

# We want to hear from you!

Help build the Town's 2021 Budget



As we prepare the 2021 budget, your input will help us understand which services are a priority to you.

Recognizing that COVID-19 represents an unpredictable and unique scenario, the Town is using a combination of engagement tools. This is a focus of our digital engagement approach, as we strategically work through the budget process.



Please visit [lincoln.ca/budget](https://lincoln.ca/budget) or scan the QR code below to complete a short survey that will help Council make budget decisions that reflect community priorities. If you need assistance or wish to do the survey by phone, please call Town Hall at 905-563-8205.



Visit [lincoln.ca/budget](https://lincoln.ca/budget) for more information on the budget, including other ways to get involved. Follow @TownofLincolnON for Town updates including budget, programming, initiatives and much more!

The Town of Lincoln offers more than 90 municipal programs and services on an annual basis. Highlights from last year include:



**Over 570**  
permits issued  
for residential  
housing starts



**13,000 km**  
of winter maintenance  
activities



**Over 660**  
responses to  
emergencies



**Over 5,500**  
visits to the Museum  
and Cultural Centre

Turn over to read more about our budget process!

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The Town of Lincoln provides **more than 90 programs and services** that impact your life every day, including road repair, recreation programs, public libraries, by-law enforcement, fire services and parks.

## That is why the Town budget is so important

The budget is a financial plan that determines how we will fund and provide services to our residents and guides decisions on what infrastructure will be built and repaired.

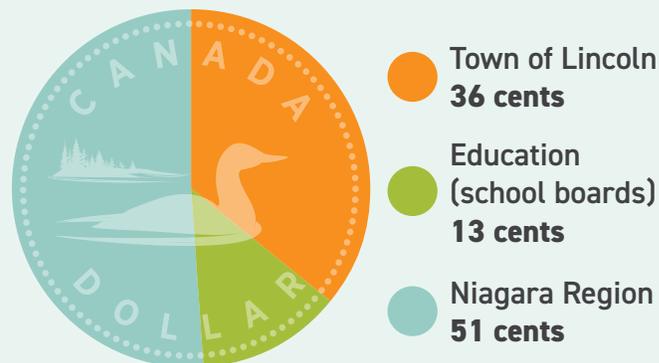
## How the budget works

Each year, Town staff put forward a preliminary budget. Mayor and Council—with input from residents and businesses—approve a final budget that addresses council priorities, operations, services, infrastructure and asset management. It includes the operating budget and capital budget.

## Your property tax bill

Lincoln's tax bill accounts for three agencies. In addition to the Town of Lincoln's portion of the tax bill, property taxes pay for the delivery of services by Niagara Region and the school boards.

## Your tax dollar breakdown:



## Operating budget

The operating budget covers day-to-day spending on services such as grass cutting, recreation programs and fire services. Property taxes cover a large portion of the operating budget, while the rest is funded through provincial grants and subsidies, as well as user fees.

## Capital budget

The capital budget funds the Town's infrastructure. It pays for the construction and repair of roads and public buildings, such as libraries and community centres. Each year, the Town of Lincoln creates a 10-year capital budget and forecast. A portion of the capital budget is funded from property taxes, while the rest is funded from reserves, development charges and other levels of government.

**The Town of Lincoln budget helps determine the amount of property taxes you pay.**