

Tax Newsletter

Final Installment Edition

Elliot Lake
2017

Welcome

to the City of Elliot Lake's Final Installment Tax Newsletter. The City wishes to stay connected with its residents and this newsletter is another step we are taking to achieve that goal. The Corporate Services Department, which includes Treasury, Human Resources, Information Technology and the Clerk's office, prepares the annual budget for Council's consideration. Once Council has adopted a budget, tax policies and rates are set.



Tax Rates & Due Dates 2017

Tax Installment Due Dates

September 7th 2017 and November 2nd 2017

The 2017 tax supported budget was approved on December 12th, 2016 with a levy requirement of \$11,137,068 plus \$150,000 Central Commercial Area (CCA) special area rate.

This represented a 1.75% increase in levy requirement over 2016 but incorporated many new initiatives to benefit the community and 1.25% of the increase was in the form of a transfer to working capital reserve for future municipal projects. Tax rates are then set at the level required to raise the budgeted levy requirement of \$11,137,068.

Your **2017 final tax bill** is enclosed and reflects the balance of taxes payable for 2017. Final taxes for each property are calculated using your 2017 assessment value and the 2017 tax rates for the City of Elliot Lake and Government of Ontario for education purposes. After calculating the total taxes for the year, the amount levied by the interim installment payments you have already made on April 6th 2017 and June 1st 2017 are deducted to arrive at the outstanding amount which is your final tax bill.

2017 Tax Rate Impact Per \$100,000 Assessment

	Urban Residential	Industrial / Commercial
2017 Levy Per \$100,000 Assessment	\$ 2,120.60	\$ 4,073.95
2016 Levy Per \$100,000 Assessment	\$ 2,083.76	\$ 4,362.98

But average assessment has fallen from 2016 levels

301 Single Family Detached	-1.163%
311 Semi-Detached Residential	0.376%
309 Freehold Townhouse	-11.894%
370 Residential Condominium	-1.899%
391 Seasonal Recreational Dwelling On Water	-14.483%
313 Single Family Detached on Water	-14.572%

This newsletter is intended to provide additional information about taxes, tax related matters, and short updates and notices from other City departments.

If you have suggestions for information you would like to see in the next edition, please email us at: treasury@city.elliottlake.on.ca

On Behalf of City Council, Greetings!

This newsletter, being a new initiative, is designed to be an informative document for you and your family.

It is important to Council and Staff that our residents understand tax rates, the levy, and where your money will serve our community best, along with some future plans.

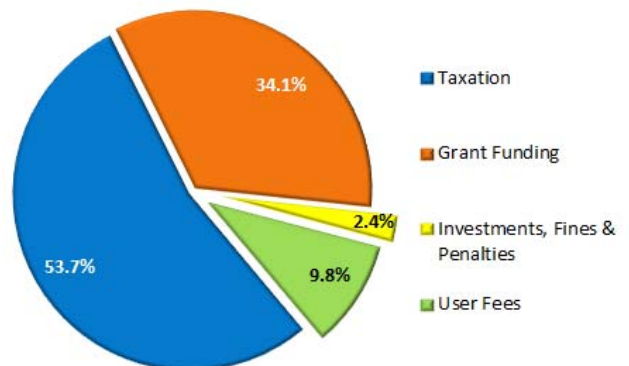
Each department has added an easy to understand piece of the puzzle which we hope will help you understand some of the services provided and how funds are distributed.

As we begin the summer season it is also my hope that everyone takes some time to enjoy the many activities and events that Elliot Lake has to offer, get outdoors, be active, and enjoy our beautiful natural surroundings.

As taxpayers we are all community stakeholders. Together we are building a better tomorrow.

