

Easy Payment Options

1. In Person: City Hall or at Recreation, Culture & Community Services Office (Quinte Sports Centre).
2. By Mail: Send your Cheque to City of Belleville, 169 Front St. Belleville, ON K8N 2Y8. (Postdated cheques will be processed without exception).
3. Financial Institution Payments: May be made at any Financial Institution or through your bank's telephone, or PC banking services. (Please check for availability with your Financial Institution).
4. Pre-Authorized Payment Plan: Monthly or instalment forms available online or at City Hall.
5. Tax Payment Drop Box: City Hall, Belleville Water, and Recreation, Culture & Community Services Office.
6. Visa & MC : Online or by phone at www.city.belleville.on.ca or 613-967-3200 Option #9 or 1-888-460-3832 (Please Note Convenience charge applicable). Kiosk also available at City Hall.

Tax Information

If you have any questions about your 2011 Final Tax Bill please call the Tax Department at:

613-967-3243

TTY Phone Line 613-967-3768

Or

Email directly to:

tax.info@city.belleville.on.ca

Copies of the City's 2011 Tax Rates are available at the Customer Service Area, 1st Floor, City Hall and on the City of Belleville's website at: www.city.belleville.on.ca



City of Belleville Guide to Your 2011 Final Property Tax Notice



**2011 Final Tax
Due Dates**
**1st Instalment
June 28th, 2011**
**2nd Instalment
September 28th, 2011**

Services For Your Tax Dollar

To help you better understand where your tax dollars are spent, below is a detailed breakdown of municipal services and their costs based on a typical household assessment of \$185,715.

\$185,715 Assessment	Belleville Urban	Cannifton Urban Fire	Cannifton Rural Fire	Rural
Core Rate	\$1,584.43	\$1,584.43	\$1,584.43	\$1,584.43
Police Urban	\$500.53	\$500.53	\$500.53	\$0.00
Police Rural	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.29
Fire Urban	\$329.56	\$329.56	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fire Rural	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.60	\$145.60
Transit Urban	\$82.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Light Urban	\$20.12	\$20.12	\$20.12	\$0.00
Debt Annexation	\$4.10	\$4.10	\$4.10	\$0.00
Municipal Total	\$2,521.68	\$2,438.75	\$2,253.84	\$1,888.38
Education Total	\$429.00	\$429.00	\$429.00	\$429.00
Total	\$2,950.68	\$2,867.75	\$2,682.84	\$2,317.38

Please visit the City's Residential Tax Rate Calculator online at: www.city.belleville.on.ca. It's easy to use just enter your billing table, 2010 & 2011 assessments then press calculate for a detailed breakdown of your taxes.



2011 Municipal Taxes

The tax rates are calculated using the net annual operating budget, as approved by Council, and the City's weighted assessment for the year. The operating budget provides funding for the full scope of services provided by the City. Revenue from provincial grants, user fees and other sources is deducted from the total expenditures, resulting in a net amount to be raised from taxes. The amount to be raised from taxes for 2011 is \$70.4 million as compared to \$68.8 million in 2010.

Education Taxes

The Province of Ontario establishes the Education tax rate for each class of property. Education taxes are then billed and collected by the City and remitted to the four local School Boards. The 2011 rate for Residential and Multi-residential classes has been set at 0.231%. Residential and Multi-Residential education tax rates are the same for all municipalities across Ontario. The Education tax rates for Commercial and Industrial classes are unique to the City but are still regulated by the Province. For the year 2011 the City will levy and forward to the School Boards the total of \$23.1 million.

Tax Rates

Tax rates consist of two parts – an education component, and a municipal component. The Provincial Government sets the education component, and the municipal component is set by City Council. The Province sets the education rate to raise sufficient funds to operate the education system. City Council establishes the municipal rate to raise sufficient funds to operate the municipality.

Rates By Property Class

Tax rates are established for each class of property (Residential, Multi-Residential, Commercial, Industrial, etc.) and are expressed as a percentage of the Residential tax rate. The City also addresses different types of properties in different ways, and applies different tax rates to different types of property. This is done through the division of properties into property classes.

