

# 2026 Budget Highlights



Learn about the budget and share your feedback by March 29!  
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## Driven by Your Priorities

In our Fall 2025 Community Survey, we heard from Maple Ridge residents what matters most to them. Here are some examples of how the City is addressing those priorities.



Keeping our community safe and resilient to emergencies.



Prioritizing road projects to reduce traffic congestion.



Expanding recreation programs and spaces for swimming, fitness, and more.



Opening up industrial land and attracting business to balance tax sources.



Investing in utilities and other core infrastructure.



Supporting businesses and development by streamlining and modernizing processes.



Installing active transportation amenities to support walking and cycling.



Supporting quality of life and community pride.

## Delivering What Matters

### Message from Mayor and Council

The City's 2026 budget has been developed with a focus on affordability, core services, and getting infrastructure built. The 2026 budget targets top concerns such as carefully managing growth, reducing traffic congestion, maintaining public safety, and managing costs responsibly, while investing in roads, utilities, parks, facilities, and emergency services. We're supporting investments that deliver what matters most today and prepare Maple Ridge for tomorrow.



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# 2026 Draft Budget

## TAX IMPACT

The proposed increase is for an average Maple Ridge home (\$1.04 million). Tax impact will vary for properties assessed above or below the average.

	2025	2026	Proposed Increase
Property Taxes	\$2,880	\$2,980	\$101 (3.5%)
<b>Utilities</b>			
Water	\$822	\$859	\$37 (4.5%)
Sewer	\$716	\$759	\$43 (6.1%)
			<b>\$181 (4.1%)</b>

Amounts may vary slightly due to rounding.

## BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Expenses related to day to day services and programs (operating expenses):



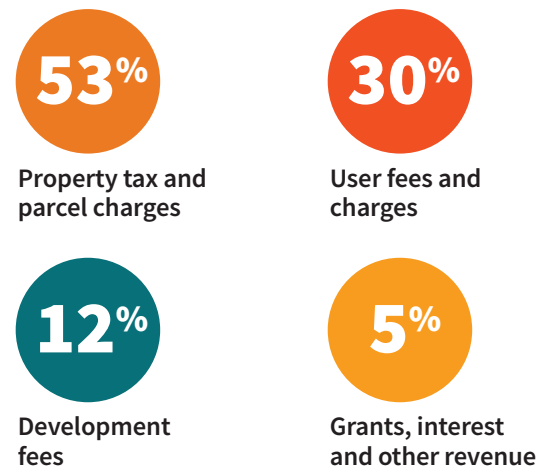
## CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Factors influencing the 2026 tax rate include:

- External inflation costs (e.g. construction, supplies)
- Regulatory requirements (e.g. BC housing legislation)
- Increased demand for City services
- Increased maintenance for aging assets (e.g. roads)
- Public safety service staffing increases
- Mandatory labour contract increases
- Regional fee increases

## FUNDING SOURCES

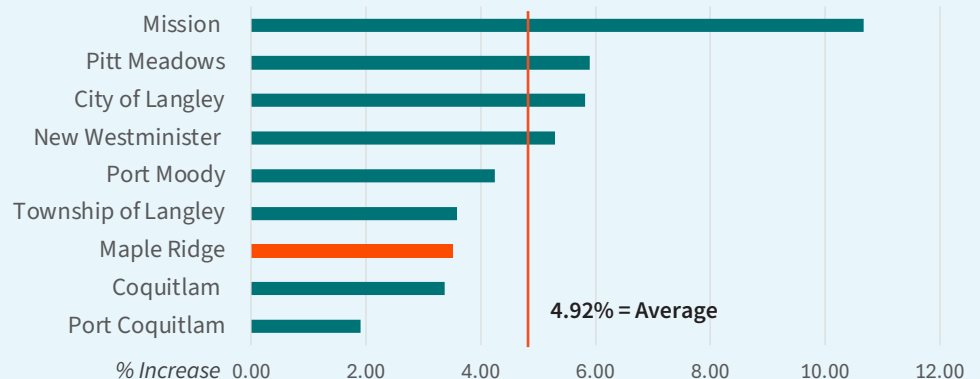
City expenses are funded in four main ways:



## How Does Maple Ridge Compare?

Maple Ridge's proposed property tax increase is below the average of proposed 2026 increases in similar municipalities.

