

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL – 2025 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET
DECEMBER 18, 2024
Administration Centre – 5786 County Road 21, Utopia ON**

6:00 PM

- 1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR**

- 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

STAFF REPORTS AND MEMORANDUMS

3. FINANCE

- p. 1 **a. Staff Report TR007-24 submitted by the Manager of Finance, re: 2025 Capital and Operating Budget.**

Recommendation: ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** *Staff Report TR007-24 be received; and*
THAT *Council approve the 2025 Draft Budget (Capital and Operating) in the amount of \$38,222,833.00 with a levy of \$13,045,370 representing a total tax increase of 3.26%; and*
THAT *Council instruct staff to prepare a tax rating by-law*

4. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** *this Special Meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa held on the 18th day of December 18, 2024, adjourn at _____ p.m.*



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA STAFF REPORT

STAFF REPORT NO.: TR007-24

DATE: December 18th, 2024

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Deborah Dollmaier, Manager of Finance/Treasurer

SUBJECT: 2025 Capital and Operating Budget

RECOMMENDATION

That Staff Report TR007-24 be received; and

That Council approve the 2025 budget of **\$38,222,833** with a levy of **\$13,045,370**; and

That Council instruct staff to prepare a tax rating by-law.

BACKGROUND

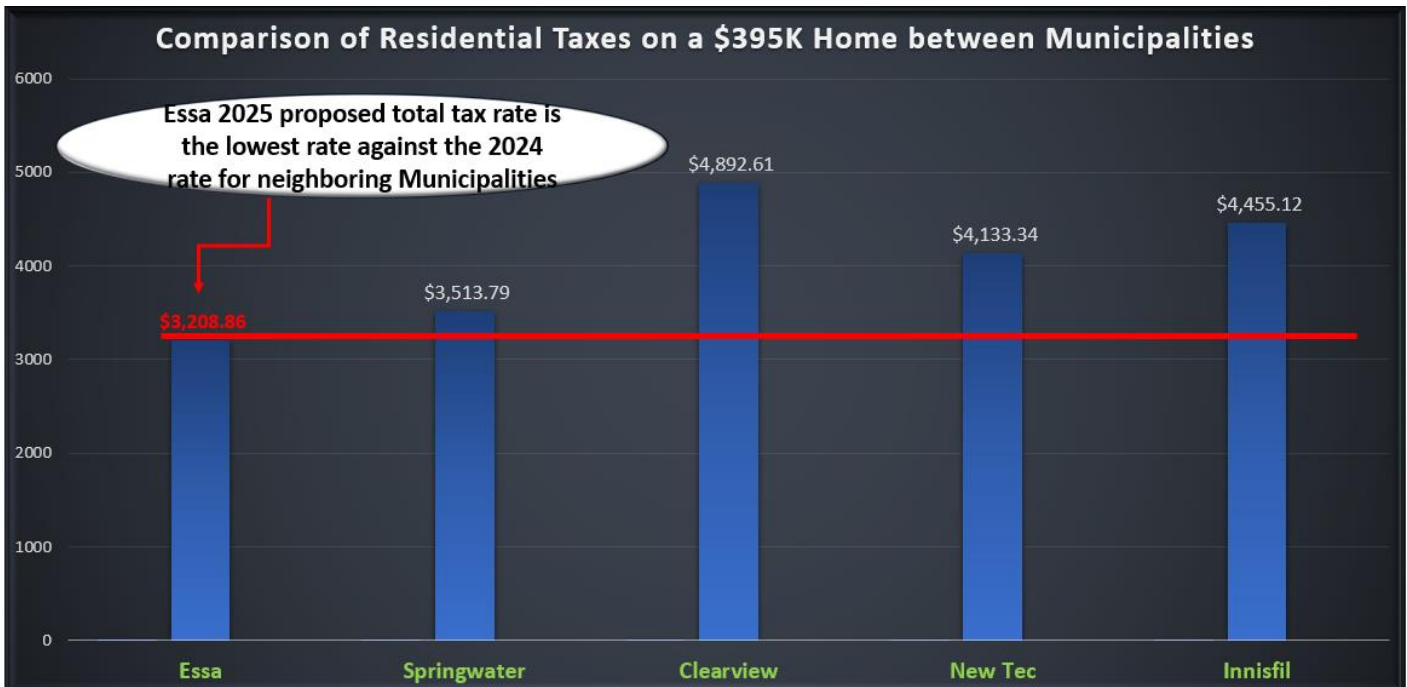
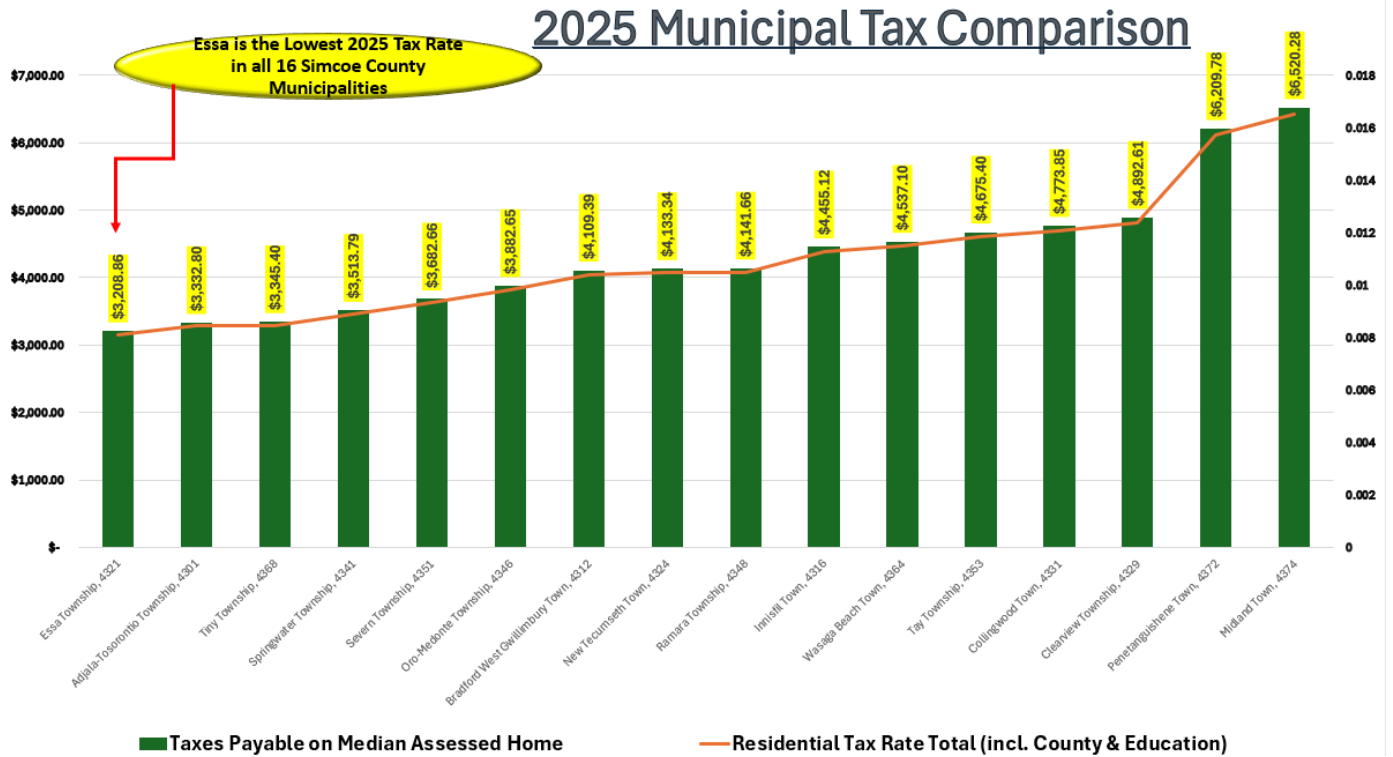
Council received staff budget presentations and 1st and 2nd draft budget on November 20th, and December 10th, 2024.

The 2025 Draft Budget represents a total tax increase of 3.26% which equals approximately \$25.61 per 100,000 of residential assessment.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is the provincial body responsible for assessing and classifying properties in Ontario. According to MPAC, the median assessment for all residential- class properties in Essa is \$394,000. In 2024, the total tax collected on the median home in Essa were \$3,099.81 based on **MPAC 2016 CVA values not the current homes market values**. The proposed 2025 budget would mean an increase of approximately home in Essa is 3,200.74 which represents an increase of approximately \$100.93 per year on the same house. Taxes on the same house in New Tecumseth are approximately \$4,133.34. Essa has one of the lowest tax rates in Simcoe County.