Annualized Assessment

Assessment values from the 2011 returned Assessment Roll, reflects all changes (additions, deletions, results of ARB decisions, Minutes of Settlements) during the year. Annualized taxes may differ from the actual taxes shown on the 2010 Final Bill.

Area Rating

Tax rates can vary throughout the four billing areas within the municipality due to a process called "area rating" which provides a mechanism for taxpayers to pay for the direct or indirect services they actually receive. When Council establishes the annual budget, individual areas may be impacted to a greater or lesser extent, depending on the cost of the services, causing tax rate changes to vary by area.

2011 Current Value Assessment

The Assessment Act requires that the assessed value of your property be based on what your property would likely sell for on a specific date (January 1, 2008 for the 2011 taxation year). Questions about your assessment should be directed to **MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corp)** 1-866-296-6722 or www.mpac.on.ca

Low Income Senior/Disabled Person Property Tax Credit Programs

Provides a \$200 credit to anyone who is receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement under the Old Age Security Act (Canada) and are sixty-five years of age or older by December 31st, 2010 or Ontario Disability Support Program benefits. Deadline for making application is August 30th, 2011. Applications are available at the Customer Service Area, 1st Floor, City Hall and on the City of Belleville's website at www.city.belleville.on.ca **Please Note:** Applicants must solely own and occupy this property as their principal residence. (Applications must be made on a yearly basis).

Rebate for Vacant Units in Commercial and Industrial Property

Applications may be made for rebate of property taxes for the vacant portions of property in the Commercial or Industrial property classes only. The deadline to submit applications for the 2011 taxation year is 4:30 p.m. on February 28th, 2012. Application forms are available at the Customer Service Area, 1st Floor, City Hall and on the City of Belleville's website www.city.belleville.on.ca or by calling 613-967-3243. **Please Note:** Applications must be submitted by mail or hand delivered to the City of Belleville, Taxation, 169 Front St., Belleville, ON, K8N 2Y8 (we will no longer accept faxes).

Property Tax Rebate Program for Eligible Charities

This rebate program is applicable to registered charities that are tenants in Commercial or Industrial class properties. The landlords may be contacted by the charity to provide certain information that the City requires in order to process their application. Deadline for submitting 2011 applications is 4:30 p.m. on February 28th, 2012. Applications are available at the Customer Service Area, 1st Floor, City Hall and on the City of Belleville's website www.city.belleville.on.ca or by calling 613-967-3243.

Budget 2011 Moving Forward

On behalf of Council I am pleased to advise that the City of Belleville 2011 Budget having a total levy amount of \$70.3 million is again making strategic investments in the City and enhancing our municipal services while decreasing tax rates.

Council continues to proactively implement the City's Strategic and Corporate Business Plans to ensure priorities are addressed and that the City's resources are being applied in the most effective manner. Therefore, with assessment growth, a 2.3% levy adjustment and tax rate decreases, on average, the amount a household will be charged in the urban area will only increase by 1.41% (\$41) and increase by 1.36% (\$31) in the rural area. Commercial property taxes basically flatlined and Industrial property taxes increasing on an average 1.0% to 1.5%.

Capital Budget:

- Total of \$38.3 Million
- No Impact on property taxes
- Major Projects to include:
 - Numerous capital construction projects (Charles Street, Moira Street Bridge)
 - Solar energy farm for the Quinte Sports Centre
 - Commencement of the new Fire and Emergency Services Facility

Operating Budget:

- Total of \$103 Million
- Municipal taxes increase by 2.32%
- \$750,000 contribution to asset management
- Provincial uploading of social services provides reduction of \$600,000
- Costs to maintain existing services levels increase by 0.23%

Selected initiatives in this budget include:

- Charles Street Reconstruction
- Moira Street Bridge Rehabilitation
- Transportation Master Plan
- Lingham/Boswell/Harriett Streets Reconstruction
- North East Feeder Main Continuation
- Haig Road Watermain Extension

Sincerely, Mayor Neil R. Ellis



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Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm