



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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## Three local properties honoured for their heritage value



Clarington Council presents heritage designation certificates

Clarington Council recognized three local heritage sites on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in honour of Ontario Heritage Week. The owners of the Walbridge House, Camp 30 and Edna Thompson Child Care Centre were presented with certificates acknowledging the historically significant features of the buildings and properties.

This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walbridge House, making it the oldest home on its original foundation in the Region of Durham.

A heritage designation is Council’s formal recognition of the historic or architectural value of a property and its significance to the community. Designating properties helps to ensure the conservation of these historically important places so that the entire community can enjoy their charm and character.

There are currently 74 designated heritage properties in Clarington. [Learn more by visiting www.clarington.net/heritage.](http://www.clarington.net/heritage)

## Clarington passes 2019 budget

Clarington Council passed the 2019 Municipal Budget on Monday night. Residents will see a 2.2 per cent increase on the local portion of their taxes, which translates to \$31.11 per household for a home with an average assessed value of \$367,632.

Every one per cent increase in taxes translates to \$567,600 in additional revenue that the Municipality uses to pay for key services. Clarington’s assessment growth from new homes and businesses built in 2018 is estimated at 3.2 per cent or \$1,814,429 in additional taxable properties to service.

The overall Clarington municipal budget totals over \$103 million for both operating and capital expenses. More than \$75 million goes to pay for the day-to-day operating expenses such as fire services, winter road maintenance, facility programs and services just to name a few. The Municipality will dedicate \$28 million to pay for capital expenses including new infrastructure to support new development, repair of bridges, new trails, and road rehabilitation. From that \$28 million earmarked for capital expenses, \$7 million will be drawn from the 2019 tax levy.

“This is one of the most conservative tax increases in recent years,” said Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster. “While the Municipality will continue to provide high-quality services, it’s important that residents are measured in their expectations. This is a very tight budget,” added Mayor Foster.

[Read 2019 Operating and Capital Budget report for more details.](#)



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