# Backgrounder



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## 2015 Budget

- The residential property tax increase for 2015 is 2.7 per cent
- \$259 million is being allocated for operating expenses
- \$93 million is being allocated for capital projects and improvements
- The 2015 budget is part of the Council approved budget plan that limits annual property tax increases at three percent or lower during this four year term

### **Operating Budget Highlights:**

- The operating budget is used to run City facilities, programs and services, such as recreation programs, waste collection, snow clearing, and fire and rescue services
- \$54.8 million for Public Works for services such as snow clearing, maintenance of parks and waste collection
- \$43.9 million for Fire and Rescue Services for daily operation of fire services and public safety education programs
- \$41.7 million for Strategic and Corporate Services for services such as maintenance of City facilities and vehicles, environmental sustainability initiatives, and the City's call centre
- \$24.5 million for Recreation and Economic Development for recreation and culture programs, and economic development initiatives

#### **Capital Budget Highlights:**

- The capital budget is used to build and repair City infrastructure, including roads, pipes and buildings
- \$56.8 million for Public Works, including curb and sidewalk repair and replacements throughout the City, a streetlight pole replacement program and water-meter replacement program
- \$3.4 million for Fire and Rescue Services, including the construction of a fire training tower at the Joint Operations Centre and equipment replacement
- \$5.8 million for Vaughan Public Libraries for infrastructure improvements, technology, library resource materials and new development, including the Vellore Village South Library and the Carrville Library
- \$3.3 million for infrastructure and equipment at various community centres, parks and buildings
- \$35.1 million for road rehabilitation and watermain replacements throughout the City, a crossing at Highway 427, pedestrian and bicycle network implementation, pavement management programs and walkway lighting improvements
- \$2.2 million for a city-wide tree planting program, including tree replacement funding in response to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation and the 2013 ice storm

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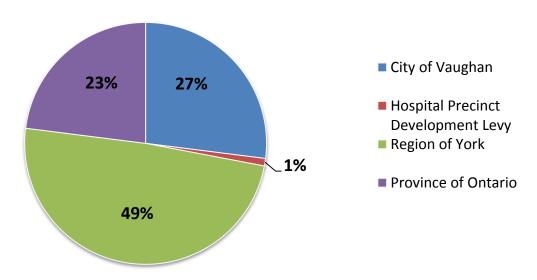


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### **Key Facts and Figures:**

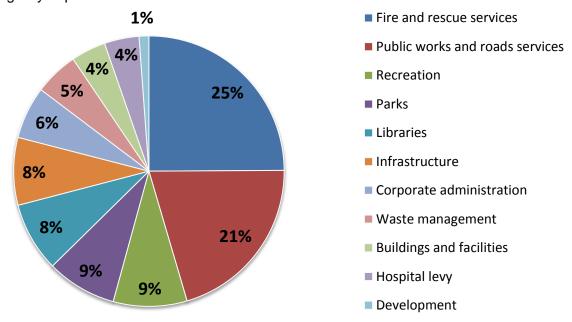
#### **Tax Bill Portions**

This is how your property taxes will be allocated in 2015.



#### **Cost of Municipal Services**

In 2015, the City of Vaughan will spend more than \$470 million on delivering programs and services, and building and maintaining City infrastructure (buildings, roads, pipes). This is how your tax dollars are divided among City departments.



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### City, Regional and Provincial Services

Your property taxes are used to fund programs and services at the city, regional and provincial level.

City Service (27% of your tax bill)	Regional Services (49% of your tax bill)	Province of Ontario (23% of your tax bill)
Fire and rescue services	York Regional Police	Education
Public works and road services	Maintenance of main/major roadways, sewers and bridges	
Snow clearing	Traffic planning on regional roads	
Waste management	Regional waste disposal	
Vaughan Public Libraries	Public health services	
Parks and sports field operations	Social assistance	
Infrastructure replacement	Social housing	
Recreation	Viva Transit services	
Maintenance of City facilities	Emergency medical services	
City planning and development	Regional planning and growth management	
By-Law and compliance		
Office support and administration		

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