidewalk Only	80,000	-	30,000	50,000	-	-	-
Main Street Renewal (Maple to Kingswood)	170,000	-	170,000	-	-	-	-
Main St to Embrook Place	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>710,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>610,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Capital</b>							
Christmas Decorations	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
Highway 101 signage (2x)	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-
Ravenwood ball field repairs	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
Kearne Avenue Streetlights	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-	-
Solar panels on PW Building	40,000	-	40,000	-	-	-	-
Stronach Park Wi-Fi / Cameras	30,000	-	30,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Public Works</b>							
Paving Projects – 3 locations	110,000	-	110,000	-	-	-	-
Sea Container Storage	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
Large Tractor Replacement	65,000	-	65,000	-	-	-	-
Lawn Mower Replacement	45,000	-	45,000	-	-	-	-
Small Tractor Replacement	40,000	-	40,000	-	-	-	-
Truck #2 Replacement	70,000	-	70,000	-	-	-	-
Truck #1 Replacement	85,000	-	85,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>425,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>415,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Recreation</b>							
Ravenwood Irrigation	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-	-
Splashpad	300,000	-	100,000	-	200,000	-	-
Rec-Hut Playground Renewal	40,000	-	40,000	-	-	-	-
Ravenwood Playground Renewal	40,000	-	40,000	-	-	-	-
Ravenwood BBall Court – surface renewal	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	-
Tennis Courts (expansion)	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>450,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,530,500</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>2,182,734</b>	<b>1,057,766</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

