



LaSalle Holiday Lights Heritage Nights

Have you visited the LaSalle Civic Centre at night? The Town of LaSalle is hosting the inaugural Holiday Lights Heritage Nights display at the LaSalle Civic Centre (5950 Malden Road). This outdoor light display has transformed the LaSalle Civic Centre into a beautiful outdoor walk-through holiday and light experience, including numerous ornamental/holiday lighting displays and a forty-foot-tall walk-through Christmas tree.

The official tree lighting took place on November 26, hosted by AM800's The Morning Drive co-host, Mike Kakuk. The lights will be on daily from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm until January 23 (new extended date).

Bring your family and take some photos. Share your photos by tagging us at [#LaSalleHolidayLights](https://twitter.com/LaSalleHolidayLights)

Please be safe when visiting the display by remaining physically distanced from others, and wear a mask if it is difficult to remain distanced. For more information, visit www.lasalle.ca/holidaylights



LaSalle Council Approves 2022 Budget in Principle

LaSalle Council approved a 1.75% Municipal Tax Rate increase in principle as presented by administration. The municipal levy will increase by \$1.7M over the 2021 Municipal Budget, bringing the 2022 General Levy to \$40.1M. The proposed budget was discussed in a day-long Budget Session on December 15. The 2022 Budget By-law will be presented at a Regular Meeting of Council in January.

“This is a responsible budget. We are not putting things off until tomorrow, but are moving cautiously to support some important projects,” said Mayor Marc Bondy. “We will also continue to provide the services to our community that they have come to expect.”

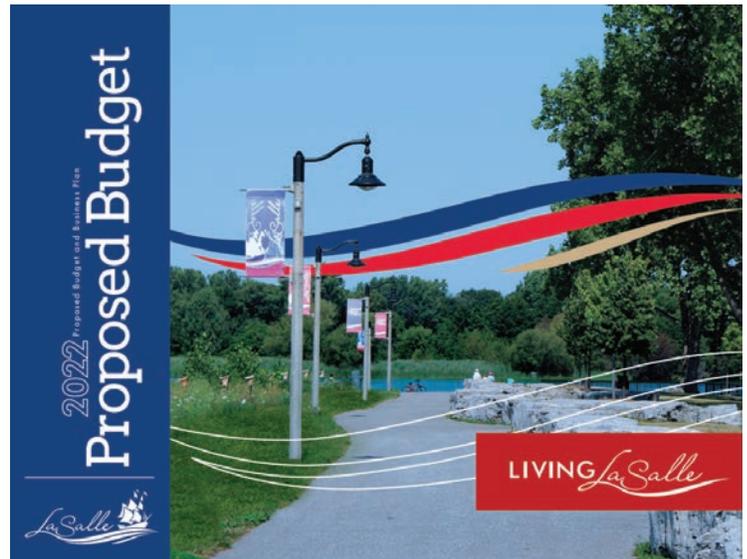
The increases in the levy include approximately \$514,000 for policing costs (ex. wages and benefits, transfers to reserves and two new constables), \$850,000 for service level changes (ex. funding for master plans, increased contribution to capital reserves) and \$948,000 for inflationary changes (ex. wages and benefits, building and equipment maintenance, etc.).

“Our goal the past two years has been to continue to work towards our strategic goals while keeping tax increases as low as possible,” said Dale Langlois, Director of Finance/Treasurer. “Staff in all of our municipal departments have worked hard to ensure that their budgets are well-managed.”

Each municipal department is responsible to develop a budget that coincides with their goals and objectives for the coming year. Those goals and objectives are tied to the LaSalle 2050 Corporate Strategic Plan, and are often developed based on feedback from the community and members of Council throughout the year.

It is important to note that the province has postponed the Municipal Property Assessment update for an additional two years, which was scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2021. Specifically, property valuations for 2022 will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 values. This means that nearly all properties in the Town will have an identical assessment value in 2022 as they did in 2021 and 2020. As a result, the vast majority of properties will experience a municipal property tax increase of 1.75%, significantly lower than the current rate of inflation.

