



2026 BUDGET INFORMATION

The Council of the Township of Machar has approved a 2026 levy of \$2,924,805, up \$204,839 over the 2025 levy of \$2,719,966. The resulting increase to the overall Tax Rate is 4.83%. The effect on an individual's property tax will be 4.83% as assessment amounts remain the same as previous years per Provincial regulation (except where a change in assessment has been received by the property owner from MPAC). The Tax Impact on a Median/Typical Property with an assessed value of \$163,000 is \$89.88 for 2026. Council has struck a measured tax rate increase based on repaying the Township's reserves after the capital costs of 2024, ensuring reliable funds for the future.

Our share for the South River Machar Fire Dept has increased by 13.1% or \$30,988 to \$267,143 in 2026. Our share of the South River Machar Arena has decreased by 55.9% or \$239,712 to \$188,851 our now 50% overall stakeholder share in 2026; a reprieve after the increased of 119.95% or \$233,713 to \$428,563 that was our share in 2025, largely due to a change in the Township's operating funding contributions from 1/3 to 1/2, as well as our share of the rink resurfacing capital project of 2025. The Township Road budget is down 15.4%, Landfill is up 8.3% and Administration is up 40% for 2026. The South River Machar Library is up 2% to \$49,077 for our share in 2026. Our costs for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit are up 3.9% to \$30,404. District Social Services is up 7.2% to \$136,539, and our mandatory contribution to Eastholme, Home for the Aged is up 3.2% to \$101,290. The amount required for Property Assessment (MPAC) in 2026 is \$41,292 and Provincial Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services is \$102,294.

Capital roads projects scheduled for this year include the resurfacing on Municipal Rd N (to the Landfill), as well as Ottawa Ave and updating of our Public Works fleet from a 2014 to a new Pick-Up. We are also planning to add gravel to Riding Ranch Rd this year. The Retaining Wall project at the Eagle Lake Narrows was completed this Spring with an unexpected railing requirement. Funding has been received from NOHFC for the Retaining Wall to cover 75% of the costs up to \$260,625. This project allowed us to preserve the beauty and functionality of our park for years to come.

A comparison of 2025 Tax Rates between municipalities on the same assessed value of \$216,000 reflects total annual taxes of \$2,463.65 Township of Machar, \$2,640.67 Township of Strong, \$4,606.24 Village of Sundridge, and \$4,680.53 Village of South River. The Township of Strong is our closest comparator (location, size and road network). Achieving and maintaining a responsible tax increase positions us well for the future, while still providing our citizens with the best value for service. We strive to balance growth and demands for more service, including increased citizen inquiries. We continue to see significant workloads in all departments, as well as recognizing upcoming infrastructure requirements for our road network, and Municipal Office in the foreseeable future. Our goal is to provide the very best service to our citizens, while managing these challenges.

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Mayor Lynda Carleton