

Georgina's 2020 Budget

Investing in Service Excellence and Building for Tomorrow

Georgina Council approved the 2020 budget, which strikes a balance between improving services, saving for tomorrow and supporting the infrastructure needed for the future. The budget includes a 2.94 per cent increase for the 2020 tax levy budget with an additional one per cent increase for contributions to capital reserves for a total of 3.94 per cent.

The Town of Georgina remains committed to building strong and healthy communities, and ensuring that everyone benefits from a high quality of life. The Town continues to move forward with a number of major projects including the new Multi-use Recreation Complex (MURC) and replacement Civic Centre. Learn more about these projects at georgina.ca/BuildingGeorgina.



How your Georgina tax dollar is spent

The Town of Georgina's 2020 Operating Budget, including contributions to reserves of \$10.4 million, is \$77.5 million. The 2020 Capital Budget is \$68.6 million, which includes \$24.2 million of carry-forward capital projects. Funding sources for the tax levy supported expenditures are derived in part by revenues generated by user fees, permits and licences, federal and provincial grants, Federal Gas Tax and development charges. In 2020, Georgina will receive \$1.4 million in Federal Gas Tax Funding. Council also endorsed the 2020 water and wastewater budget which will see an increase of 6.9 per cent or \$23.78 for the average quarterly billing. For more budget-related information, visit georgina.ca/budget.

Budget Highlights

- \$3.1 million to continue a roads resurfacing and road reconstruction program
- \$2.4 million in bridge rehabilitations and replacements including Baldwin Road Bridge, Frog Street Bridge and Old Shiloh Road
- \$1.4 million for the Building Condition Assessment program to make improvements to a number of Town facilities including the Georgina Ice Palace, Sutton Library and Pefferlaw Lion's Hall
- \$360,000 for playground replacements and improvements at three parks – Glenwoods Park, Young's Harbour and the Sutton Multi-use Park. A wheelchair swing will be constructed at the ROC
- A washroom will be included in the construction of the new Sutton Community Park
- \$332,000 in operating funding to community organizations including: Routes Transportation, Georgina Trades Training Inc. (GTTI), Georgina Chamber of Commerce, Georgina Art Centre and Gallery, the Military Museum, Georgina Farmers Market
- \$300,000 for a Town-wide reconstruction program for ditches that have deteriorated, been altered or where drainage is poor
- Continued security measures including overtime for municipal by-law staff to respond to residents' concerns after hours and paid duty police officers at waterfront parks during the summer
- Installation of flexible traffic bollards in safety zones for traffic calming and speed reduction, improving pedestrian safety
- Moving forward with a broadband strategy and action plan that will develop a roadmap for enhancing broadband/internet connectivity across the Town
- Replacement fire truck
- New dedicated teen space at the Keswick library branch offering age-appropriate activities and improved technology including self-checkout units and accessible computer software at the Library
- Dedicated funds for recreation facility needs in Pefferlaw. Public input will help determine what recreation facilities are needed.

