



## **Township of North Kawartha**

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# **Report to Council**

To: Mayor and Council Members  
From: Judy Everett, Treasurer  
Date: January 30, 2026  
Subject: 2026 Budget

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## **Recommendation:**

- Option #1: That Council pass the 2026 budget as presented and adopt the Tax Rate By-Law for the 2026 year.
- Option #2: That Council pass the 2026 budget with changes as directed by Council and further that Council adopt the Tax Rate By-Law.

## **Background:**

A Capital Forecast meeting was held on October 29, 2025. The Capital items were then included in the 2026 draft budget which was presented to Council on December 10, 2025.

The following motion was passed at the December 10, 2025 Budget meeting:

“That Council direct staff to bring the budget back with a maximum increase of 5.0% budget to budget.”

## **Analysis:**

Items not included in the draft 2026 budget and to be considered by Council are:

- Donation to Quinte Health North Hastings Hospital for X-ray Plus campaign
- Phragmites Program
- Balmer Road property

## **Financial Implications:**

2026 Budget Levy



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### **Strategic and/or Other Plans:**

1. Ensure that existing infrastructure is sustained prior to expanding and/or investing in new infrastructure, reflective of the Asset Management Plan
3. Governance – Maintain a strong, accountable municipal government
  - 3.1 Maintain policies and processes that enable effective governance
  - 3.2 Provide quality community programs and services
  - 3.3 Provide effective, clear and transparent Township communication
4. Environment – Protect the human environment

### **Consultant(s) Sourced:**

N/A

### **Attachment:**

2026 Budget Spreadsheet

Budget Changes Since December 10, 2025

2026 Capital and Major Projects

2026 Tax Rate By-Law