



2025-2026 BUDGET

A RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE YORK REGION: THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

Presented to
York Regional Council

Presented by
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October 24, 2024





AGENDA



Investing for Today and Tomorrow



Proposed Budget



Next Steps

INVESTING IN TOP PRIORITIES

The proposed budget
enables progress on
Council's most pressing
concerns – aligned with our
Strategic Plan



\$4.6 BILLION PROVIDES 15 CORE SERVICES AND DELIVERS ON KEY PRIORITIES

\$3.36
BILLION
Operating costs

+

\$1.26
BILLION
Capital costs

**3.55%
Net Tax Levy
Increase**

+

**1%
Rapid Transit /
Infrastructure
Levy**

YORK REGION 15 CORE SERVICES



Police
Services



Children's
Services



Wastewater



Transit



Regional
Roads



Water



Community
Housing



Social
Assistance



Paramedic
Services



Public
Health



Waste
Management



Long-Term
Care



Court
Services



Forestry



Economic and
Development
Services

BUDGET OUTLOOK



2.6%
+ 1% TAX LEVY



+2.7%
REGIONAL
PRESSURES



-2.78%
REGIONAL
EFFICIENCIES



=2.52%
+ 1% TAX LEVY
INCREASE

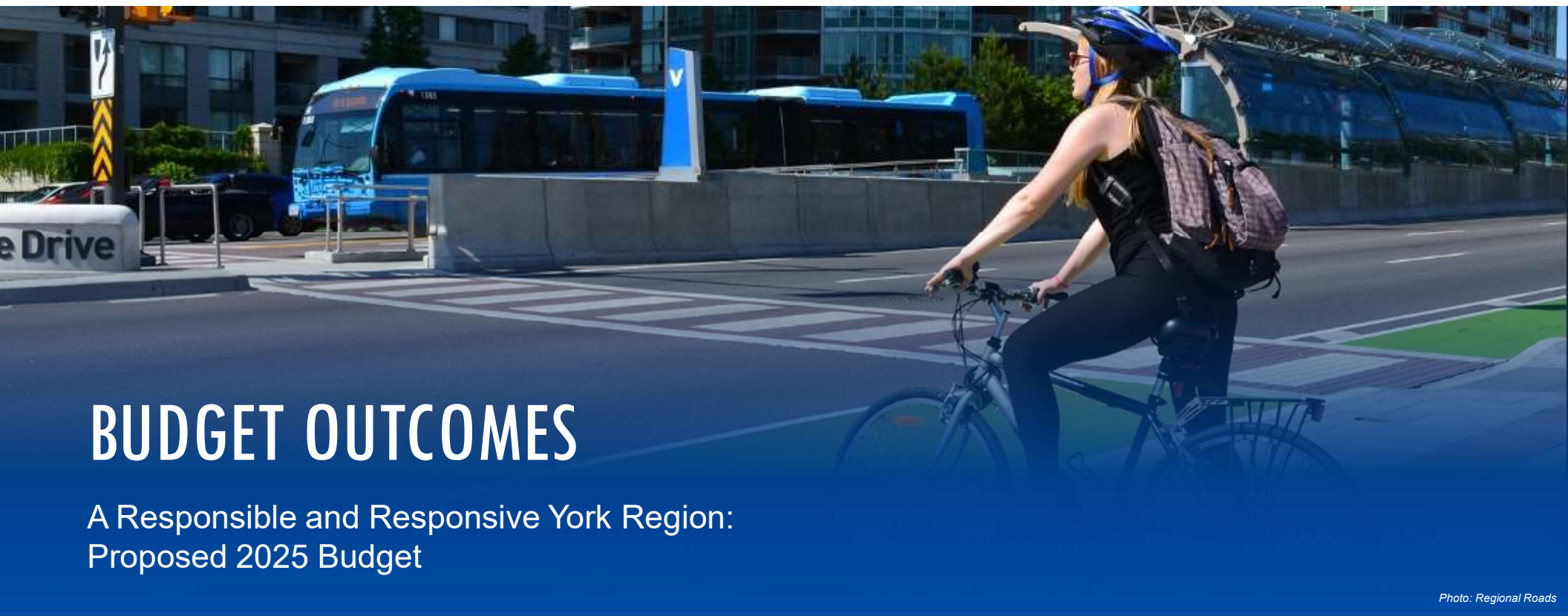


+1.03%
YORK REGIONAL
POLICE
STAFFING

BUDGET PROPOSAL



=3.55%
+ 1% TAX LEVY



BUDGET OUTCOMES

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Proposed 2025 Budget

Photo: Regional Roads

INVESTING IN SAFER COMMUNITIES



304

York Regional Police staff over next two years, as well as additional fleet and equipment

40

Automated Speed Enforcement cameras over next two years; supporting Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan

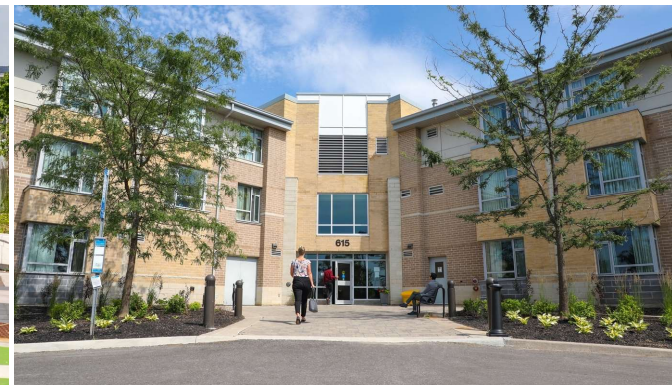
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New emergency and transitional housing beds over next 10 years and enhancing outreach

74

Paramedics and support staff over next two years and building six stations by 2034

ENABLING GROWTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES



70,000

In capacity for additional housing units serviced by water and wastewater over next 10 years, on top of 80,000 existing units

101

New lane kilometres of roads over next 10 years and continuing advancing the Yonge North Subway Extension

150

Intersection improvements including adding pedestrian crosswalks with audible signals and other accessibility standards

