

# Where do my Property Taxes go?



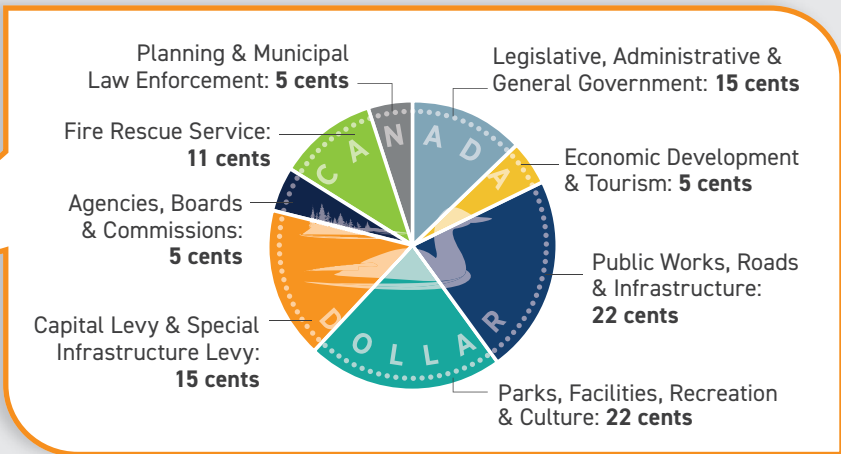
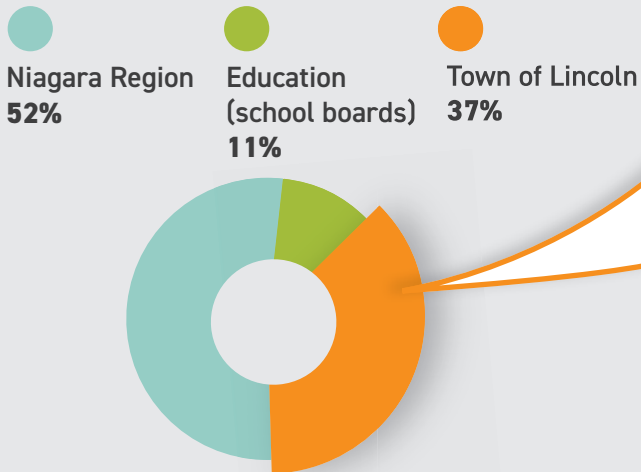
Median Single Family Detached Property

**\$381,000** = **\$5,168**  
ASSESSMENT VALUE IN TAXES ANNUALLY

## Services funded by your Property Tax Bill

Lincoln's tax bill accounts for three agencies. The Town collects the property taxes for all three and then pays the Region and the School Board portions to them, which they use to deliver their services.

The Town of Lincoln's portion of the tax bill is used to deliver a number of services that make Lincoln a place to grow, prosper and belong. **Each dollar of the Town of Lincoln property tax portion of your bill goes towards:**



## With the launch of Niagara Region Transit, your property tax bill will look different starting in 2023.

On January 1, 2023, local transit services across the region amalgamated to create Niagara Region Transit, a single transit system that will improve connectivity among our communities and make it easier for people to get where they need to go. Previously, transit was included in your Regional General Levy and your Town Levy; however, beginning in the second half of 2023 it will show separately on your tax bill as "Regional Transit Levy," much like waste management, also a regional service.

## Estimated Tax Levy Based on \$381,000 Assessment Value



	Tax Rate	Levy/Charge*
Town Levy	0.00499404	\$ 1,902.73
Regional General Levy	0.00623692	\$ 2,376.27
Regional Waste Levy	0.00048260	\$ 183.87
Regional Transit Levy	0.00032203	\$ 122.69
Education Taxes	0.00153000	\$ 582.93
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>0.01356559</b>	<b>\$ 5,168.49</b>

\*For illustrative purposes only, based on median residential assessment value

### NEW

Regional Transit is now on a separate line instead of being included in your general levy



For more information on the transit levy and transit services, visit [NRTransit.ca](http://NRTransit.ca) or call 1-833-NRT-LINE (1-833-678-5463).



# Frequently Asked Questions

## How are my property taxes calculated?

Property taxes are calculated by multiplying the assessment value of your property by the applicable tax rate(s) for your class of property. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) determines the assessment value and classifications of your property.

## How is my property assessment value determined?

Questions about your Assessment? Visit [aboutmyproperty.ca](http://aboutmyproperty.ca) or contact MPAC Customer Contact Centre at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722), or 1-877-889-MPAC (6722).

In 2016, MPAC updated the assessed values of every property in Ontario. These values will continue to be used to calculate your property taxes for 2023, unless there have been changes to your property that resulted in an updated assessment from MPAC.

## How much did my property taxes change?

The back of your property tax bill provides a calculation of the change in your property tax, as well as the change in the Region, Education, and Town portions of your tax bill. For 2023, the average residential taxes are estimated to increase 6.86% over 2022, of which 4.25% relates to the Region and 2.61% relates to the Town.

## How do I find out how much I owe for taxes?

You can review your accounts and transactions by registering or logging in to our secure online service anytime, from anywhere. All you need is your PIN number located on a previous tax bill. Visit [lincoln.ca/onlineaccounts](http://lincoln.ca/onlineaccounts), then follow the five steps found in the instructions.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may call our office at 905-563-2799 Ext 222 and leave a message including the details of your inquiry and how to contact you. A Finance team member will be happy to look up your account and contact you shortly.

## Can I set up a pre-authorized payment plan?

Yes! The Town of Lincoln has convenient pre-authorized payment plans, which allow the Town to directly withdraw amounts due from your bank account based on the plan you choose. You can spread your property tax payments over 10 months without incurring interest charges over the term of the plan as long as you don't have a balance owing from previous years. There is also a plan that draws the payments on the instalment due dates.

Visit [lincoln.ca/onlineaccounts](http://lincoln.ca/onlineaccounts). Click the "Property Tax PAD Agreement (PDF)" and email the completed form and a VOID cheque or bank printout to [finance@lincoln.ca](mailto:finance@lincoln.ca). If you do not have access to email, you may pick up a form at the Finance Department of the Municipal Offices and then mail or drop off the completed form along with a VOID cheque or bank printout.

## What are my property taxes paying for?

Your property taxes go toward the Region, the School Boards, and the Town. The breakdown of the way each dollar of the Town portion of your property tax is distributed is found on the front of this brochure.

In addition, the Niagara Region offers a convenient calculator and detailed explanation video that you may access from our website. Visit [lincoln.ca/propertytaxes](http://lincoln.ca/propertytaxes) and click on Tax Calculator. Enter your assessment from your tax bill and the calculator will estimate the amount of property tax you will pay and the distribution of your Regional property taxes.

## How much of my property taxes are funding the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital redevelopment?

Multiple Councils dating back to the early 2000s made commitments to contribute to the redevelopment of the WLMH hospital to serve the growing community and all of West Niagara. While some money was already in reserves, a levy contribution of 0.5% was required. This is reflected in your property tax bill as part of your Town Levy.



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Visit [SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Budget2024](http://SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Budget2024) for information on next year's budget and opportunities for public engagement.



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**For More Information**

**WEBSITE:**

[lincoln.ca/propertytaxes](http://lincoln.ca/propertytaxes)

**CONTACT:** [tax@lincoln.ca](mailto:tax@lincoln.ca)

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