

Kitchener's 2019 Budget at a glance

The City of Kitchener is seeking public input on its proposed 2019 budget, which will be considered by council in January.

The proposed property tax increase of 2.3 per cent is below Ontario's rate of inflation for 2018, and the current year's budget is projecting a small surplus.

The 2019 proposed rate increases and impact to the average homeowner are calculated on a medium-sized single detached home valued at \$309,000.

Household impact

Property tax increase is **2.3 per cent** or **\$25/year**.

Water utilities increase is **6.5 per cent** or **\$78/year**.

Gas is reduced **0.93 per cent** or **\$7/year**.

Total impact - \$96/year.



Operating Budget

- \$406 million in total expenditures
- Provides for the daily delivery of services and programs

Capital Budget

- \$99.5 million in 2019
- \$1.2 billion over ten years
- Proactive infrastructure replacement and asset renewal

Priority areas of investment



Road Safety & Cycling

- Installation of protected bike lanes
- Bike lane snow clearing
- Improvements to Iron Horse Trail
- Resident led traffic calming
- Investment of \$2.5M



Environmental Sustainability

- Sustainability program to meet the City's greenhouse gas targets
- Dedicated funding for energy retrofit projects
- Increased use of biodiesel
- Implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy
- Investment of \$947,000



Improving Customer Service

- Improving the online customer service experience
- Resources to support a growing community
- Investment of \$344,000



Maintaining & Investing in Infrastructure

- Maintaining water, sewer, and gas utility infrastructure
- Rehabilitating City Hall outdoor spaces
- Constructing Huron Brigadoon Community Centre
- Investment of \$12.3M

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Operating budget – supports and maintains...



- 785 km of watermain
- 827 km of sanitary sewers



- 150 major facilities



- 3,529 parking spaces



- 2,000 km of roads
- 2,500 building permits
- 110 water main breaks repaired

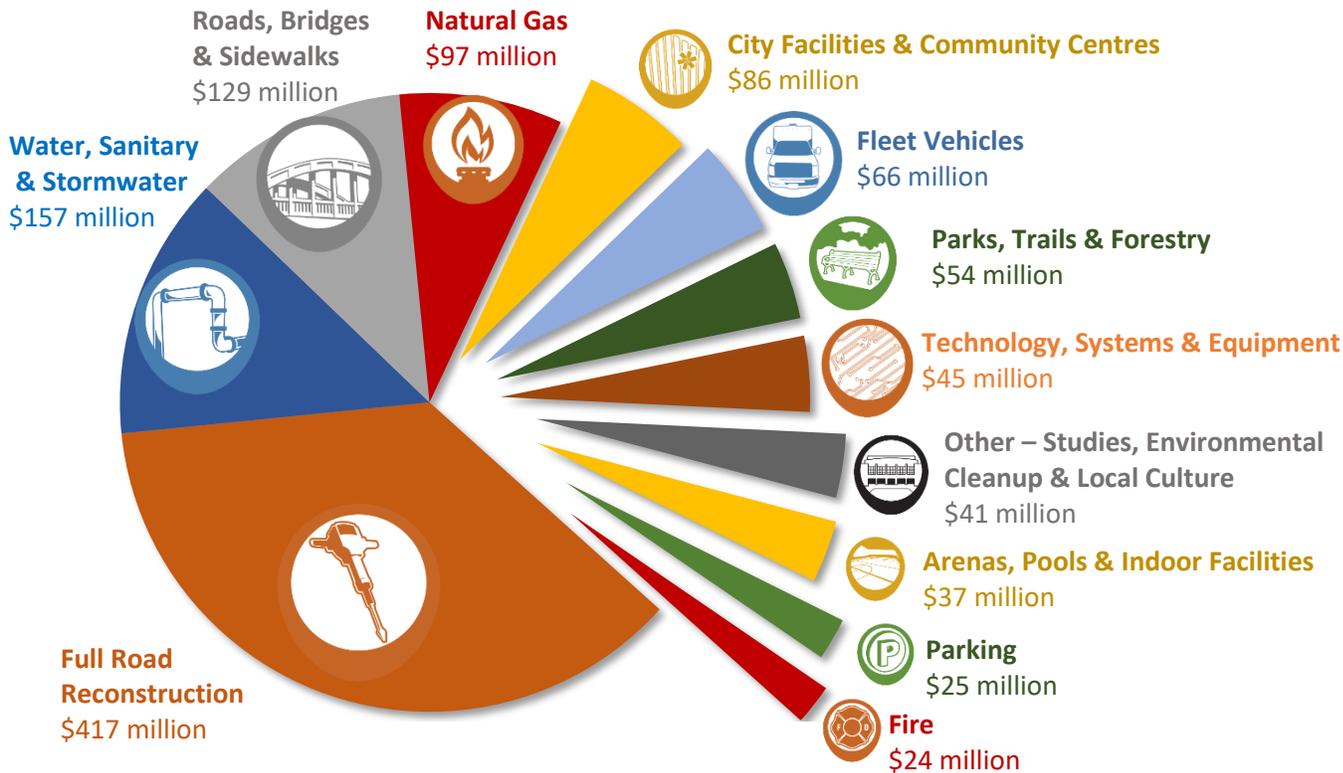


- 42,700 hours of community centre operations



- 71,200 rounds of golf
- 1,571 hectares of parks and open space

Capital budget – the next ten years of investment



What do you think about the proposed budget? Full budget reports and a feedback survey can be found at – Kitchener.ca/budget.