400

Community housing units over next 10 years; supporting Housing and Homelessness Plan

KEEPING PEOPLE, GOODS AND INFORMATION MOVING



4,406

Lane kilometres maintained and 3,627 kilometres rehabilitated over next 10 years

22.9

Million transit trips in 2024; continuing ridership throughout the system

77

Additional kilometres of active transportation over next 10 years

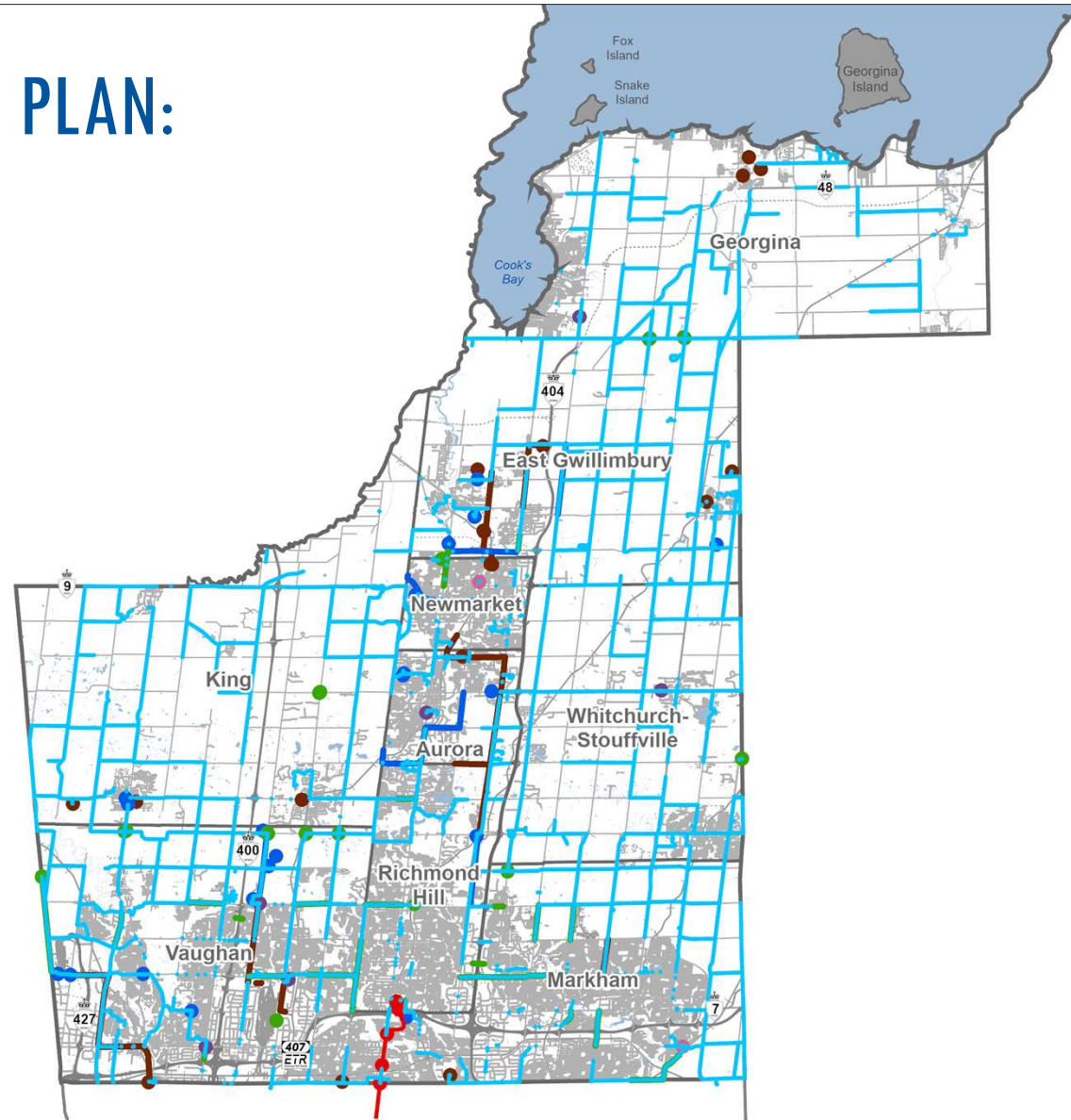
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Additional kilometres of fibre network over next 10 years; totaling more than 1,600 kilometres

10-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN: KEY PROJECTS

Capital Projects

- Wastewater
- Water
- Roads & Transit Growth
- Yonge North Subway Extension
- Community Housing
- Paramedic Stations
- YorkNet Fibre





BY THE NUMBERS

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2025 Budget

Photo: Viva Bus Route at Night

PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

	2024 Budget	2025 Proposed	2026 Outlook
Tax Levy Increase	2.75%	3.55%	3.22%
Rapid Transit / Infrastructure Levy	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Gross Operating Expenditures	\$3.2B	\$3.4B	\$3.5B
Net Expenditures after Assessment Growth Revenue	\$1.4B	\$1.5B	\$1.6B
10-Year Capital Plan	\$11.6B	\$12.2B	
Capital Budget	\$1.0B	\$1.3B	