The 1.75% municipal tax rate increase means an average home valued at \$256,000 (using MPAC’s 2016 property assessment) in LaSalle would see an increase of approximately \$44.12 on their municipal property taxes. After taking into account the



municipal, County of Essex and education tax rates, it is estimated that the overall tax rate increase will amount to 1.53%. At this time, the education rate is estimated to remain unchanged from last year, however this rate is not released until the spring each year, so the actual number is not yet known.

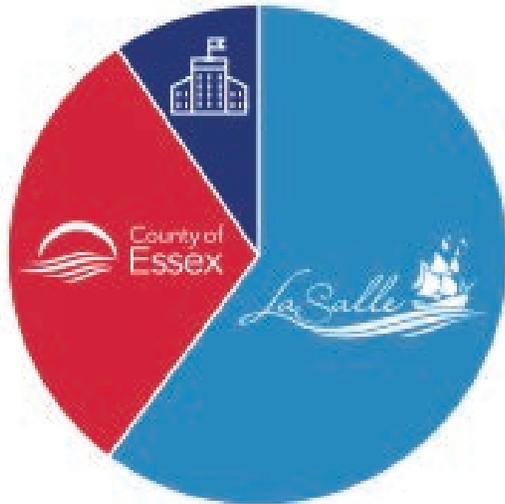
At the Budget Session, LaSalle Council also approved in principal administration’s report regarding the Capital Plan 2022 to 2027. In a separate motion, LaSalle Council approved administration’s report regarding debt issuance for the Petite Côte Waterfront project authorizing an application for a loan with Infrastructure Ontario for an amount of \$7,000,000 with a 20-year term and a locked-in interest rate.

In addition, LaSalle Council approved a new 5-year (2021-2025) build plan/phase for the Petite Côte Waterfront project. More information about this plan will be shared soon. In a final report, Council received information regarding the Malden Road Improvements Update, Schedule and Timeline.

Town of LaSalle Budget at a Glance

Services Funded

In addition to the Town of LaSalle, other agencies using property tax funds include the County of Essex and the school boards, for the delivery of their community programs and services.



- Town of LaSalle- 60.6%
- County of Essex- 30.2%
 - Land Ambulance
 - Libraries
 - Regional Roads & Transportation
 - Long Term Care
 - Social Services
- Education (School Boards) 9.2%

2021 Average Property Taxation Charges on a Home

(Current Assessment Value of \$256,000)



Dog Park Set to Open in Spring



The construction of the dog park is almost complete. It will be located in the southeast corner of the property at the Vollmer Complex, by the Public Works building.

In order to allow growing time for the grass, the dog park is scheduled to open in spring of 2022. An official opening date will be announced.

At the June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of LaSalle Council, administration's report to design and construct a dog park was approved. The location follows recommendations in the Vollmer Master Plan and has been developed with the approved budget of \$85,000.

"We know that a dog park is something that the community has been asking about," said Mayor Marc Bondy. "We included the project in the 2021 budget. We look forward to the completion of this for our community."

The dog park will be about an acre in size, with separate areas for large and small dogs. There will be a water source for the dogs and existing trees will provide shade in the area. Judy Recker Drive has been widened in the area of the dog park and paved to accommodate parking.

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LaSalle Messenger is created twice a year; once in spring/summer and once in fall/winter. It is prepared by the Strategy and Engagement Department.

Send your questions and comments to: communications@lasalle.ca
or call 519-969-7770, ext. 1253.

Register for LaSalle Alerts

www.lasallealerts.ca

We encourage all residents of LaSalle to register for the LaSalle Alerts system. It will be used to provide important information in times of emergency like floods, large fires, evacuation notices, boil water advisories, etc. Add your contact information to make sure you are included in future notifications.

Property Tax and Water Bills

Register on the Town of LaSalle Online Services to view your property tax and/or water bills and transactions. Once registered, your bills will be emailed to you. A PIN# to create your account can be found on your current bill, or you can get a PIN# by calling the Finance Department. If you have any questions, please contact us by email at taxes@lasalle.ca or call us at 519-969-7770, ext. 1230.

2022 Property Tax Billing Due Dates

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| Friday, February 25 | Friday, April 29 |
| Friday, June 24 | Friday, August 26 |

2022 Residential Water Billing Due Dates

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| Friday, January 28 | Friday, April 29 |
| Friday, July 29 | Friday, October 28 |

Municipal Election 2022

The municipal election will be held on October 24, 2022 with internet/telephone voting. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

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