



# City of Belleville Guide to Your 2019 Final Property Tax Notice



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Due Dates

First Instalment: June 26, 2019  
Second Instalment: September 26, 2019

## Easy Payment Options

### In Person

- City Hall, 169 Front Street
- Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre, 265 Cannifton Road
- Belleville Water Customer Service, 183 Pinnacle Street

### By Mail

- Send your cheque to City of Belleville, 169 Front St., Belleville, ON K8N 2Y8. (Postdated cheques will be processed without exception).

### Financial Institution Payments

- May be made at any financial institution or through your bank's telephone or online banking services. (Please check for availability with your financial institution).

### Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

- Monthly or instalment forms available online or at City Hall.

### Tax Payment Drop Boxes

- City Hall, 169 Front Street
- Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre, 265 Cannifton Road

### MC & VISA

- Online ([belleville.ca](http://belleville.ca)) or by phone (1-888-460-3832). Please Note: convenience charge applicable.

## Tax Information

If you have any questions about your 2019 Final Tax Notice please call the Tax Department at: 613-967-3243  
TTY Phone Line 613-967-3768  
Or  
Email: [tax.info@belleville.ca](mailto:tax.info@belleville.ca)  
Hours of Operation  
Monday to Friday  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm



## Your Tax Dollars at Work

These municipal taxes cover many essential services to our community including:

- Police, Fire, EMS and other medical services
- Road, sidewalk and bridge construction & maintenance
- Snow removal
- Recreational facilities including pools and arenas
- Local transit
- Parks, marinas and other outdoor facilities
- Residential and business development



*“The City of Belleville works hard to ensure the delicate balance between the cost of living and the quality of life remains one of our key assets.*

*City Council and I are proud to serve you. We are committed to working with you as we continue to build a healthy, prosperous and resilient city, for now and the decades to come.”*

  
Mayor Mitch Panciuk

## Direct Costs

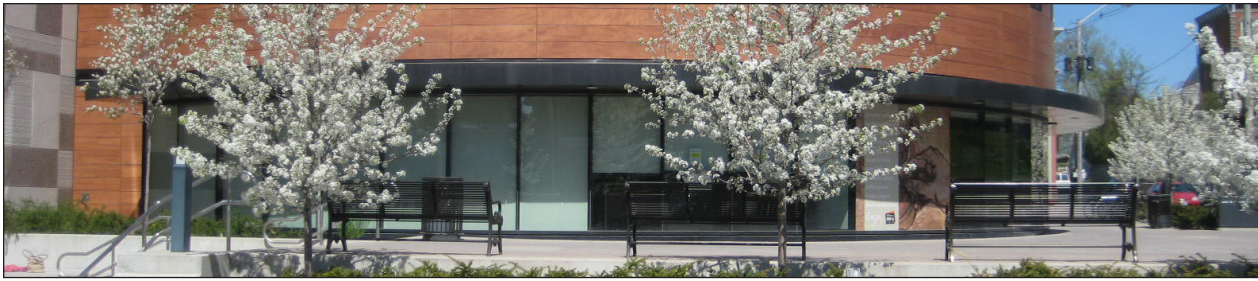
Council has direct control of 60% of the annual municipal budget. This includes areas such as: recreation, parks, transit, roads, administration, finance, fire, water and waste water treatment.

## External Costs

External costs account for 40% of the annual municipal budget. These costs include police and other emergency services, provincially mandated programs and other Boards and Commissions.

You can find more information about your tax bill, a property tax calculator and complete municipal budget details online at [Belleville.ca](http://Belleville.ca).





#### 2019 Tax Rates

Tax rates consist of two parts – an education component and a municipal component.

#### Municipal Taxes

The tax rates are calculated using the net annual operating budget, as approved by Council, and the City's weighted assessment for the year. The operating budget provides funding for the full scope of services provided by the City. Revenue from provincial grants, user fees and other sources is deducted from the total expenditures, resulting in a net amount to be raised from taxes. The amount to be raised from taxes for 2019 is \$101.4 million as compared to \$95.1 million in 2018.

#### Rates By Property Class

Tax rates are established for each class of property (Residential, Multi-Residential, Commercial, Industrial, etc.) and are expressed as a percentage of the Residential tax rate.