*Figures are rounded

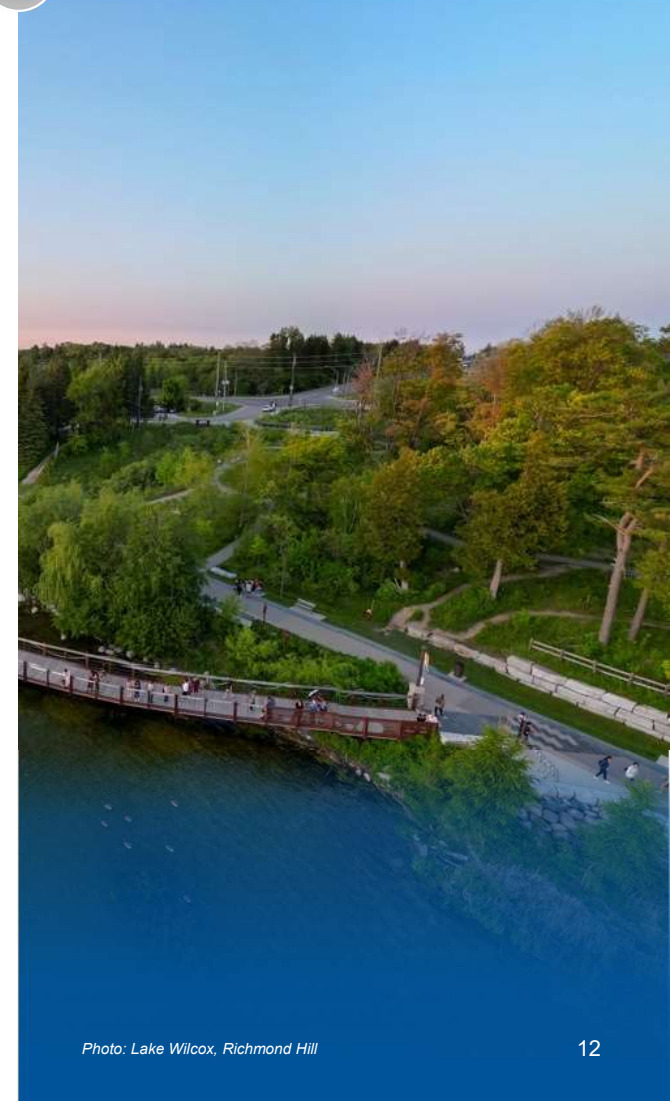


Photo: Lake Wilcox, Richmond Hill

TAX LEVY COMPONENT^{TC}



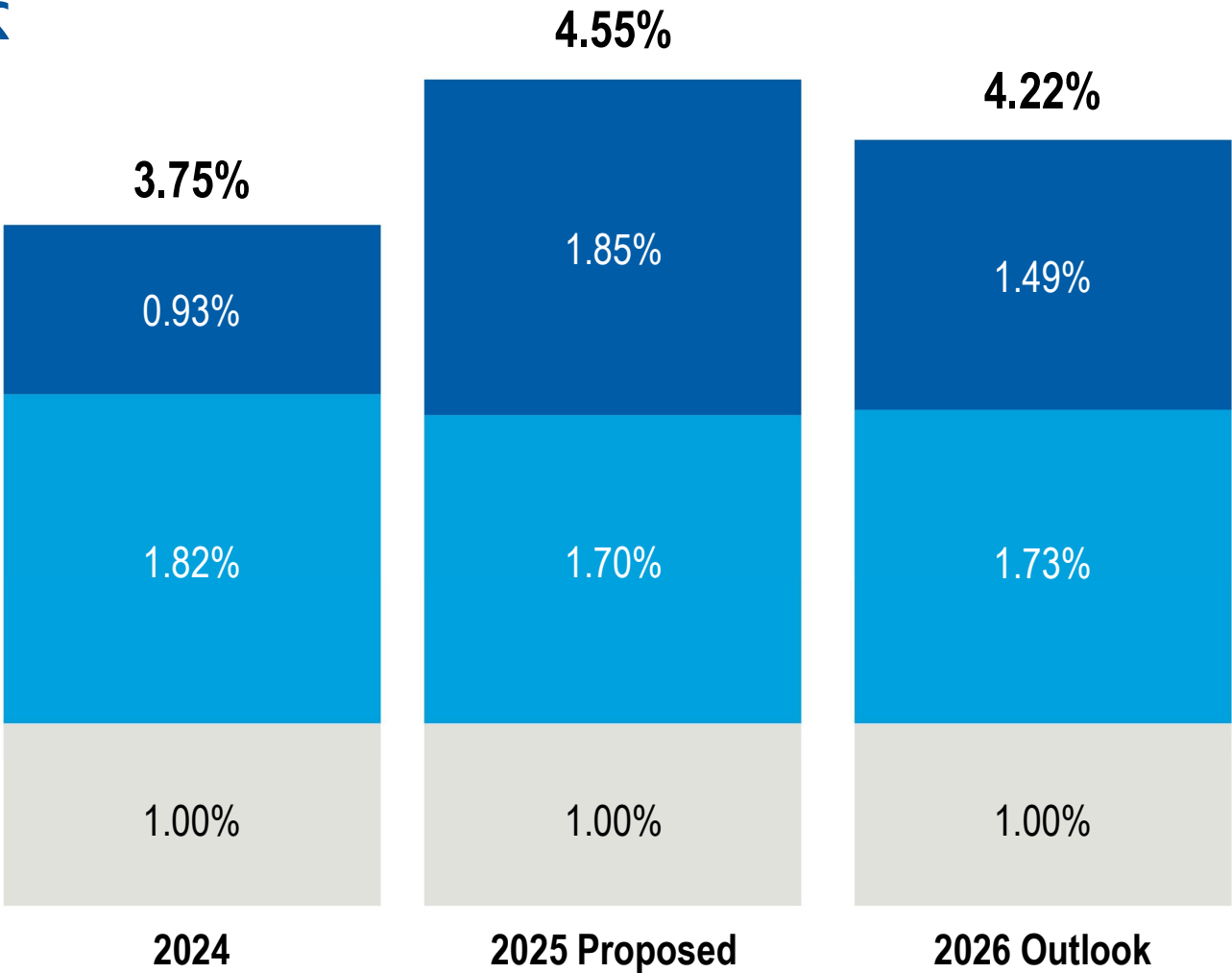
York Regional Police



