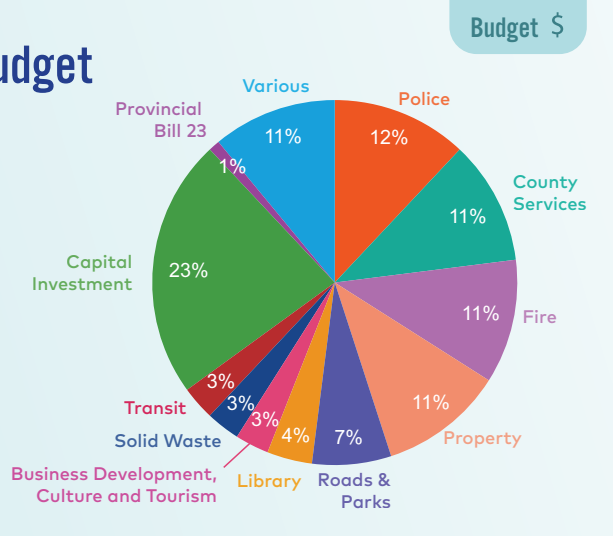


## Orillia Council Approves 2023 Budget

While balancing the financial impacts of historically high inflation rates, effects of the Province's Bill 23, and service contract pressures, Orillia Council approved a 2023 budget with a 2.79 per cent tax rate increase at its Special Council meeting on Feb. 27, 2023.

The City of Orillia's approved 2023 budget consists of \$70.3 million in net operating and \$33.6 million in capital expenditures to provide a wide variety of quality services for our growing community. See the budget highlights and more information at [orillia.ca/budget](http://orillia.ca/budget).



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## Calling All Artists: 'Momentum'

The Art in Public Places Committee is launching a new Call to Artists for the Orillia Recreation Centre's art gallery, The Stack.

The Call invites artists to interpret the theme 'Momentum', either through new or existing original works of art. The deadline for submissions is March 20, 2023. The Call is open to everyone; however, preference will be given to local/regional artists.

Artists of varying disciplines are invited to submit an original work of art provided it can be hung, does not extend more than two inches from the wall, and does not require external power. Works are also not restricted by size. Full submission requirements are available at [orillia.ca/publicart](http://orillia.ca/publicart) or by contacting Jacqueline Surette, Manager of Culture, at 705-325-4530 or [jsurette@orillia.ca](mailto:jsurette@orillia.ca).

Notices

The 2022 Annual and Summary Report for the Drinking Water System has been completed and is available for viewing at [orillia.ca/waterquality](http://orillia.ca/waterquality) or at no charge at the first floor customer service desk at Orillia City Centre (50 Andrew St. S.).



## Reminder to Owners of Tenant Occupied Properties

Under provincial legislation unpaid water and sanitary sewer bills become the responsibility of the property owner.

When a tenant vacates a property, the water and sewer account will be put in the name of the property owner. The property owner will then receive all water bills and notices unless we have a completed Owner Agreement for Tenant form from the property owner to put the bills into the new tenant's name.

The City will attempt collection from the tenant addressed on the bill. However, if unsuccessful, these charges will be added to the property's tax roll. The City's collection efforts do not begin until two successive billings have gone unpaid. Property owners may call the Financial Services Division at 705-329-7239 in regards to the status of an account at any time during regular business hours.

## Have Your Say!

The Transit Advisory Committee has been tasked by Council to conduct an analysis of current bus routes that explores ways to improve their productivity, efficiency, scheduling, and costs. Your feedback is vital. Submit comments by March 23, 2023 at [orillia.ca/haveyoursay](http://orillia.ca/haveyoursay).

## Reminder to Taxpayers

The first instalment of the 2023 Interim Tax Bill is due and payable March 15, 2023.

Ratepayers are reminded that penalty is added to all past due instalments or part thereof as follows:

- 1.25 per cent added on the first working day following the due date and
- 1.25 per cent per month thereafter beginning April 1, 2023.

Failure to receive the tax bill does not relieve the property owner from payment of taxes or liability for penalty for late payment.

Payments for both tax and water bills are accepted at most financial institutions. To take advantage of our pre-authorized tax plan, please visit [orillia.ca](http://orillia.ca) or call 705-329-7239 for more information.

## Art in Public Places Committee Call for New Members

The Art in Public Places Committee is seeking one (1) member with knowledge and expertise from a broad range of arts, culture, and creative disciplines.

The Art in Public Places Committee provides advice and guidance to the City on matters related to policies, projects, and procedures related to temporary and permanent art installations within the public realm.

Members of the committee must be eligible electors of the City of Orillia or in a neighbouring municipality (Townships of Oro-Medonte, Severn, Ramara, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation) and will be required to become a member of the Orillia Museum of Art & History (OMAH).

Applications are due April 4, 2023. Details on how to submit are available at [orillia.ca/publicart](http://orillia.ca/publicart).

