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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Mayor's 2026 Budget Balances Service Levels, Infrastructure, and Fiscal Responsibility

**North Perth, November 20, 2025 –** The 2026 Mayor's Budget has been released and is now available for public review. During this time, Council members may review the budget, provide input, and propose amendments before final approval.

The 2026 Mayor's Budget takes a balanced approach, maintaining current service levels while investing in the renewal of essential infrastructure. The proposed budget includes a property tax increase of 6.61 per cent, equal to about \$161 per year for a median assessed residential household on the North Perth portion of the property tax bill.

While the Strong Mayor framework shifts formal responsibility for the budget to the Mayor, the Mayor remains committed to an open and transparent process. By working collaboratively in the weeks ahead, Council and staff will ensure the final budget aligns with strategic priorities, supports essential services, and delivers value for residents.

"This year's budget reflects our commitment to responsible financial stewardship while maintaining the high-quality services our residents rely on every day. We have focused on the financial impact on residents, supporting core services such as roads, parks, recreation, emergency services, and community programs, and continuing strategic investment in the infrastructure that sustains our future. I am confident this balanced budget supports both our current needs and our long-term vision for a strong, resilient, and vibrant North Perth," said Mayor Kasenberg.

Council may propose amendments during the review period, and if no amendments are presented, the 2026 Mayor's Budget will be adopted on December 2, 2026. The full budget document is available for public review at <a href="www.northperth.ca/budget">www.northperth.ca/budget</a>, and residents are encouraged to review the document and stay informed as Council considers potential amendments.

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