Regional Programs



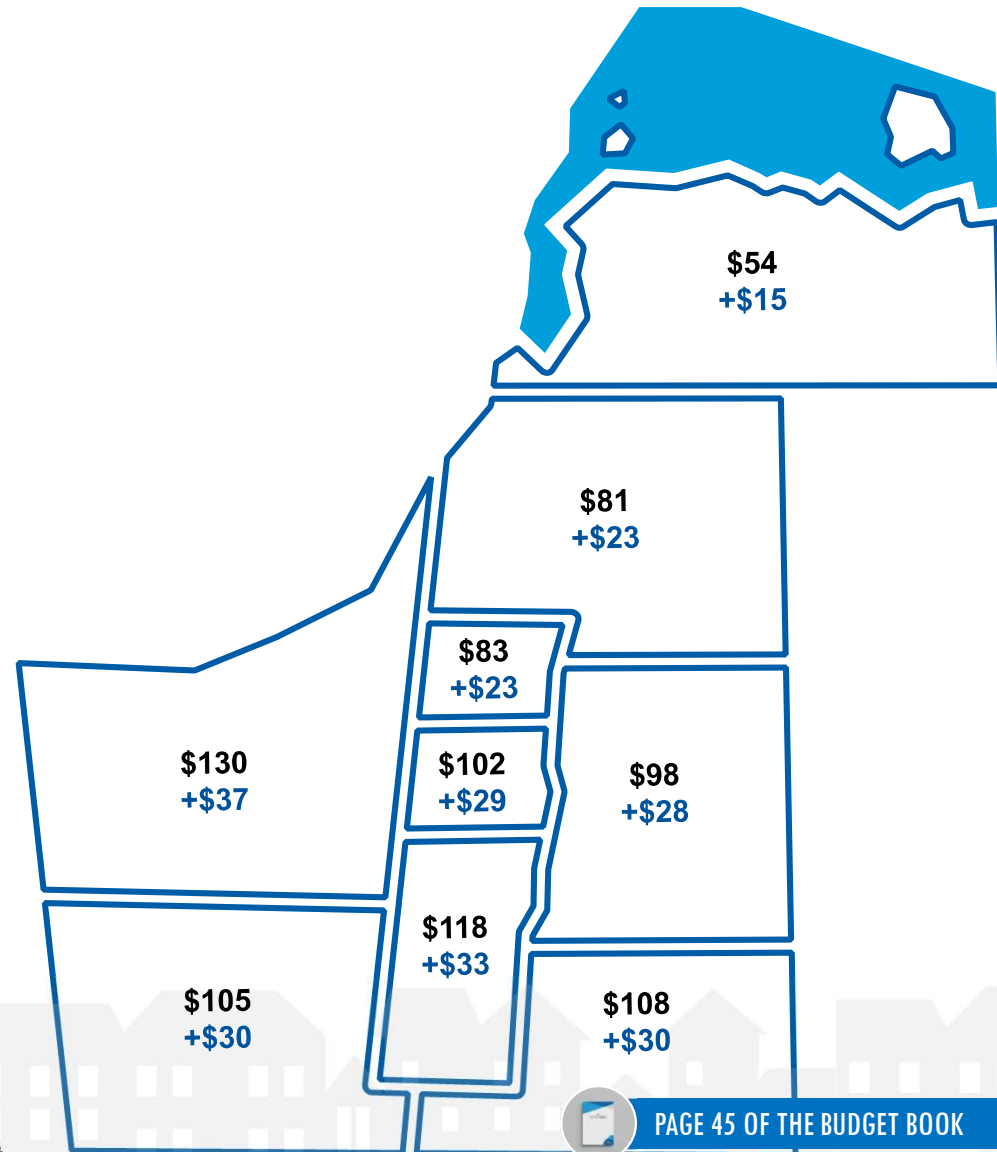
Rapid Transit /
Infrastructure Levy



Figures after assessment growth revenue.
Figures include capital reserve contributions.

