

Waves

A publication for the citizens and communities of the Municipality of Lakeshore.

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2024 Budget

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, Council approved Lakeshore's 2024 Budget, featuring the lowest tax rate increase in the region at 2.97%. On average, the approved tax rate will add \$54 per year (\$4.50 per month) to the municipal portion of property tax bills.



\$54 | 2.97%
Lakeshore tax rate increase



\$122 | 3.30%
Blended tax rate increase



\$205
Combined yearly increase (including municipal, school board, county, and garbage rates)

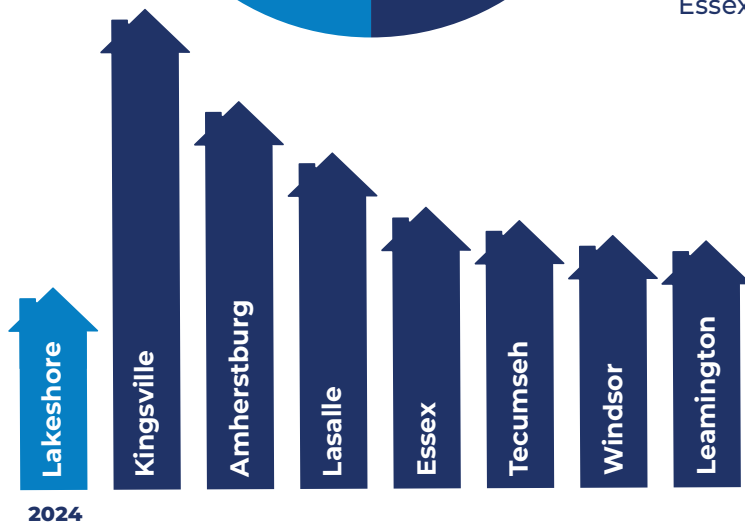


\$53 | 9.00%
Combined wastewater rate increase (based on average usage)



\$21 | 4.00%
Combined water rate increase (based on average usage)

Where Your Tax Dollars Go



Regional Comparison

Lakeshore's 2024 tax rate increase compared to local municipalities' 2024 rates.

Mayor's Message

I want to thank Lakeshore Administration and fellow members of Council for their contributions to the 2024 Budget. This document is a product of hours of thoughtful deliberation and reflects the needs of our communities.

The decision-making process had bold, focused leadership. Council acknowledged that every dollar matters to taxpayers, and we worked hard to deliver a budget with the lowest tax rate increase

in the region, even in the face of significant financial pressures like inflation.

Despite that, the budget dedicates significant spending towards the critical projects that are a priority for our residents. Council increased our investments in road rehabilitation, which will mean up to 30 kilometres of better roads in neighbourhoods across Lakeshore.

We have built on the success of previous years by continuing to invest in frontline customer

services to ensure our residents get the information they need promptly. The investments in service quality have been reinforced by technology, enabling us to modernize our organization cost-effectively.

While the approval of the budget was a major decision, it is not the only one that will impact our communities. Looking ahead, Council and I will continue to work to improve Lakeshore, and we invite you to join us along the way. **Together we are Lakeshore.**
Mayor Tracey Bailey

Planning a Spring Project?

If you're planning to build a swimming pool, fence, or deck, By-law 39-2018 requires that you have a permit for the construction on your property.

Residents are encouraged to consult the by-law, which sets out height and material restrictions for fences, including pool fences. Contact the Building Division for a permit before work starts and learn more at: [Lakeshore.ca/Bylaws](https://lakeshore.ca/Bylaws)

Drive-Thru Microchip Clinic

Get your dog, cat, or rabbit microchipped without leaving your vehicle! This microchip clinic, in partnership with the Windsor/Essex County Humane Society, will take place on **Sunday, April 21 from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM** at the Atlas Tube Recreation Centre. The cost is \$20 (cash only).

*Dogs must be on a leash and cats/rabbits in carriers.

Dog Tag Reminder



Calling all dog owners! Don't forget, dog tags must be purchased every year for each dog in your possession. Tags can be purchased online or at Lakeshore Town Hall.

All payments made after March 31 will be subject to a \$10 late fee. Learn more at: [Lakeshore.ca/Pets](https://lakeshore.ca/Pets)

Burn Permits Now Available Online

Lakeshore's burn permit applications will be available online through CloudPermit starting **April 1, 2024!** This online burn permit system allows residents to apply and monitor the status of an application anywhere, at any time.

To learn more or start an application, visit: [Lakeshore.ca/OpenBurning](https://lakeshore.ca/OpenBurning)

Marina & Parks Reopening

Spring has sprung and that means Lakeshore's park facilities and the Belle River Marina will be back in action!

Lakeshore's seasonal park amenities, such as washrooms and sports fields, are scheduled to reopen to the public on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**. If you encounter a problem at a local park, please visit [Lakeshore.ca/ReportAProblem](https://lakeshore.ca/ReportAProblem)

Belle River Marina is scheduled to reopen on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024** for the 2024 season. The marina ramp (\$15 per launch) and the fuel/pump-out docks will be staffed daily from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the Spring/Summer season. For more information, please visit [Lakeshore.ca/Marina](https://lakeshore.ca/Marina) or call the PSU at **519-728-2700**.

2024 Summer Camp Registration Coming Up

Ready for some fun this summer? Check out Lakeshore's Summer Camps. We offer a variety of activities including arts and crafts, S.T.E.M, sports, outdoor play, games, swimming, and more!

Registration for Lakeshore's Summer Camps officially opens on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024!** Day camps are available for kids 4-7 and 8-11 years old.

Register online at [Lakeshore.ca/Recreation](https://lakeshore.ca/Recreation) or call the Public Service Unit at **519-728-2700**.

Call For Musicians

The Municipality of Lakeshore is seeking musicians for the upcoming annual Parks Concert Series.

- The series runs on Friday evenings from late June to early September
- Approximately 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

To apply, email a clip of your music/performance and your availability to Events@Lakeshore.ca



We Want to Hear From You!

Check out upcoming engagement events and sign up for community surveys online at:

[Lakeshore.ca/Engage](https://lakeshore.ca/Engage)

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