## Garbage Tags: Next Mailing

Notice !

Please note that the City of Orillia will mail the next set of garbage tags for each household at the beginning of June 2023.

As recommended in the City's Waste Minimization Plan and supported by Orillia Council through the 2023 budget process, the City will be reducing the allotment of garbage tags to implement a phased-in full user-pay system.

A full user-pay program will transition the costs to operate the program based on usage, reduce the pressures on the overall tax levy, encourage waste diversion, and support environmental sustainability and the City's Climate Change Action Plan objectives. Residents and businesses can learn more about how to maximize waste diversion at [orillia.ca/recyclingtips](http://orillia.ca/recyclingtips).

The allotment of garbage tags for 2023 will be 10 to cover the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. As of July 1, 2024, all garbage tags will need to be purchased.

Garbage tags can be purchased at the Orillia City Centre (50 Andrew St. S.), the Waste Diversion Site (100 Kitchener St.), and at the following retail stores:

- Zehr's Markets (285 Coldwater Rd.)
- Metro (70 Front St. N.)
- Memorial Pharmasave (1 – 200 Memorial Ave.)
- Oscar's Variety (33 Mississauga St. E. #1)
- Pharma Plus Drugmart (58 Mississauga St. E.)

Place tags on the uppermost garbage bag within a container or wrapped around a standalone bag to form a 'flag'

All garbage must have a full garbage tag used for collection and be in a clear bag or appropriate rigid container. No tags are needed for green bin/yard waste (excluding grass clippings), recycling materials, or diapers in clear bags. There is a weight limit of 20 kg (44 lbs) per bag or container. Questions? Call the Waste Diversion Site at 705-325-3522.

Opportunities 🕒

## Job Opportunities

### Community Garden Coordinator (Part-Time, Contract)

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department  
Closing: March 15, 2023

### Administrative Assistant (Part-Time)

Orillia Fire Department  
Closing: March 16, 2023

### GIS Specialist

Development Services and Engineering Department  
Closing: March 16, 2023

### Housing Coordinator (Two-Year Contract)

Development Services and Engineering Department  
Closing: March 16, 2023

### Customer Service Coordinator (12-Month Contract)

Corporate Services Department  
Closing: March 20, 2023

### Climate Change Action Plan Coordinator

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department  
Closing: March 21, 2023

### Superintendent, Building Maintenance

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department  
Closing: March 21, 2023

### Day Camp Supervisor, Counsellor and Inclusion Counsellor

Corporate Services Department  
Closing: March 31, 2023

### Sports Coordinator

Corporate Services Department  
Closing: March 31, 2023

### 2023 Park Maintenance Staff (Contract)

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department  
Closing: May 1, 2023



For a full listing and details regarding job opportunities with the City of Orillia, please visit [orillia.ca/employment](http://orillia.ca/employment).

Important Dates 📅

## Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, March 20: Regular Council, Public Meeting of Council re Planning Matters and Special Council re Tax Appeals**

**Monday, April 3: Regular Council**

**Monday, April 17: Regular Council**

Regular Council meetings will be held in-person in the Council Chamber beginning at 2 p.m. A portion of Council meetings may be held in Closed Session. Members of the public who wish to attend Council Chamber during the open session portions of these meetings are welcome. Regularly scheduled City Council meetings will air on Rogers Cable TV Channel 10 and also streamed live on the Rogers TV Orillia City Council page.

Full agenda packages and viewing details are available at [orillia.ca/councilmeetings](http://orillia.ca/councilmeetings). For further information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at the Orillia City Centre, 50 Andrew St. S., first floor or by calling 705-325-1311 or emailing [clerks@orillia.ca](mailto:clerks@orillia.ca).

Notice !

## Notice of Road and Parking Lot Closures: Centennial Drive

As part of Phase 2 of the Centennial Drive Area Improvement Project reconstruction of the Canice Street/Centennial Drive/Mississauga Street East Corridor, the following closures are now in place:

- The Centennial Boat Launch Parking Lot is closed.
- Canice Street from Tecumseth Street to Brant Street East is closed.
- Tecumseth Street east of Parkview Avenue to Canice Street is closed.
- Centennial Drive remains closed between Mississauga Street East and Tecumseth Street.

The closures are required for the contractor, Arnott Construction Ltd., to carry out planned watermain, sanitary, and storm sewer works. The roads are closed to all traffic. Detour signage is in place. Emergency access will be maintained. **Local businesses are open and can be accessed via Mississauga Street.** The bicycle trail between the Waterfront Centre and the Esplanade remains closed.

For more information about the project, including a map of the current closures, visit [orillia.ca/centennial](http://orillia.ca/centennial). Should you have any questions, please contact Sara Shaw, Project Public Relations Officer for Arnott Construction Ltd., at 705-627-7779 or by email at [centennial@arnottgroup.com](mailto:centennial@arnottgroup.com).