Worth to mention; Taxes and applicable increases are only applied to the MPAC assessed value of the house not the current market value of the house, for example if a house is assessed by MPAC to worth \$394,000 and the same house

market value to sell in today's market is \$1,000,000. The homeowner/resident is only paying taxes and applicable increases on the MPAC market value which is \$394,000 in this case.



COMMENTS AND COSIDERATIONS

The 2025 draft budget is a responsible budget which responds to the financial challenges facing the municipality and as well maintains the current level of services.

Some highlights of the 2025 draft budget are:

- **Loss of 15% Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)**
- **Asset Management Contribution was increased by \$236,0000 (7.5%)**
- **Official Plan updates**
- **Finance Software Replacement & Fire Records Management Software**
- **Replacing and Upgrading Fire Services Equipment**
- **Finalizing the design of the new Firehall**
- **Road Upgrades & Urbanization (11th Line, 9th Line, Simcoe Street, 10th Line, 8th Line, 6th Line)**
- **Bridge Culvert Replacement and Concrete Culvert Replacement (Aged Assets)**
- **Marshall Subdivision Drainage Improvements**
- **5th Line Bridge (Bridge No.9, Miller's Bridge) replacement detailed design.**
- **Mill Street Wellfield Investigation – Angus Wastewater Expansion Environmental Assessment (Class EA)**
- **Leclare Park Improvements**
- **Skate Park Relocation / Outdoor Rink to the Angus Community Centre**
- **Gold Park – ECO Park – Phase 1**
- **366 Mill Street – Fishing Park Upgrades**
- **Brownley Meadows Park – Outdoor Arena**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The 2025 draft budget of **\$38,222,833** represents a total tax increase of **3.26%** which equals approximately \$25.61 per 100,000 of residential assessment. The municipality will be transferring an amount equal to a 7.5% tax contribution to Asset Management in Keeping with its adopted Asset Management Plan.

SUMMARY/OPTIONS

Council may:

1. Approve the 2025 budget of \$38,222,833 with a levy of \$13,045,370, representing a total tax increase of 3.26%
2. Instruct staff to prepare a tax rating by-law.
3. Direct staff as council deems appropriate.

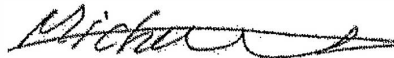
CONCLUSION

Staff recommends Options # 1- 2 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dollmaier
Manager of Finance

