

2023 Budget Summary

How Your 2023 Property Taxes Work For You

The 2023 Municipal levy breakdown for the average residential property is as follows:

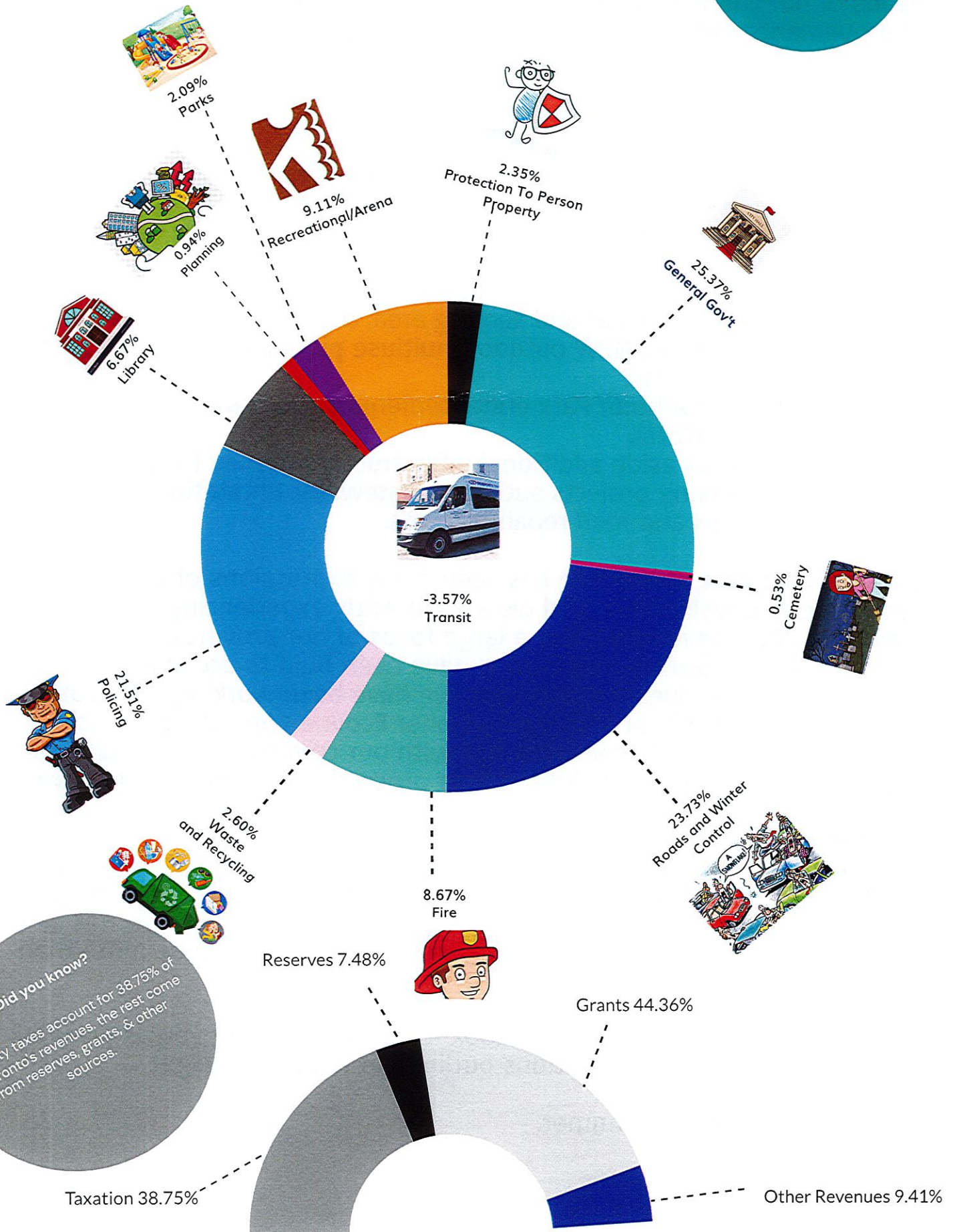
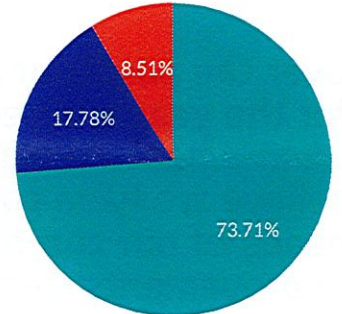
Town of Deseronto
County of Hastings
Education

\$2,107.97
\$ 508.48
\$ 243.37

Total taxes on average assessment
of \$158,988

\$2859.82

Town (73.71%)
County (17.78%)
Education (8.51%)



Did you know?
Property taxes account for 38.75% of Deseronto's revenues, the rest come from reserves, grants, & other sources.



Hello everyone,

With spring settling in, and summer just around the corner, Deseronto Town Council wish to update you on a variety of items.

Over the past four months, staff and Council have been working on projects for the year and setting the 2023 Municipal budget. Recognizing that costs all around have increased, and day-to-day living has become more expensive, we believe we have come up with a budget that is very fair and addresses the needs of our community. With the focus on municipal restructuring, process improvements, service delivery enhancements, and capital spending, we are pleased to announce some of this year's budget highlights:

- 1.07% Municipal tax increase for 2023
- Investments into health and community safety
- Upgrades to municipal buildings (Town Hall, Library, and Fire Hall)
- Completion of the 2nd phase of the Mill Point Park
- Additions to Municipal reserve funds
- Hiring of summer students
- Extensive upgrades to the Community Centre to include, HVAC upgrades roof repair, new bleacher and seating area, a variety of accessibility improvements and a NEW outdoor multiuse pickleball, tennis, basketball, and multisport courts.
- Centennial and Rathbun Park enhancements and various community beautification efforts.
- We have also put aside additional infrastructure money for 2023, and are currently reviewing projects such as, wastewater lift station upgrades and various sidewalk and road repair projects.

Over the past year, Deseronto has seen many expressions of interest pertaining to development and we are currently experiencing developmental growth in 2023. Development is a large focus of our provincial government, and changes to planning and zoning have been fluid to accommodate this desire. To prepare, over the past year, we have been working with both Hastings County and our Municipal planner EcoVue Consulting Services, conducting many public consultations with our community to update our planning and zoning bylaw. After a long process, we are pleased to say we have adopted these zoning amendments and the new Bylaw is in effect. The changes will put into effect the necessary protections and will bring us to a place of confidence and compliance when dealing with the development needs of our community today and moving forward. If you have any questions regarding these amendments, feel free to reach out to the Town Hall @ 613-396-2440 or by email to rhedley@deseronto.ca and we will be more than happy to answer your questions.

On behalf of Council and staff, we look forward to serving you as we work towards implementing the actions outlined in the 2023 budget.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely
Dan Johnston
Mayor