

**First Installment – Friday, July 29, 2016
 Second Installment – Friday, September 30, 2016**

The Municipal Act and related Provincial regulations provide for the continuation of the capping of tax increases for properties within the Commercial, Industrial, and Multi-Residential tax classes for 2016. These bills will include the total taxes charged plus an additional charge or credit for the capping provision with a disclosure notice (Schedule 3) detailing the adjustment calculation.

Payment Options

1. By mail, to be received by the installment due date and addressed to the Town of Lincoln, 4800 South Service Road, Beamsville ON L0R 1B1. Please do not send cash in the mail.
2. In person at the Municipal Office during office hours (by cash, cheque or debit card) or by depositing payment by cheque in the After Hours Mail Deposit located at the front entrance of Town Hall. For your convenience, payments may be made using post-dated cheques.
3. At most financial institutions before the installment due date. Please allow 5 business days for processing or penalty and interest may apply.
4. By pre-authorized payment for automatic withdrawal from your bank account on the installment due date or on the 15th of the month between January and October. Application forms are available from the Finance Department or visit our website at www.lincoln.ca.
5. By electronic bill payment (i.e. telephone/online banking, ATM machines, software linkups). Please allow sufficient time for payments to reach the Town by the due date or penalty and interest may apply. Up to 3 business days may be required for bank payments.
6. By on-line credit card payments through Paymentus Corporation, a third party automated payment service that accepts Visa or MasterCard. A convenience fee will be charged by Paymentus for use of this service. Visit www.lincoln.ca for more information or call 1-877-200-9067 to reach the automated service.

Payments will be credited to your account on the date of their receipt by the Town.

Cancellation or Refund of Taxes

If there is a change in status of your property due to damage, fire or demolition, you may be eligible to receive a refund, cancellation or reduction of your taxes paid. If you feel you may qualify under these circumstances, contact the Finance Department and they will instruct you on how to fill out the required application or visit our website at www.lincoln.ca.

Vacant Commercial/Industrial Buildings

For the 2016 taxation year, property tax relief for vacant commercial/industrial buildings will continue to be provided through tax rebates as administered by the Municipality. If you have a vacant commercial/industrial building during the 2016 taxation year, contact the Finance Department to determine if you may be eligible for a rebate and for instructions on completing the required application or visit our website at www.lincoln.ca.