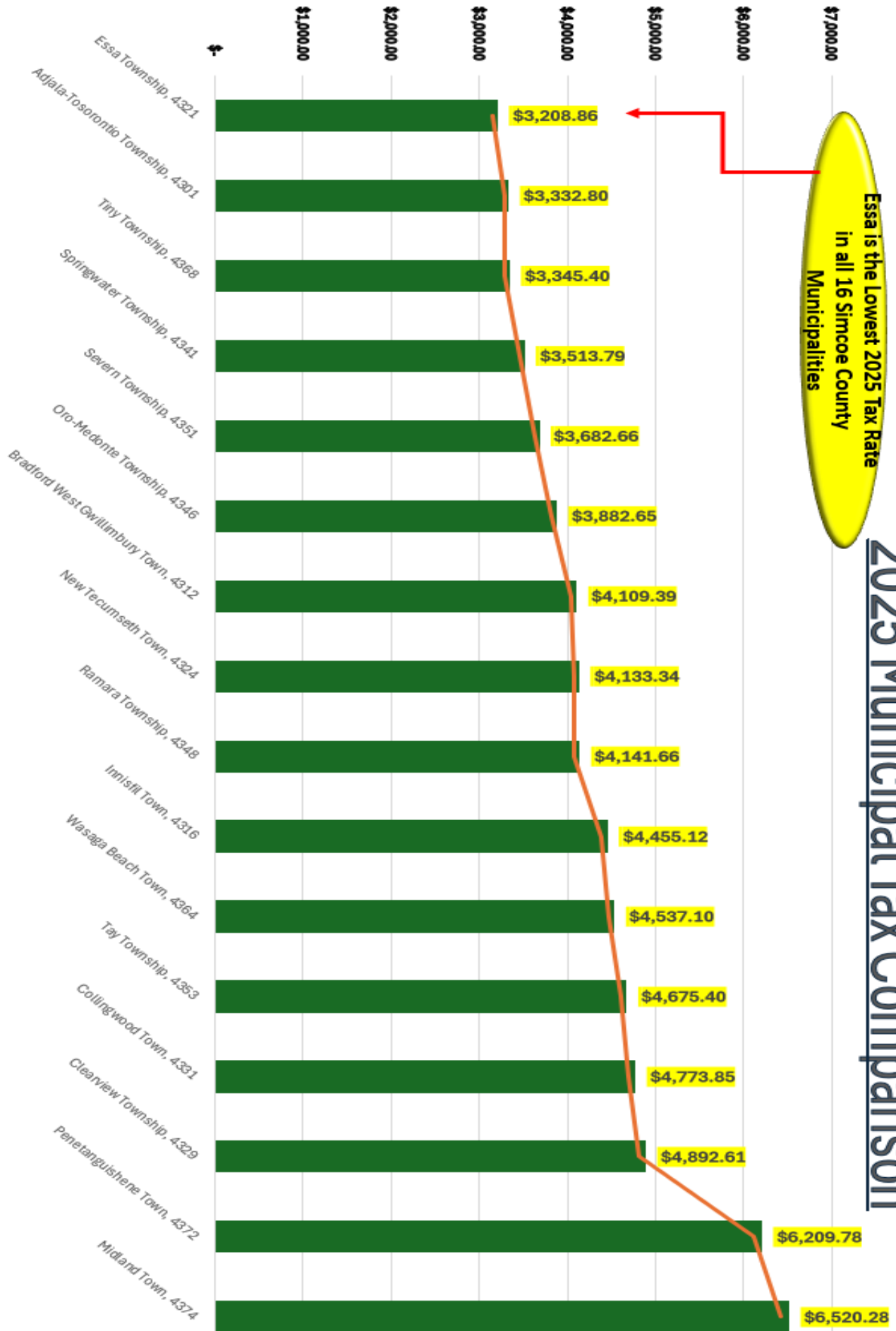


Michael Mikael
Chief Administrative Officer

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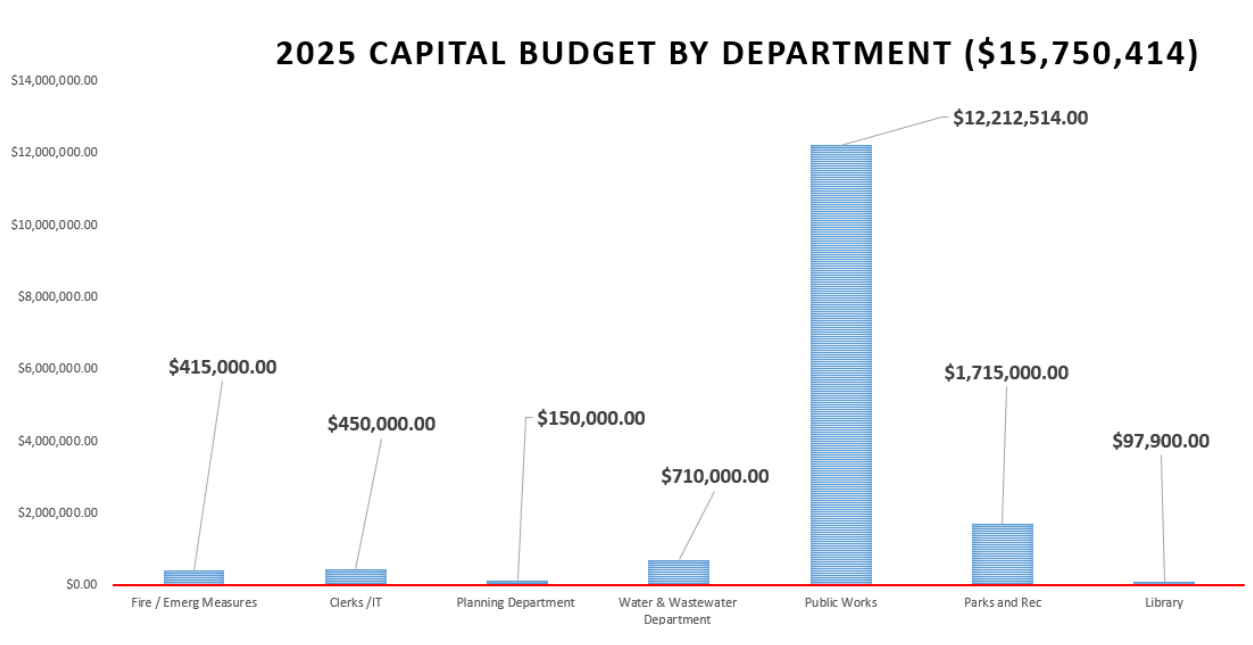
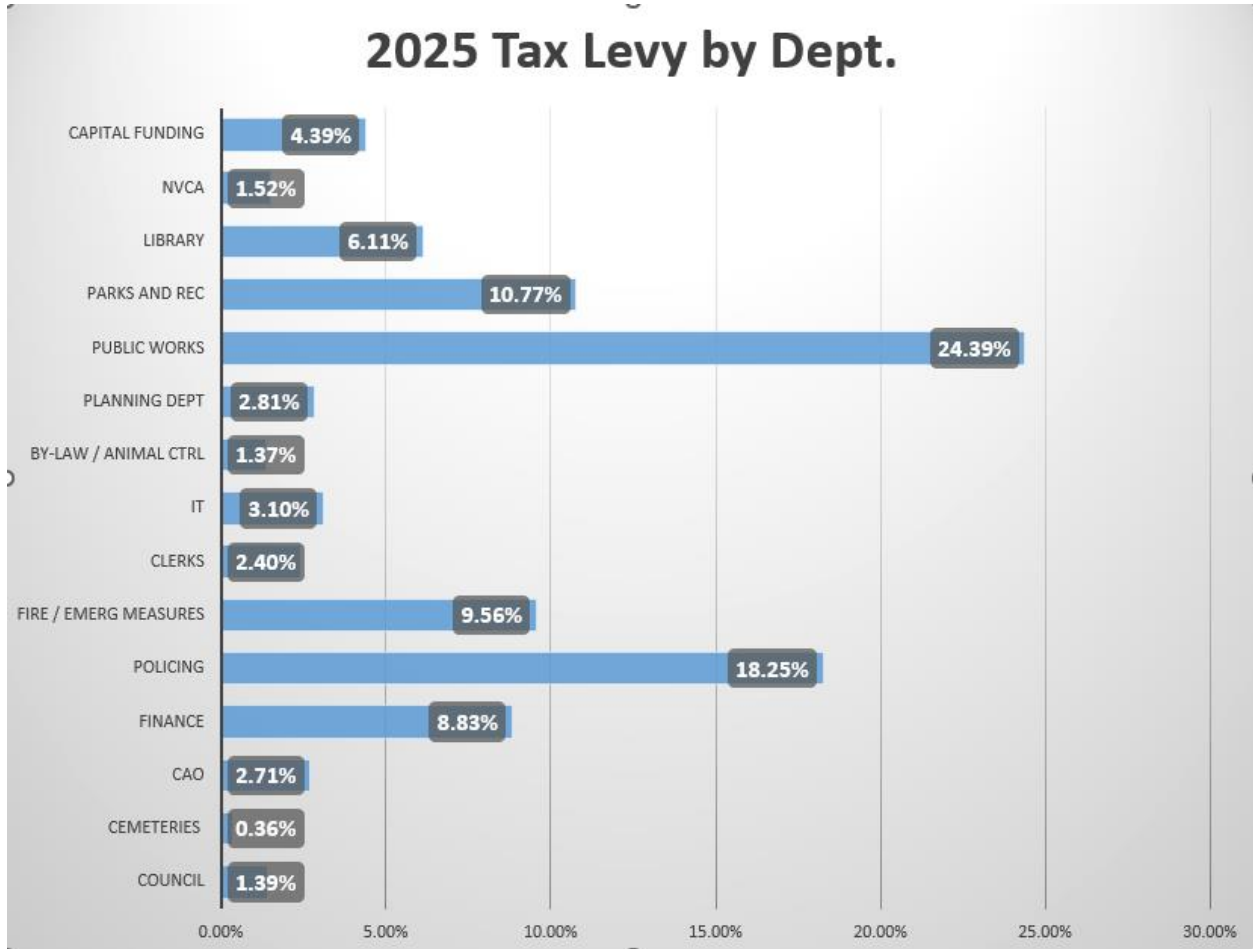
- 2024 Municipal Tax Chart across the County
- 2025 Operating Expenses by Department Chart
- 2025 Tax Levy by Department

Attachments



Essa is the Lowest 2025 Tax Rate
in all 16 Simcoe County
Municipalities

2025 Municipal Tax Comparison



2025 OPERATING EXPENSE BY DEPARTMENT (\$38,222,833)