Proposed 2026 Property Tax Increase for Similar Municipalities (by Total Population)



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# How Your Tax Dollars are Invested

## FUNDING LARGE, LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS (CAPITAL BUDGET)

**10%** Transportation Improvements

**8%** Recreation Amenities

**6%** City Facilities & Technology Improvements

**5%** Parks & Natural Assets

**40%** Water, Sewer & Drainage Infrastructure

**31%** Public Safety Infrastructure & Equipment

Visit [MapleRidge.ca/Capital](https://MapleRidge.ca/Capital) for full details.

## FUNDING DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (OPERATING BUDGET)



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# Understanding Your Tax Notice

Maple Ridge's annual tax notice is made up of three parts. Unlike other cities, Maple Ridge bills taxes and utilities at the same time as there are administrative cost savings.

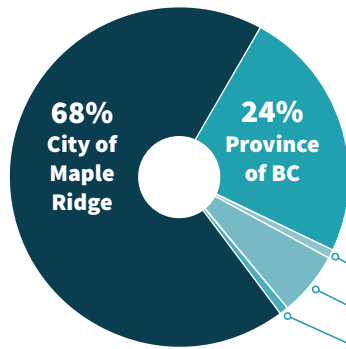
## Municipal Taxes

Providing a wide variety of services to the community.

## City Utility Levies

Supporting water and sewer services, with a significant portion for regional utility infrastructure.

*Pie chart percentages exclude Provincial Home Owner Grant.*



## Collections for Other Agencies

Including Provincial school taxes, Metro Vancouver Regional District, TransLink, BC Assessment Authority, and Municipal Finance Authority.

- 1% Metro Vancouver
- 6% TransLink
- 1% BC Assessment Authority

## Options for Tax Payments

There are a variety of ways to pay your taxes, including the City's instalment prepayment plan and the provincial tax deferment program. See [MapleRidge.ca/PayingYourTaxes](http://MapleRidge.ca/PayingYourTaxes).

# Impact of Your Property Assessment

Property taxes are based on the assessed value of your property. However, an increase in your assessment does not necessarily mean an increase in your property taxes.

Property tax changes are impacted by your assessment's change compared to your community's average assessment change. See your assessment notice to see how your property compares.

If your assessment **rises more** (or decreases less) than the City average, your tax increase will be **higher than the average**.



**Average change in assessment**

If your assessment **rises less** (or decreases more) than the City average, your tax increase will be **lower than the average**.

# BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS

- Analyze actual expenses from prior year and results of community survey
- Approve financial planning guidelines
- Identify areas for savings and efficiencies and non-discretionary increases
- Capital planning and project prioritization
- Capital Plan approved
- Estimate property tax increase needed to fund expenses
- Community engagement on proposed budget
- Community feedback considered and incorporated into financial planning
- Financial plan and tax rate bylaws approved

# Share Your 2026 Budget Feedback by March 29

Maple Ridge residents who complete the feedback form by March 29 at [Engage.MapleRidge.ca/Budget2026](http://Engage.MapleRidge.ca/Budget2026) can enter to win a \$150 gift card that can be used at over 90 local businesses.



## Opportunities to Learn More and Provide Feedback

- Budget Talks videos:** Learn how the City builds the budget at [MapleRidge.ca/Budget](http://MapleRidge.ca/Budget).
- Engage page:** Learn more and complete the feedback form by March 29 at [Engage.MapleRidge.ca/Budget2026](http://Engage.MapleRidge.ca/Budget2026).
- Pop-up info booth:** March 11, 9-11 a.m.: Maple Ridge Seniors Centre, 12150 224 St. See full listing of events at [Engage.MapleRidge.ca/Budget2026](http://Engage.MapleRidge.ca/Budget2026).

