

# Clarington Budget

# Comparing Taxes

## Across Durham Region

Homeowners pay taxes based on how much their house is worth.

**A lower tax rate does not equal lower property tax.**

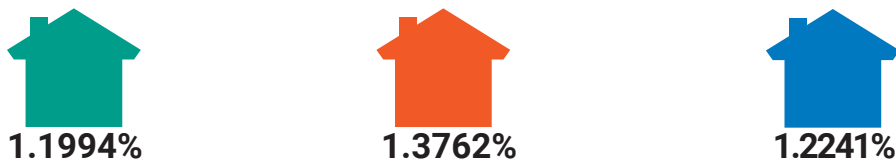
Taxes paid per year\*



Average home value (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation)



Tax rate



**\*Average two-storey, three-bedroom home with 2.5 bathrooms, two-car garage, approximately 2,000 square feet on a 4,000 to 5,000 square foot lot.**

Comparison of taxes on a per household basis from the BMA Management Consulting Inc. Municipal Study 2023.

## Setting the tax levy

The cost of providing Municipal services is added up and divided by the total assessed value of properties in Clarington. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation assesses all homes and properties across Ontario and determines what your home is worth. Generally, Clarington's assessment is lower than other municipalities, as we have lower property values, which means that proportionally our tax rate is higher. The cost of services is roughly the same and in Clarington you are getting more for your dollar as our Municipality is larger and our services extend further.