Mayor Dan Marchisella

HOW CITY OPERATIONS ARE FUNDED

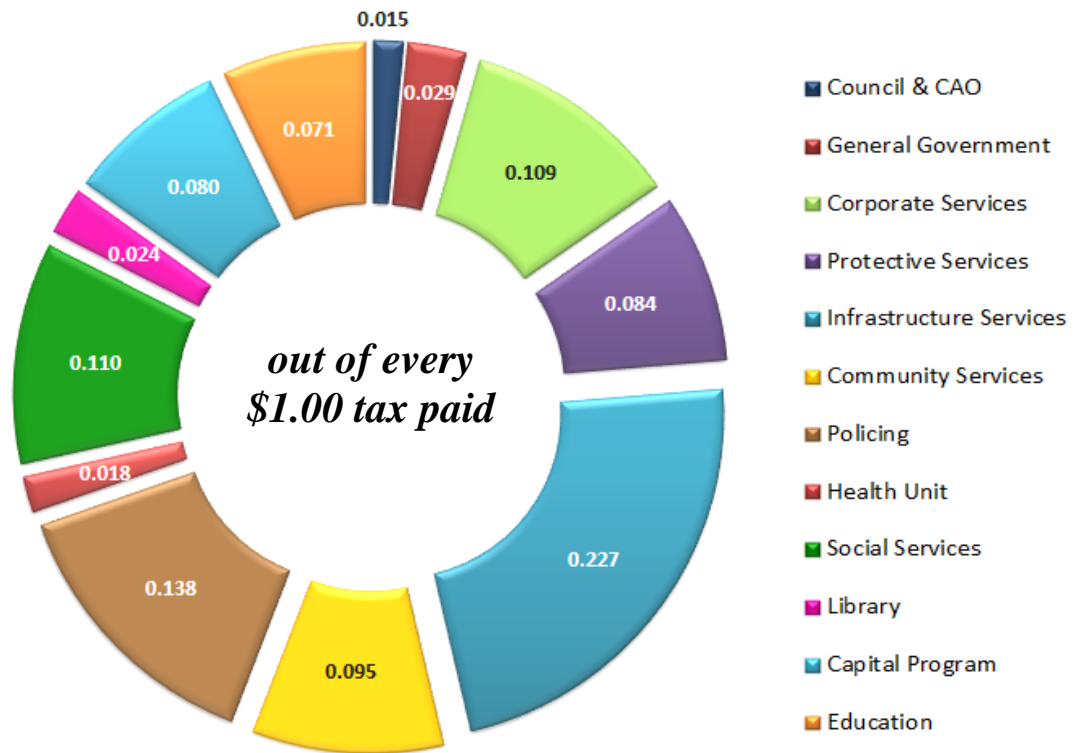




Municipal Taxes, 2017

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

Ever wonder where your taxes go? See how every tax dollar gets divided across municipal services and provincial education needs.



Capital Projects 2017

The approved capital budget for 2017 is \$4,458,000. A lot of this work is either underground or taking place within the depths of City facilities. The visible projects and those that will be of most interest to our residents include the following:

- \$20,000 for pre-engineering work in 2017 for the reconstruction of Valley Cres. / Hemlock Place scheduled for 2018
- \$25,200 for guide rail installation on Dunlop Shores Road
- \$34,000 for road resurfacing on Sunrise Bay Road and Evergreen Lane
- \$140,000 for storm sewer lining and replacing throughout the City
- \$150,000 earmarked for a splash pad to be located at one of the existing parks in the City
- \$231,800 for Boardwalk replacement (at pier / boat launch)
- \$400,000 for waste water headworks pending grant contributions from both Federal and Provincial governments
- \$590,000 for replacement of triple combination pumper at Fire Department
- \$715,000 for the relocation of the Elliot Lake Public Library to Pearson Plaza

Did you know you can have your tax payments taken directly from your bank automatically?

The City offers two preauthorized payment (PAP) plans:

Monthly – twelve equal payments withdrawn on the 5th of each month

Quarterly – tax payments are automatically withdrawn on installment due dates (March, June September and November)

Forms & Information Available at City Hall and online at <http://cityofelliottlake.com/en/cityhall/treasury.asp>, or contact Darlene Peever, Tax Clerk at 705 848 2287 ext. 2109, dpeever@city.elliottlake.on.ca

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for assessing and classifying more than five million properties in Ontario in compliance with the Assessment Act and regulations set by the Government of Ontario. Every four years, MPAC conducts a province-wide Assessment Update and mails Property Assessment Notices to every property owner in Ontario.

For more information on how assessment works, market trends, Request for Reconsideration process and property assessment and taxation, visit aboutmyproperty.ca.

If you would like to see the information MPAC has on file for your property or compare your property to others in your area, you can register and login with MPAC using the Roll Number and Access Key located on your MPAC Property Assessment Notice. You have 120 days from the Issue Date listed on your Notice to request a review.

