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TOWNSHIP OF STIRLING- RAWDON 2026 BUDGET

February 17, 2026

Update on 2026 Budget

On February 3rd, 2026 Council reviewed the Township draft budget which presented a proposed Taxation requirement of \$8,147,101. This resulted in an increase of \$989,528 over 2025 or a 13.9% General Levy increase. The Township tax rate increase would have been a 12.6% increase. On an average weighted assessment of 230,693, this would have resulted in an annual increase of \$392.46 or \$32.70 monthly. The average weighted assessment from the Provincial Ontario Municipal Fund (OMPF) calculations are used as shown on page 3.

After a full review of the operations and capital budgets, Council suggested two changes which could potentially reduce the property tax rate increase. The changes resulted as follows:

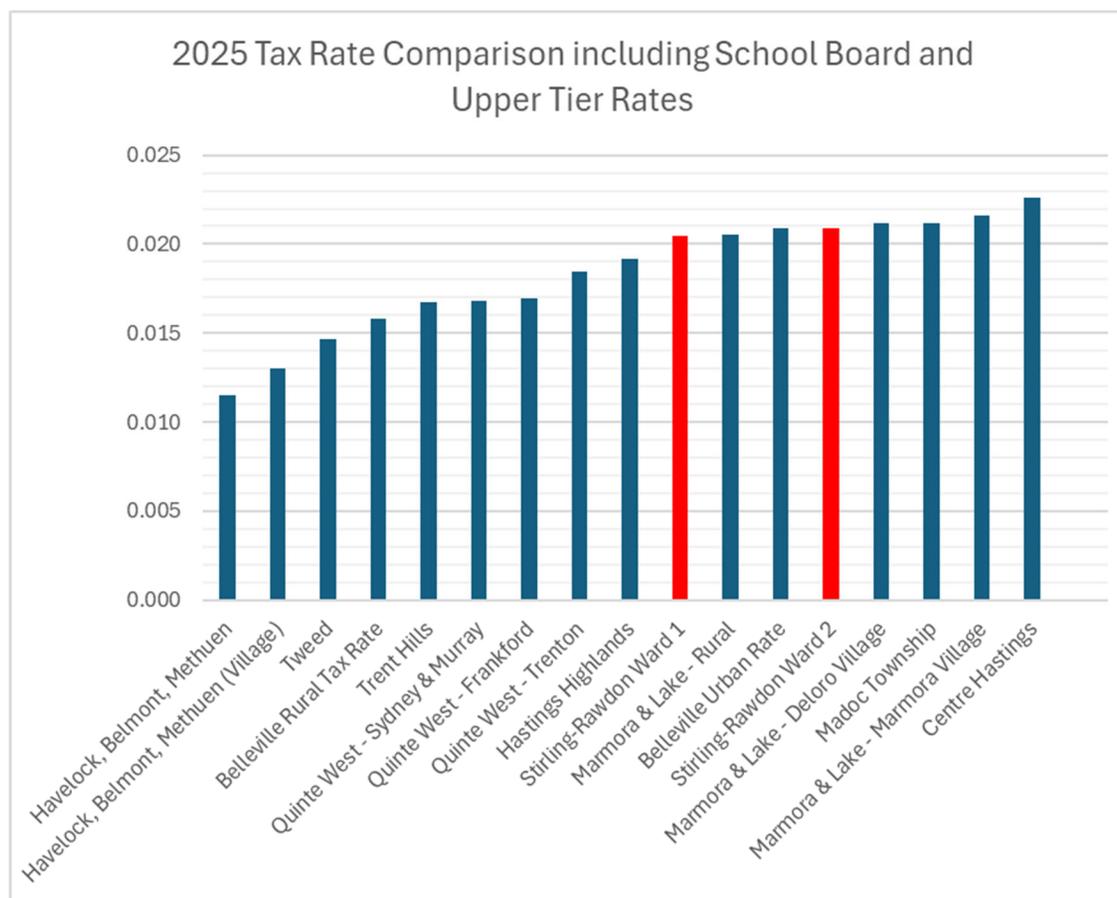
1st Draft 2026 Budget Levy Requirement	\$ 8,153,101	13.9% Increase over 2025 Levy Requirement
Council approved changes:		
	(125,000)	Defer Loader Replacement until 2027 but allocation of 50% of cost towards reserve in 2026
	(192,575)	Defer replacement of culverts on Stirling Marmora Road until 2027, but place \$200,000 in reserves in 2026 towards that work.
2nd Draft 2026 Budget Levy Requirement	\$ 7,835,526	

The revised changes now result in a levy and tax rate changes as shown below.