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TOWN OF LINCOLN 2016 BUDGET AND TAX INFORMATION BULLETIN

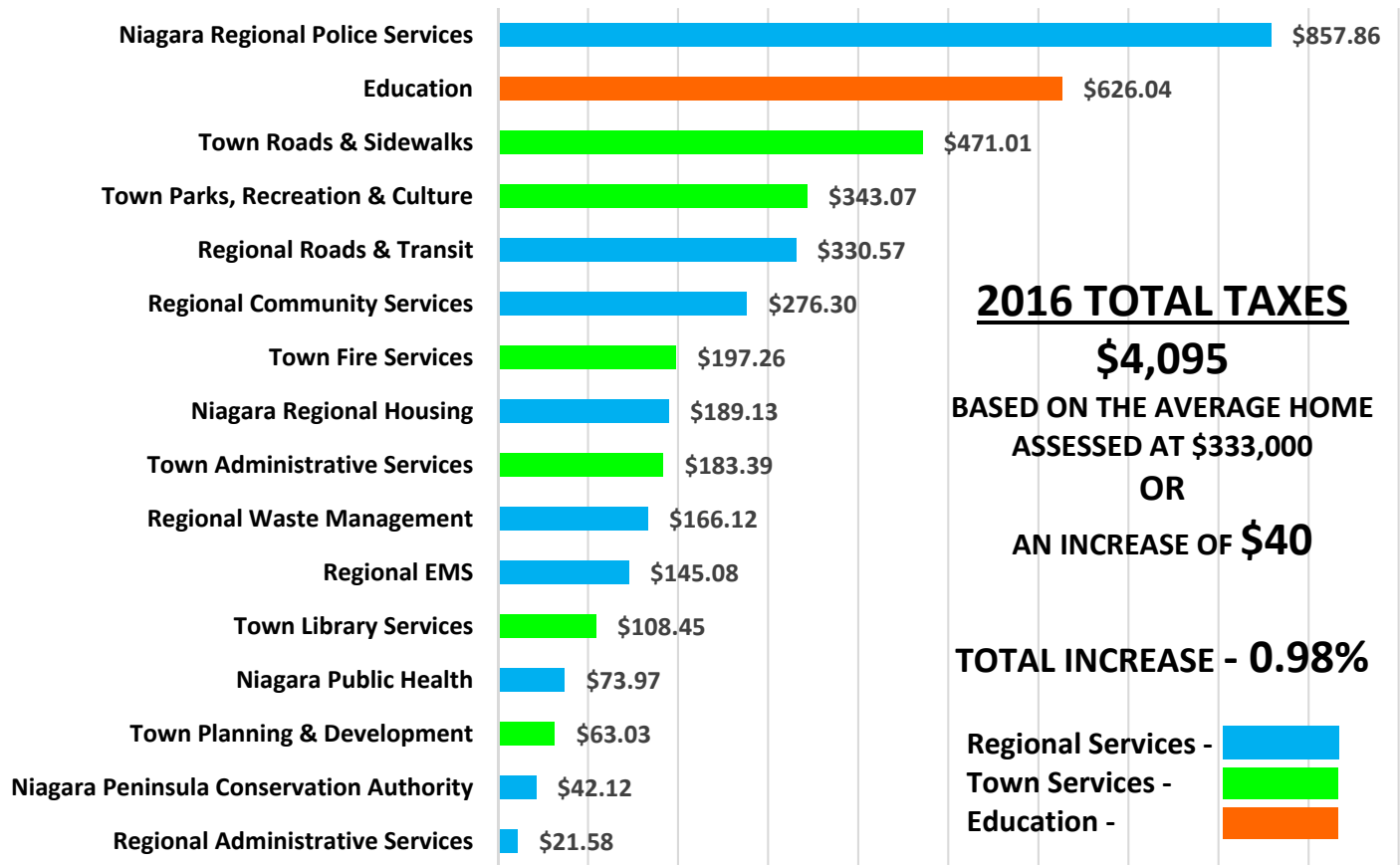
The Corporation of the Town of Lincoln is responsible for collecting property taxes from the registered property owners within the Municipality for the following purposes: local Municipal services (comprising approximately 25% of your bill), Regional responsibilities and services (waste and other services comprise approximately another 50%) and on behalf of the Province of Ontario for local School Board expenditures (approximately 25%). The following summarizes the distribution of the 2016 tax levy requirements:

Town's Portion: In December of 2015, the Town of Lincoln Council approved the 2016 budget of \$27.78 million, which resulted in a municipal tax levy increase of approximately 6.83% or approximately \$60 on the average home. This includes both capital and operating expenses.

Regional Portion: The total Regional general levy requirement of approximately \$18.54 million will be used for services provided by the Region such as policing, social housing, ambulance services, health services, family and children services and maintenance and repair of Regional roads. For more information on services in the Region of Niagara, visit their website at www.niagararegion.ca.

WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?

SERVICES FOR YOUR MUNICIPAL TAXES BASED ON THE AVERAGE HOME



Regional Waste Management: The Town will be collecting approximately \$1.59 million on behalf of the Region for Regional waste management. If you have questions regarding waste management, please contact the Regional Municipality of Niagara at (905) 685-1571.

School Board Taxes: The Province determines the tax rates for local School Boards. The Town will be collecting approximately \$8.58 million on behalf of local English and French, Public and Separate School Boards. If you have questions regarding School Board expenditures, please contact the Province of Ontario or your local School Board.