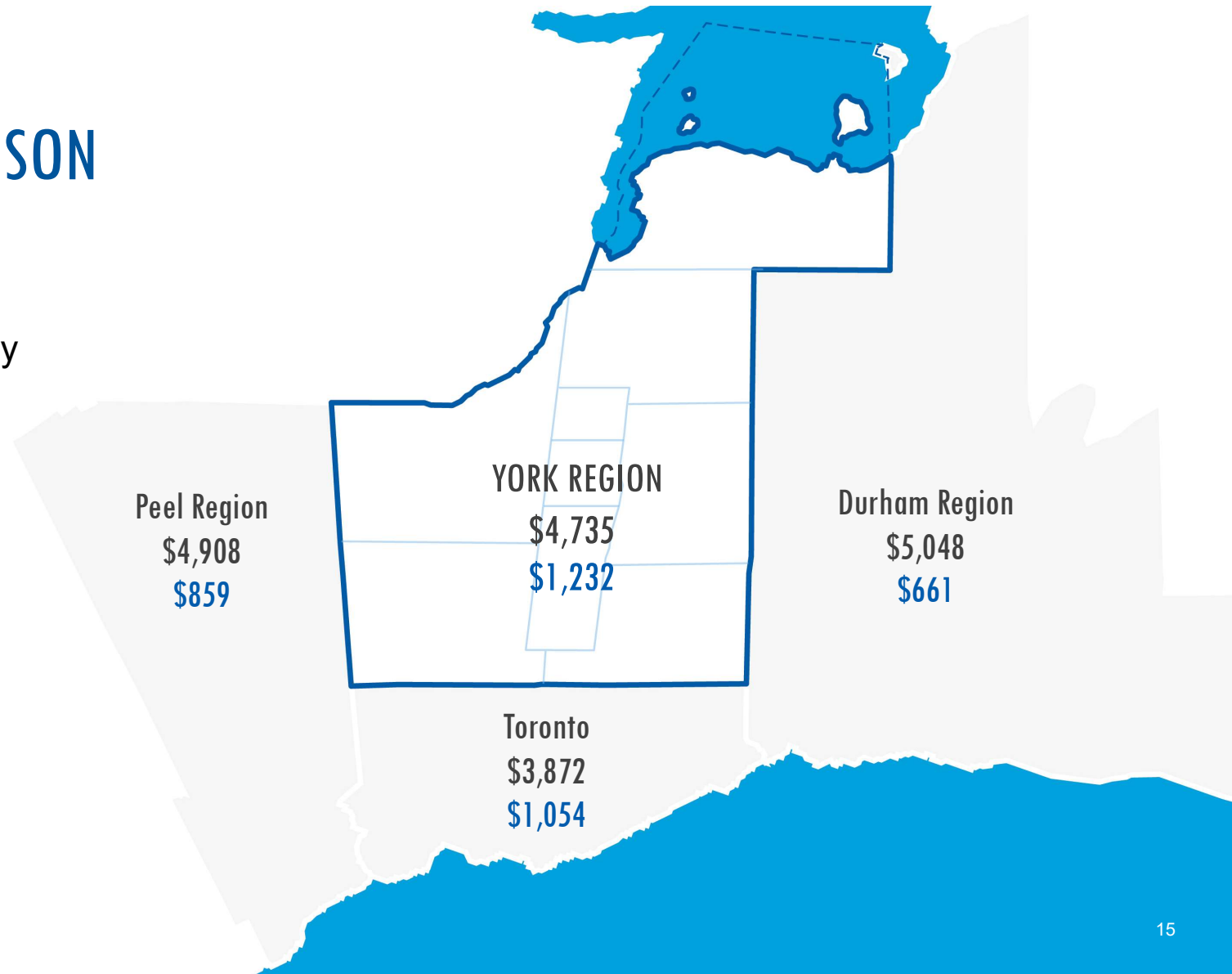
TAX IMPACT ON HOMEOWNERS

A tax levy increase of **3.55%** and Rapid Transit Infrastructure Levy of **1%** equates to \$133 per household, on average*



2024 BY COMPARISON

The average tax bill
including **municipal** and
provincial education levy



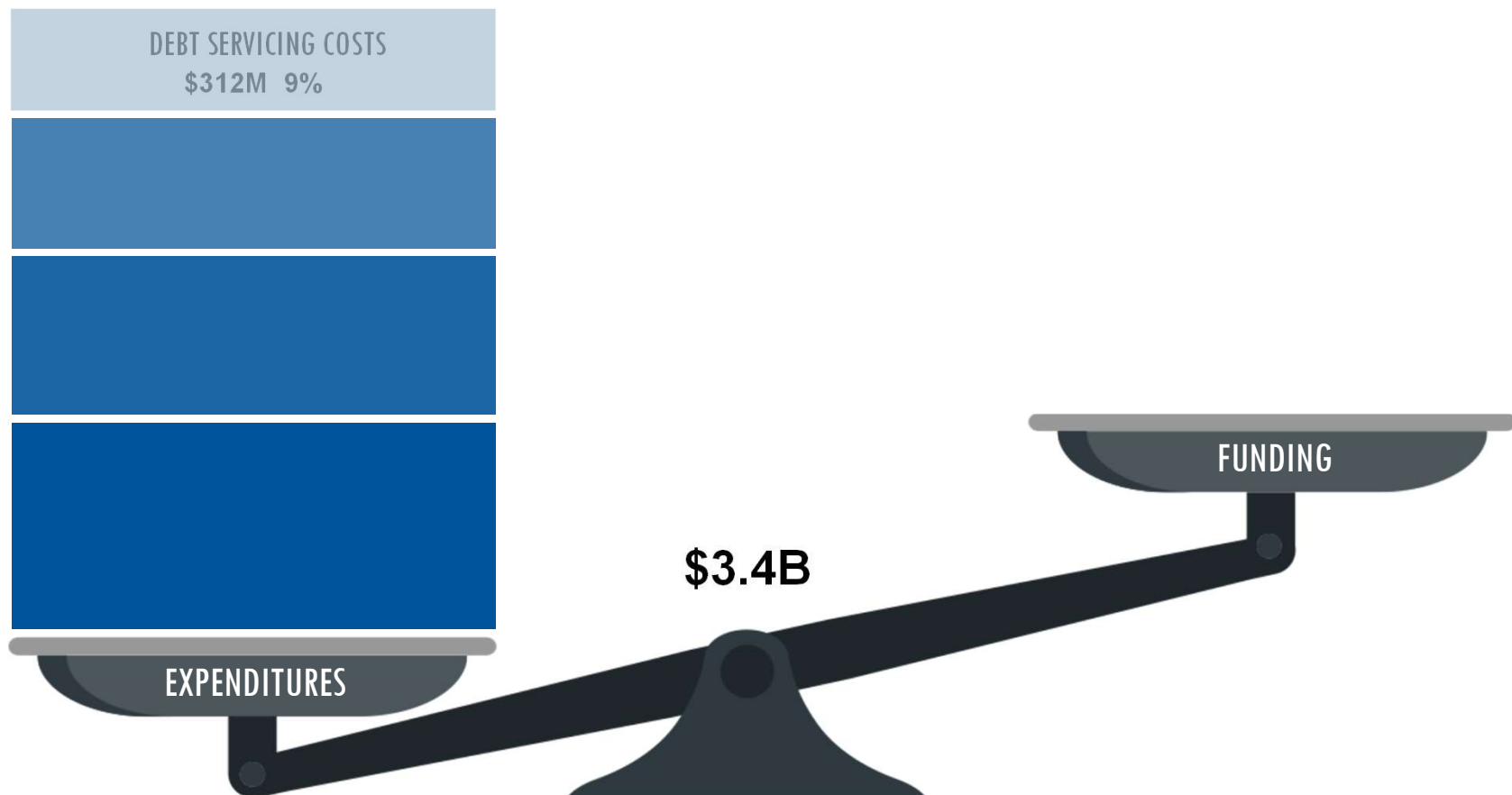
A photograph of a family walking away from the camera on a dirt path through a forest. The father, wearing a plaid shirt, is on the left. A young boy in a dark shirt is in a stroller in the center. The mother, wearing a floral dress and a brown headscarf, is on the right, holding the hand of another young boy in a blue shirt. The path is surrounded by tall trees and lush green foliage. The bottom half of the image is covered by a solid blue gradient.