#### Education Taxes

The Province of Ontario establishes the Education tax rate for each class of property. Education taxes are then billed and collected by the City and remitted to the four local School Boards. The 2019 rate for Residential and Multi-Residential classes has been set at \$0.00160. Residential and Multi-Residential education tax rates are the same for all municipalities across Ontario. The Education tax rates for Commercial and Industrial classes are unique to the City but are still regulated by the Province. For the year 2019 the City will levy and forward to the School Boards a total of \$22.2 million.

#### Annualized Assessment

Assessment values from the 2019 returned Assessment Roll, reflect all changes (additions, deletions, results of ARB decisions, Minutes of Settlements) during the year. Annualized taxes may differ from the actual taxes shown on the 2018 final bill.

#### Area Rating

Tax rates can vary throughout the four billing areas within the municipality due to a process called "area rating" which provides a mechanism for taxpayers to pay for the direct or indirect services they actually receive. When Council establishes the annual budget, individual areas may be impacted to a greater or lesser extent, depending on the cost of the services, causing tax rate changes to vary by area.

#### 2019 Current Value Assessment

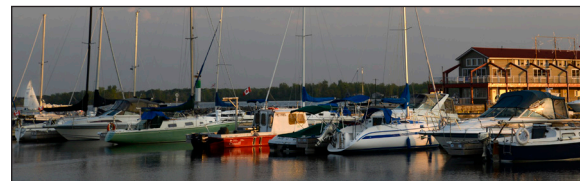
The Assessment Act requires the assessed value of your property be based on what your property would likely sell for on a specific date (January 1, 2016 for the 2017-2020 taxation year). Questions about your assessment should be directed to MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corp) 1-866-296-6722 mpac.ca

#### Rebate and Tax Credit Programs:

##### Low Income Senior/Disabled Person Property Tax Credit Programs

Provides a \$500 credit to anyone who is receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement under the Old Age Security Act (Canada) and is sixty-five years of age or older by December 31st, 2018 or Ontario Disability Support Program Benefits. Deadline for making application is August 30th, 2019. Applications are available at the Customer Service Area, 1st Floor, City Hall and on the City of Belleville's website: [belleville.ca](http://belleville.ca).

Please Note: Applicants must solely own and occupy this property as their principal residence. (Applications must be made on a yearly basis.)



## SERVICES FOR YOUR TAX DOLLAR

To help you better understand where your tax dollars are spent, below is a detailed breakdown of municipal services and their costs based on a typical household assessment of \$250,000.

\$250,000 Assessment	Belleville Urban	Cannifton Urban Fire	Cannifton Rural Fire	Rural
Core Rate	\$2,325.82	\$2,325.82	\$2,325.82	\$2,325.82
Police Urban	\$700.96	\$700.96	\$700.96	\$0.00
Police Rural	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.68
Fire Urban	\$461.35	\$461.35	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fire Rural	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$163.46	\$163.46
Transit Urban	\$172.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Lights Urban	\$30.65	\$30.65	\$30.65	\$0.00
Debt Urban Fire	\$21.74	\$21.74	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Rural Fire	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18.71	\$18.71
Municipal Total	\$3,713.23	\$3,540.52	\$3,239.60	\$2,728.67
Education Total	\$402.50	\$402.50	\$402.50	\$402.50
Total	\$4,115.73	\$3,943.02	\$3,642.10	\$3,131.17

#### Property Tax Rebate Program for Eligible Charities

This rebate program is applicable to registered charities that are tenants in Commercial or Industrial class properties. The landlords may be contacted by the charity to provide certain information the City requires in order to process their application. Deadline for submitting 2019 applications is 4:30 p.m. on February 28th, 2020. Applications are available at the Customer Service Area, 1st Floor, City Hall and on the City of Belleville's website: [belleville.ca](http://belleville.ca) or by calling 613-967-3243.

#### Please Visit:

The City's Residential Tax Rate Calculator online at: [belleville.ca](http://belleville.ca).

It's easy to use. Just enter your billing table 2018 and 2019 assessments, then press calculate for a detailed breakdown of your taxes.