For more information visit mpac.ca or aboutmyproperty.ca or call 1-866-296-MPAC (6722)



Building Season 2017

It is the home owner's responsibility (not the contractor's) to ensure the right building permit(s) are obtained before starting any construction.

By getting a permit, you can ensure all your projects meet the Ontario Building Code and Municipal bylaws *before* you start construction.

Not sure if you need a permit? Need more information? Contact the Building Department for more information.

Call **705 848 2287** ext. **2119**
or email building@city.elliottlake.on.ca



Fire & Emergency Management 2017

A reminder to get your fire permit for the 2017 burning season. A fire permit is valid from April 1st until October 31st, 2017 and is required for all outdoor burning. The cost of the seasonal permit is \$5 and can be purchased at the Fire Hall.

Also, if you didn't change the batteries in your smoke alarms when we "sprang forward" to daylight savings time, now is a good time to do that, and to check your fire extinguishers!

You can call the Fire Department at **705 848 3232** for a list of companies who check and recharge fire extinguishers.

Visit the Personal Preparedness web page: <http://cityofelliottlake.com/en/cityservices/Personalpreparedness.asp>



Environmental Services 2017

Public Works, a division of the Infrastructure Services Department, would like to remind all residents that all household garbage must be put at the curb **BY 7am** in the morning (not the night before) and in a container with a well-fitted lid.

Garbage not in a proper container with a lid will not be picked up.

Garbage is picked up Tuesdays and recycling is picked up on the same day, alternating between paper & cardboard and "co-mingled" glass, plastic and tin containers.

Electronic waste can be dropped off at AV Disposal.

For more information on garbage pick-up, visit www.cityofelliottlake.com/en/cityservices/garbagecollectionschedule.asp

For a list of recyclable materials and recycling schedule, please visit City Hall or on line at: cityofelliottlake.com/en/cityservices/recyclingschedule.asp



Water Use 2017

Are you ODD? EVEN if you're not... the rule of thumb is that EVEN numbered houses water lawns on EVEN days, & ODD numbered houses water on ODD numbered days.

Please conserve water by not having your sprinkler system running during damp weather or rain. Its best for lawns and gardens (and for the environment!) if you water early in the morning or in the early evening.

2nd installment for Residential & Church water bills is due July 6, 2017. Metered (commercial) & Multi-Units due dates are: 2nd quarter June 8, 3rd quarter Sept. 14 & 4th quarter December 7, 2017.





Reports & Studies

Did you know that a lot of information relating to City operations (Corporate, Infrastructure, Protective and Community Services) are available on our website?

For **Reports**, go to:

<http://cityofelliottlake.com/en/cityhall/budgetsandreports.asp>

click on **Budget & Financial Reports** for the 2017 budget, tax rates, financial statements and others.

or click on **Operations Reports** for Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plans, Waste Management Plan, Drinking Water Quality Management Standard and more.

For **Plans** such as the Strategic Plan, Economic Development Strategy, Cultural Mapping, Community Hub (Rec Plex) and more, go to:

<http://cityofelliottlake.com/en/cityhall/plansandstudies.asp>



Transit 2017

With Pearson Plaza now open, some routes have changed.

For bus schedules and maps, go to:

www.cityofelliottlake.com/en/cityservices/transitschedule.asp

Important Notice to all Greyhound Transit users

The transfer point between Elliot Lake and all Eastbound and Westbound Greyhound Buses now located at the Tim Horton's in Blind River.

The bus will leave Sights and Sounds at 160 Ontario Avenue at approximately 7:20 pm Weeknights and Sundays to meet the Eastbound Greyhound bus at the Tim Horton's in Blind River.

Westbound travellers will be met by the Elliot Lake bus at the Blind River Tim Horton's and return to Sights and Sounds Weeknights and Sundays in accordance with Greyhound scheduling as amended from time to time. For more information, please contact Sights and Sounds in Elliot Lake at 705 848 8253.

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Elliot Lake Public Library

GRAND OPENING!

BBQ & Ceremony

July 6th 11am - 3pm

We're very excited to be operating out of our new location at Pearson Plaza

The hours at the new library are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9:30 – 6:00

Thursday 9:30 – 8:00

Saturday 10:00 – 5:00



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705 848 2287

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Corporate Services	2104
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Human Resources	2117
Infrastructure Services	2600
Library	2800
Mayor's Office	2126
Taxes	2109
Water	2108
Welcome Centre	848-7737