OPERATING BUDGET

Photo: York Regional Forest North Tract

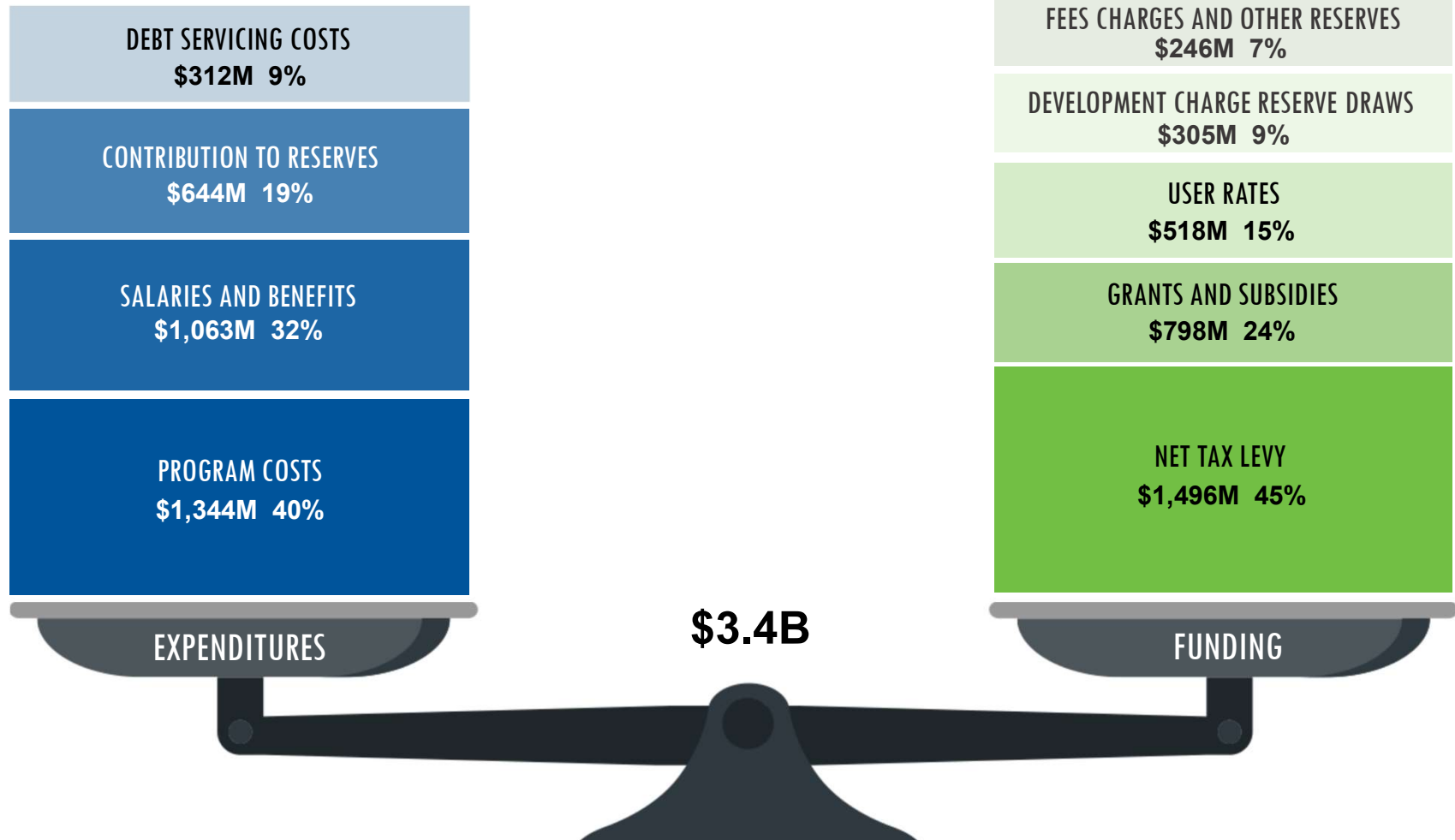


A BALANCED OPERATING BUDGET

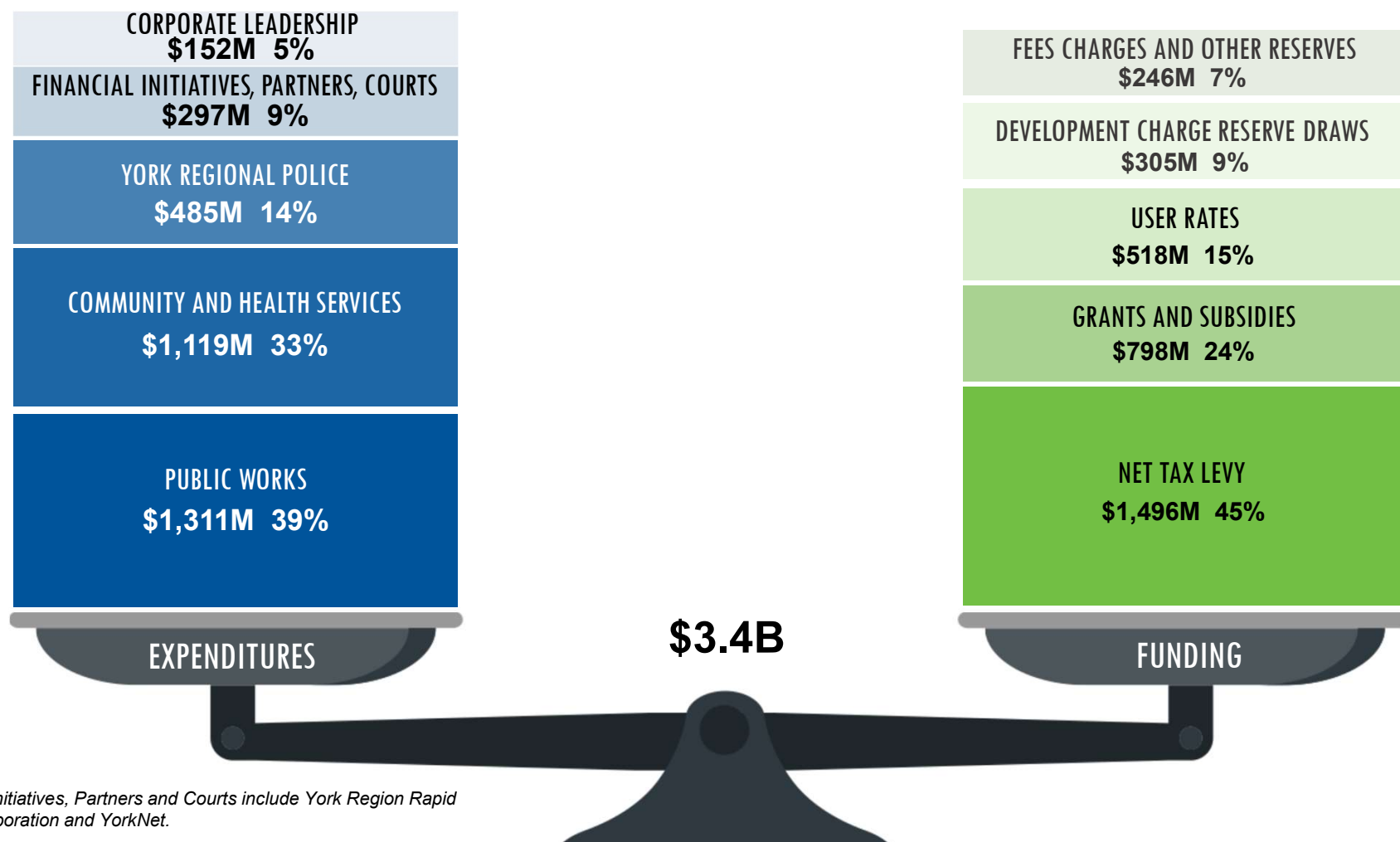




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**Financial Initiatives, Partners and Courts include York Region Rapid Transit Corporation and YorkNet.*



