

# 2018 BUDGET SURVEY

Tell us what you think



How do you want to see tax dollars spent in 2018?

Which services are most important to you and why?

Oxford County's municipalities are working together to learn more about the priorities and preferences of Oxford residents, and this survey is your opportunity to have a say!

The following survey is broken into two parts. The first half asks about services provided by your local municipality, while the second half focuses on services funded through Oxford County municipal taxes. Each question outlines the average cost per service, based on a home with the property tax assessment of \$200,000, and then asks if you think the service should be enhanced, maintained or reduced in the upcoming year. There's also plenty of opportunities to provide comments, so take a few minutes and tell us what you think.



The first 10 questions are about services funded by your Township of Zorra tax dollars.











## # 9. Supportive of increase

From the services below, would you be supportive of an increase in Zorra taxes to enhance that service?

**Supportive of increase in Zorra taxes to enhance that service:** (check all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> General government                                 | <input type="radio"/> Township Roads       |
| <input type="radio"/> Municipal By-law Enforcement and Building Services | <input type="radio"/> Other Services       |
| <input type="radio"/> Fire Department                                    | <input type="radio"/> Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="radio"/> Police Department                                  | <input type="radio"/> All of the above     |
| <input type="radio"/> Parks and Recreation                               |  |

**Comments:**

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## # 10. Value

How would you rate the overall value received for your Township of Zorra tax dollars **\$1,060**

**FUŃŃŃ Yj Ui Y:** (circle one)

Excellent  
Poor

Good  
Very Poor

Fair  
Don't know/Not Applicable

**Comments:**

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### Quick facts:

Remember, your annual tax bill is made up of taxes from Township of Zorra, Oxford County and taxes paid to your preferred school board.

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## # 2. Waste Management

Waste management services include curbside collection for garbage and recycling; depots and special events; large article pick-up; and services at the Oxford County Waste Management Facility in Salford.

**This year, the average homeowner will pay \$29 to support waste management.**

Should this investment be: (circle one)

- Enhanced     Maintained     Reduced  
 Not sure / need more information     Doesn't matter to me

Comments:

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**Quick facts:**

Oxford County residents have one of the highest rates of recycling in Ontario compared to other communities that are the same size.

The Waste Management Facility (landfill) in Salford is a one-stop service all County residents and businesses can use to dispose of their garbage and recycling.

Through enhanced recycling efforts and other Zero Waste initiatives, the County has extended the life of the landfill at the Oxford County Waste Management Facility by 30 years.

## # 3. Housing

County housing includes affordable housing, market rent housing, supportive housing, rent-geared-to-income and emergency shelter.

**This year, the average homeowner will pay \$68 in County taxes to support housing**

Should this service be: (circle one)

- Enhanced     Maintained     Reduced  
 Not sure / need more information     Doesn't matter to me

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**Quick facts:**

The County offers programs to help people who don't have suitable housing, which is about 1 in 14 families in Oxford.

In 2016, the housing program funded 628 Oxford County-owned public housing units, 578 not-for-profit housing units, and 311 affordable housing units.

Oxford County has a "Housing First" policy that uses surplus land sales to build new affordable housing for people and families in need.

## # 4. Public Health

Public Health services include immunization, health inspection, dental services, water testing, environmental health hazards, infectious diseases prevention and control, sexual health, prenatal health, parenting support, school nurses, smoking cessation, healthy lifestyles and more.

**This year, the average homeowner will pay \$31 in County taxes to support public health programs.**

Should this investment be: (circle one)

- Enhanced     Maintained     Reduced  
 Not sure / need more information     Doesn't matter to me

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**Quick facts:**

Public Health programs and services are primarily funded by the Province of Ontario

In 2016, public health programs provided 1,906 public health inspections, 1,855 community dental visits, 7,806 immunizations and 3,535 home visits by public health nurses

## # 5. Long-Term Care

Woodingford Lodge is a County of Oxford owned and operated, long term care facility providing personal and health care services to our residents.

**This year, the average homeowner will pay \$128 in County taxes to support Woodingford Lodge.**

Should this investment be: (circle one)

- Enhanced     Maintained     Reduced  
 Not sure / need more information     Doesn't matter to me

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**Quick facts:**

Woodingford Lodge provides a person-centred, resident-first model of care to 160 residents in Woodstock, 34 residents in Ingersoll and 34 residents in Tillsonburg.

There are approximately 400 people on the waiting list for the three Woodingford Lodge homes.

Ontario's upper tier municipalities are required to operate at least one LTC home according to the Long Term Care Home Act, 2007.





