

# Township Of The Archipelago

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## Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP)

Did you know that The Township of the Archipelago has a Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for your Taxes? The PAP Plan has 3 different withdrawal options for your convenience; monthly, 2-pay and 4-pay.

Enroll today and take paying your taxes off your mind! For more information or to sign up for the Payment Plan, please email [finance@thearchipelago.ca](mailto:finance@thearchipelago.ca) or call our Office at 705-746-4243.

## Archipelago Waste Disposal Cards

To obtain a waste disposal card for The Archipelago's transfer stations and Landfill use, new property owners should call the Township Office at 705-746-4243 EXT 341. Alternatively, you may submit a service request through the Township's website if you need a new card or a replacement card.

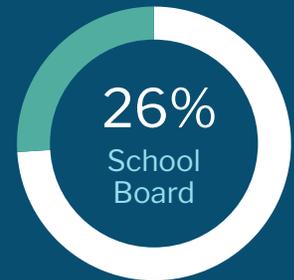
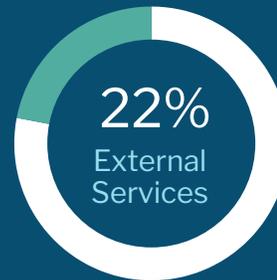
## Fire Danger Rating

Ontario's Fire Season runs from April 1 to October 31. Before you burn, it's crucial to know the rules and always check the fire danger rating. You can find this information on the Township's website or through our social media channels. Staying informed helps keep our community safe from fire hazards.

## The Archipelago's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - July 17, 2025 in Pointe au Baril

Council and staff invite residents to Pointe au Baril on July 17, 2025, for the July Committee of the Whole Meeting and a community gathering to celebrate the Township's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the launch of our new branch.

Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches by checking the Township's website and social media channels.



## 2025 Budget at a Glance

Council adopted the 2025 Township Budget in April 2025. Our average tax rate increase stands at 2.3%. The Township only retains 52% of tax dollars collected to finance our activities. The remaining 48% goes to fund education and other provincially mandated external services. The 2025 budget represents a public investment of \$2.9 million to provide external services, \$11.2 million to provide infrastructure and daily services to its residents, and \$1.6million to invest in capital improvements.

## Tax Rates

The Township of The Archipelago is made up of two distinct geographic areas. As a result, municipal expenditures are either area specific (such as roads and waste services) or benefit the Township as a whole.

This translates into an overall tax increase of 2.7% for the North Archipelago and 1.8% for the South Archipelago. Unless you have made changes to your property, the assessed value used to calculate your tax bill should be the same as last year. Property assessment values continue to be based on January 1, 2016 valuation date.

# 2025 Budget Overview

The Township of The Archipelago uses guiding principles set out in our strategic plan to provide a conceptual approach to making responsible decisions that ensure that short and long-term financial impacts are aligned with Council's goals and directions.

## Capital Budget Highlights—\$1,945,733

Capital investment consists of creating service improvements, maintaining services, environmental initiatives and creating operating efficiencies. The majority of the capital expenditures will be spread over the useful life of the assets purchased.

### Operations Including Facilities & Transportation—\$1,007,000

- North Shore Road Rehabilitation
- Dock Replacements
- Pointe au Baril Outdoor Rink
- Standby Generator Replacement
- Pointe au Baril Community Centre Septic Replacement
- Lighthouse Renovations & History Preservation Project

### Waste Services—\$41,000

- Staff Building - Crane Lake Station
- Site 9 Landfill Optimization

### Attainable Housing & Municipal Partnership Program — \$375,233

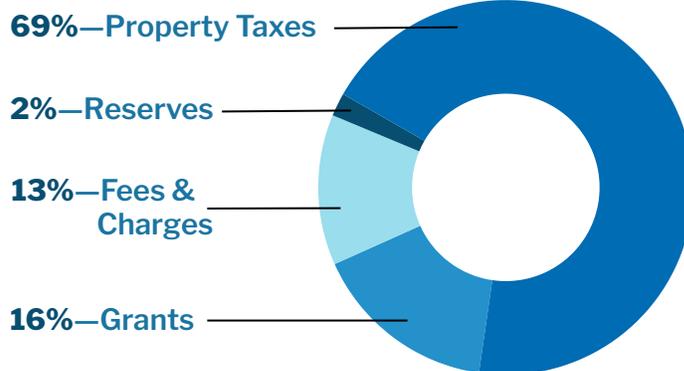
- Pointe au Baril Lands Project
- Town of Parry Sound HEWSF Partnership Program

### Finance & Administration—\$522,500

- Office Equipment
- Communications
- Facility Review & Energy Audit
- Asset Management Plan
- Financial Software

## 2025 Operating & Capital Budget

Various revenue sources make up the investments used to fund the Township budget. This graph illustrates the revenue sources for the 2025 Operating and Capital Budget.



## Closing Thoughts

We are pleased that we were able to approve a budget that enables us to meet our objectives with an average increase in the tax rate of only 2.3%. A big factor in achieving this low rate is the hard work and dedication of our staff. We do have an excellent team.

We would like to thank our residents for the strong support they provide to enable the Township to achieve its goal of protecting our natural environment. As one of the municipalities in the West Parry Sound District, we also support many activities that are district wide. One example is the West Parry Sound Health Centre. Another is the District Social Services Administration Board. One reason for supporting these institutions is that they make the whole district stronger and a stronger district will better support our residents.

We have a new organization that is worthy of our support. The West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre, which includes a swimming pool. We encourage you to consider supporting this worthwhile project.

—David Ashley, Finance Committee Chair

## Tax Dollar Allocation

This is how every tax dollar is allocated across the various departments and external service providers.

 **\$0.01**

Library Services

 **\$0.03**

Maintenance for Recreational Facilities, Access Points & Community Grants

 **\$0.05**

Administrative Services

 **\$0.04**

Council & Election Funding

 **\$0.06**

Protective Services

 **\$0.08**

Building, Planning & Environmental Services

 **\$0.06**

Waste Services

 **\$0.08**

Health Services

 **\$0.08**

Social Services

 **\$0.12**

Road Infrastructure & Maintenance

 **\$0.13**

Operating & Capital Reserve Funding

 **\$0.26**

Local School Board Support