TAX LEVY IMPACT BY SERVICE AREA



Public Works: \$471M



York Regional Police: \$441M



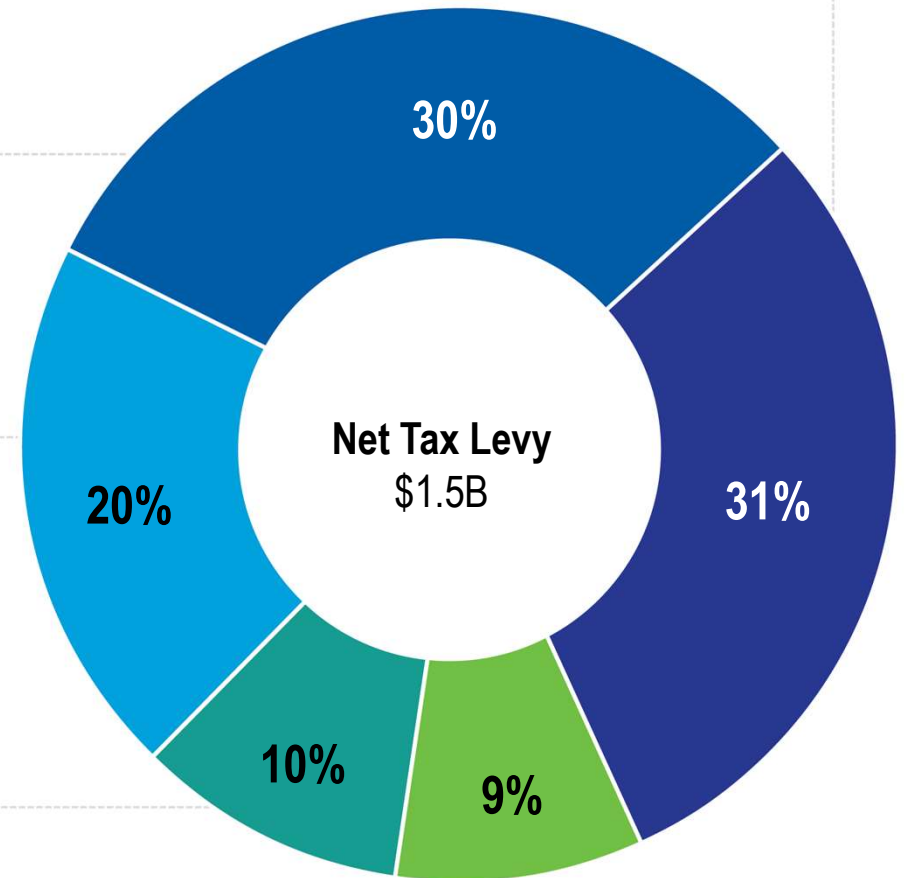
Community and Health Services: \$301M



Financial Initiatives, Partners, Courts: \$149M



Corporate Leadership: \$134M



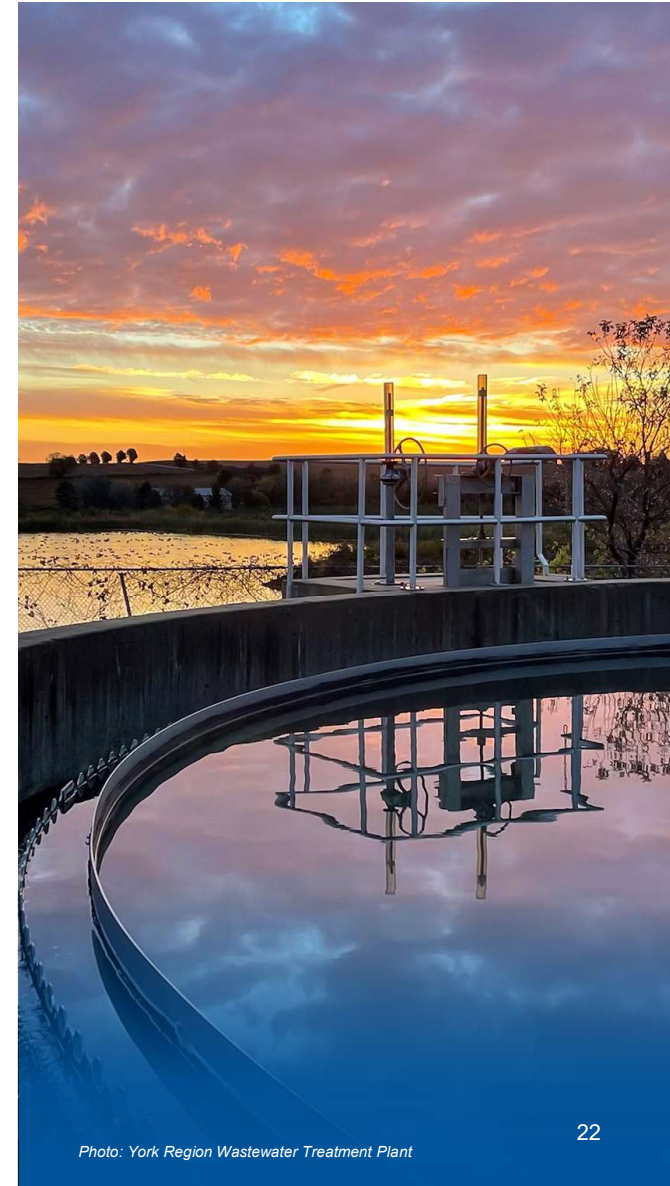


CAPITAL BUDGET

Photo: York Region Roads

PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET

	2025 Proposed
Growth	\$8.0B
Rehabilitation and Replacement	\$4.2B
10-Year Capital Plan	\$12.2B
Capital Spending Authority (CSA)	\$6.2B
Capital Budget for 2025	\$1.3B
