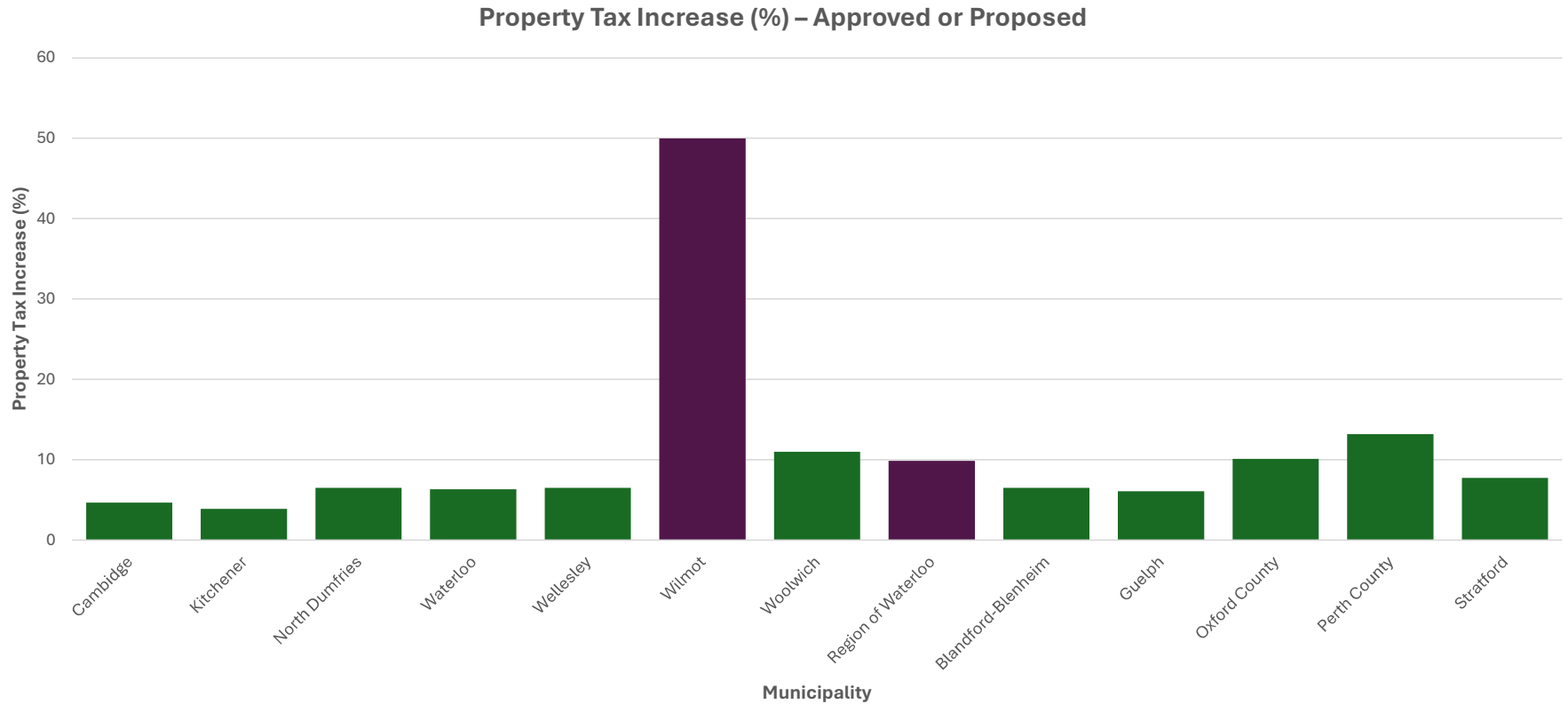


2025 Budget Delegation

Rory Farnan, Wilmot Resident & Taxpayer

2025 Property Tax Comparison



Region of Waterloo 9.48% increase also at a cost to **Wilmot taxpayers**

2025 Budget Considerations (not limited to)

- Reduction of op-ex spending within all Departments & Council spending by X%
- 2-Year wage freeze for employees making more than \$44,304/yr., 1 new employee hire in 2025
- 50% reduction in the Community Grant Program
- Cut non-essential Council spending (i.e. Conferences - only Mayor Salonen attends AMO/ROMA)
- Review any/all early re-negotiation of current supplier contracts (i.e. “Contracted Services”)
- Alternative revenue – Revenue stream(s) that *doesn't involve taxpayers* or user fees
- Closure of the New Hamburg Community Centre
- Sale of greenfield land (i.e. Partial land severance along Livingston Blvd. (b/t Snyder's Rd & Wagler Ave)
- Review of departmental best practices to ensure cost containment
- Selling the P.M. statues to add to the replenishing of the capital reserve fund
- Pulling out of the Waterloo Economic Development Corporation (WR-EDC)
- Removing discount to the WRDSB/WCDSB on ice-pad, aquatic usage – Responsibility of the Board
- Reversal of \$1.5 million in DC relief for 160 Nithview LTC beds – Responsibility of Province
- Cut advertising costs, limit only to public meeting notices, etc. (only to what is required legislatively)
- Review of all ‘memberships’, associations, limit to only required professional memberships
- 10% cut in “IT Infrastructure Maintenance” costs, review of all IT/Telco rates for renegotiation

Suggested Compromise

To offer a compromise, as a taxpaying resident of Wilmot, I could support the following property tax increase:

***5% operating increase +
12% capital increase +
2% infrastructure reserve levy***

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19% total tax increase for 2025

- The CFO, after consultation with Council, report back to council/residents with a revised budget plan.
- **Council commits to a 12% capital increase over the next 3 years to address capital funding**

Council Resolution to Provincial Government

A New Provincial Funding Model to Address Municipal Budget Challenges

WHEREAS municipalities across the province are facing significant budgetary pressures due to rising costs, aging infrastructure, and increased demand for services;

AND WHEREAS the current funding model does not adequately address the financial needs of municipalities, leading to difficult decisions regarding service cuts and tax increases;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are essential to the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the province, providing critical services such as public safety, transportation, and community development;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Wilmot Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to engage in meaningful dialogue with municipalities to develop a new funding framework that ensures sustainable and predictable financial support;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this new deal should include increased funding for infrastructure projects, enhanced support for essential services, and mechanisms to address the unique challenges faced by smaller and rural municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township of Wilmot Council directs the Mayor and staff to communicate this resolution to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), and to seek their support in advocating for this new deal;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Region of Waterloo, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and other relevant municipal associations to garner broader support for this initiative.

Moved by: [Councillor's Name] **Seconded by:** [Councillor's Name] **Date:** [Date]

Conclusion

- The proposed 50% increase *equally irresponsible* as the previous years of inadequate taxation levels
- Burden *cannot* be placed on the taxpayers / ratepayers alone
- Willing to compromise on a *19%* property tax increase
- Council motion calling on Ford Government for *additional municipal funding*