

Town of Aurora Budget Survey 2025

Thank you for participating in this important survey as it will help staff shape our draft budget for the coming year. This survey is anonymous and voluntary. Individual responses will be kept strictly confidential.

The Town of Aurora receives the majority of its revenues from property taxes. We develop a budget for every fiscal (calendar) year; an extensive, thorough process, involving stakeholders' input and reflecting decisions made throughout the year. Town priorities align with Council's priorities and our approved Strategic Plan. The majority of the Town's total budget is allocated to our front-line services such as roads, parks, recreation, fire, development, and library services. The remaining budget funds are allocated to resources required to support these front-line services.

The 2024 approved budget was \$340.7M, including \$118.6M for operating expenditures and \$222.1M allocated to capital expenditure. For more information on the 2024 budget please visit: aurora.ca/budget2024

Connection to Town of Aurora: Who are you?

(Choose any 4 options) (Required)

- ☐ Resident Business Work in Town
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Work in Town
- ☐ Visitor (uses Town services, but does not reside in Aurora)

How old are you?

(Choose any 1 options) (Required)

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75+

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How familiar are you with how the Town develops the annual budget?

(Choose any one option) (Required)

☐ Very familiar

☐ Somewhat

☐ Not familiar

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Currently, an average residential property assessed at \$800,000 will pay approximately \$6,595 in total property taxes to the Town of Aurora, York Region, and the School Board. Of this amount the Town keeps \$2,503.44 (38% of total) to provide municipal services

Overall, how would you rate the value you are receiving from your municipal tax dollars?

(Choose any 1 options) (Required)

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very Poor
- ☐ Undecided

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Select up to three service areas where you would like to see **more** tax dollars spent.

(Choose any 3 options) (Required)

- ☐ Road Network Operations
- ☐ Snow Management
- ☐ Solid Waste Management
- ☐ Town Facilities
- ☐ Community Programs
- ☐ Parks, Trails and Open Spaces
- ☐ Culture
- ☐ Enforcement and Licensing Animal Control
- ☐ Community Planning (i.e., Active Transportation Masterplan) Asset Management
- ☐ Fire Services
- ☐ Aurora Public Library
- ☐ None. I prefer everything to stay as it is.

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As per the Town's fiscal strategy, the Town can use debt financing to manage the timing difference between when a capital project is built and when the funding for the project is received. Do you agree or disagree that the Town should continue to use debt wisely over the long term?

(Choose any one option) (Required)

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree

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Property taxes in the Town of Aurora in part allow the Town to spend money to renew infrastructure (roads, bridges, storm sewers, parks, recreation centers, arenas, libraries and other Town facilities). In the future, the Town may need additional funds to maintain Town assets. Please indicate your level of support for the Town increasing property taxes to fund infrastructure renewal and construction.

(Choose any one option) (Required)

- ☐ Strongly Support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly Oppose

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We are in the midst of modernizing a variety of processes including providing e-billing for tax bills and providing real time and historical water usage monitoring (including alerts for abnormal water usage).

Please select which future modernization initiatives you would be most supportive of. (select all that apply)

(Choose any 15 options) (Required)

- ☐ Online account inquiry and bill payments
- ☐ Increased ability to purchase Town services online
- ☐ Online applications for Bench donations, etc.
- ☐ Facility and meeting room virtual tours and floor plans
- ☐ Online viewing of facility amenities
- ☐ Online facility permit request forms
- ☐ Club Aurora virtual tours and membership information
- ☐ Facility rental availability
- ☐ Legal claim submission online
- ☐ Submission for FOI requests, including payment
- ☐ None. Keep as is.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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Please provide any additional comments that you would like to be considered during the 2025 Budget deliberations.

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Provide your email if you would like to be entered into the draw for a pizza dinner for a family of four!