Township of Stirling-Rawdon			Revised 2/12/2026
2026 DRAFT Summary Tax Rate Sheet			
2025 LEVY REQUIREMENT =	\$7,158,249		
2026 LEVY REQUIREMENT =	\$7,835,526		
Levy Increase	\$677,277	9.46%	
Tax Rate Increase	0.0011079	8.19%	
Residential - Rural Impact - TOWNSHIP PORTION ONLY			
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Every \$100,000 in Residential Assessment	100,000	100,000	100,000
Residential Township Tax Rate	0.01463867	0.01353077	0.01254300
Township Taxes Annually	\$ 1,463.87	\$ 1,353.08	\$ 1,254.30
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Average Weighted Assessment for the Township of Stirling-Rawdon	230,693	230,693	230,693
Residential Township Tax Rate	0.01463867	0.01353077	0.01254300
Township Taxes Annually	\$ 3,377.04	\$ 3,121.45	\$ 2,893.58
	\$ 255.59	\$ 227.87	\$ 2,893.58
	8.2%	7.9%	
Average Weighted Assessment per Household from OMPF Calculation	\$ 230,693		
1. Total Weighted Assessment	\$ 529,441,560.00		
2. Number of Households	2,295		

Comparison of Tax Rates to Neighbouring Municipalities

Staff compiled a sample of comparable tax rates from neighbouring municipalities, including the Lower Tier, Upper Tier (if applicable) and Education Rates to show context for rates in 2025. 2026 comparables are not available at this time.



Reserve and Reserve Fund Summary

Township of Stirling-Rawdon	
Reserve and Reserve Fund Continuity Schedule	
Reserves	
Account Description	2025 Ending
Reserve - GAS TAX	96,078.30
Reserve - Capital Works	13,941.25
Reserve - Working Fund	400,050.00
Reserve - Administration	47,540.76
Reserve - Efficiency Funding	10,723.79
Reserve - WSIB	56,265.99
Reserve - Medical Equipment	16,054.11
Reserve - 2008 Anniversary	9,621.12
Reserve - Anniversary - History Book	2,731.81
Reserve JFSB	55,000.00
Reserve - Fire	383,817.27
Reserve - Emergency Management	3,613.31
Reserve - Police	50,000.00
Reserve - Conservation Authorities	47,947.49
Reserve - BISB	1,485,193.01
Reserve - Roads	65,687.29
Reserve - Equipment	
Reserve - Traffic Control	14,254.80
Reserve - St. Lights Ward 1	16,822.03
Reserve - St. Lights Ward 2	64,732.96
Reserve - Sewer Ward 2	177,701.68
Reserve - Water Ward 2	-
Reserve - Waste	47,254.01
Reserve - Cemetery Ward 2	13,565.19
Reserve - Rotary Park	1,322.08
Reserve - Recreation	82,970.04
Reserve - Recreation - Shawn Coffin	5,750.00
Reserve - Theatre	9,870.05
Reserve - Planning	19,437.59
Reserve - Economic Development	827.60
	3,198,773.53

Is	2025 Ending
Account Description	Ending
Development Charges - Growth Related Services Urb	1,468.00
Development Charges - Gen. Gov't W	21,782.66
Development Charges - Sewer&Water	191,447.00
Development Charges - Transportati	193,301.84
Development Charges - Recreation W	211,904.61
Development Charges - Fire Ward 2	172,146.20
Development Charges - Police Ward	-
Development Charges - Library Ward	29,198.45
Development Charges - Annis St. Pm	1,587.71
Development Charges - Road Constru	209,347.00
Development Charges - Road Equipme	-
Development Charges - Fire Ward 1	82,955.40
Development Charges - Library Ward	32,806.07
Development Charges - Recreation W	205,323.13
Development Charges - Growth Related Services Rur	384.00
	1,353,652.07

Debt Summary

A summary of the current debt payments is attached below.

This does not include any unfinanced capital that has been approved in previous budgets. With the finalization of the 2024 financial reports and the work being completed by staff to prepare for the 2025 year end, this final unfinanced capital amount is not available.

Once the final unfinanced capital outlay is calculated, a report will be presented to Council that will include proposed financing arrangements. An analysis of the proposed debt for the \$15 million Infrastructure project being funded from the ICIP HWSW funding will also be included so Council can make some informed decisions regarding long term financing for the Township.

Next Steps

Council to make necessary changes to get the Tax Rate where they will approve it.

Approval of the Budget through resolution or by-law. Once County of Hastings completes their budget, staff will finalize all tax rates and issue tax bills.

Water and Sewer Rate Study and Financial Plan presented separately on February 17th, 2026 Council meeting. The Water and Sewer budget will be presented at that meeting and the Water and Sewer By-law which sets the rates will be presented for Council consideration.

Fees and Charges will be reviewed and presented to Council in March.

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February 12, 2026