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Priority Projects Pending Senior Government Funding	\$2.4B





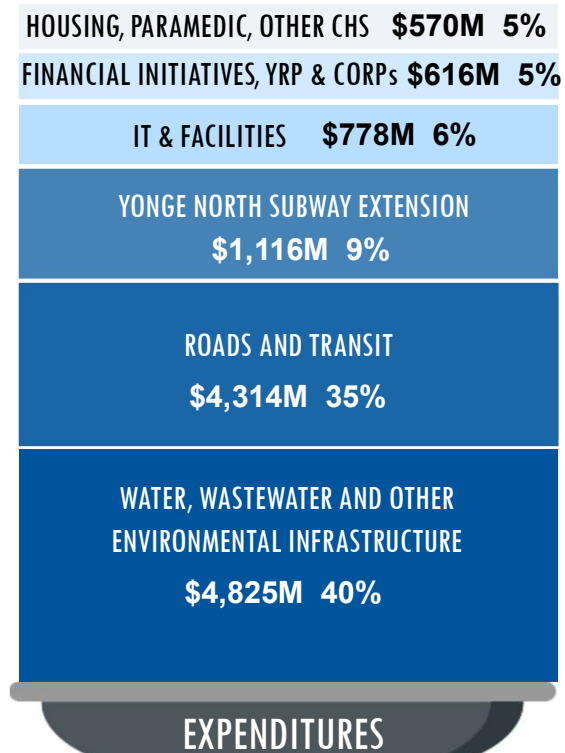
BALANCING THE 10-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

HOUSING, PARAMEDIC, OTHER CHS	\$570M	5%
FINANCIAL INITIATIVES, YRP & CORPS	\$616M	5%
IT & FACILITIES	\$778M	6%
YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION	\$1,116M	9%
ROADS AND TRANSIT	\$4,314M	35%
WATER, WASTEWATER AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	\$4,825M	40%

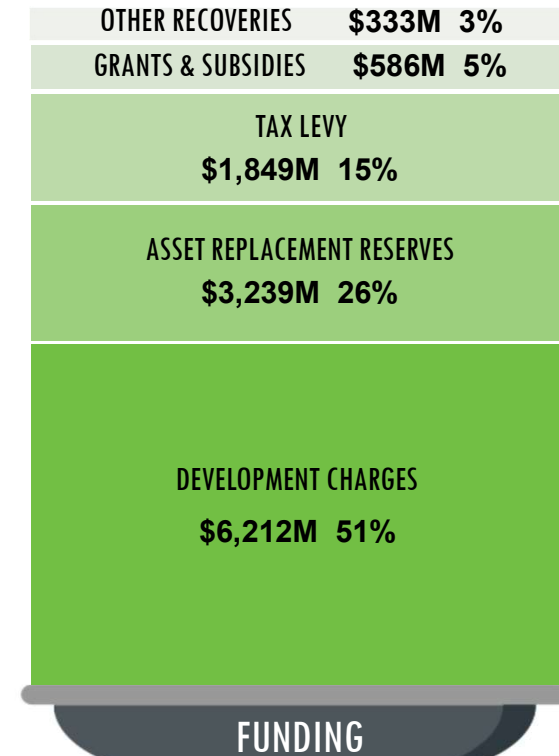




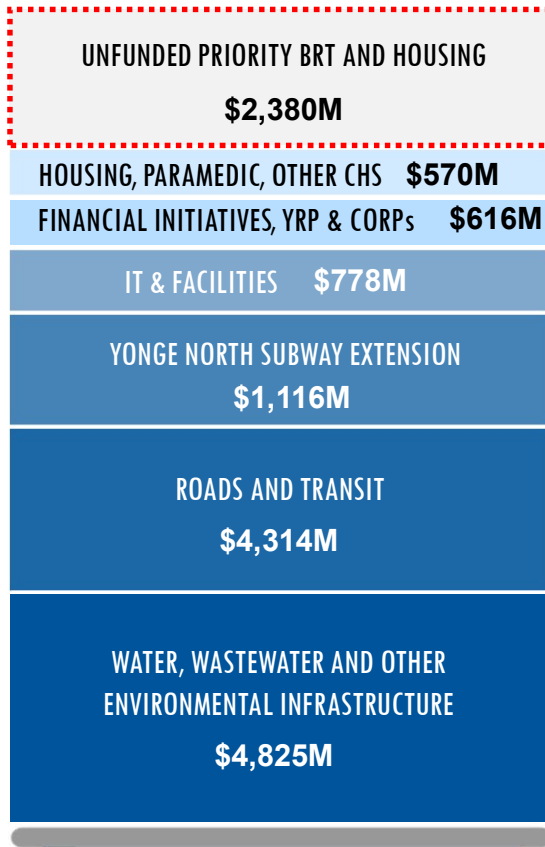
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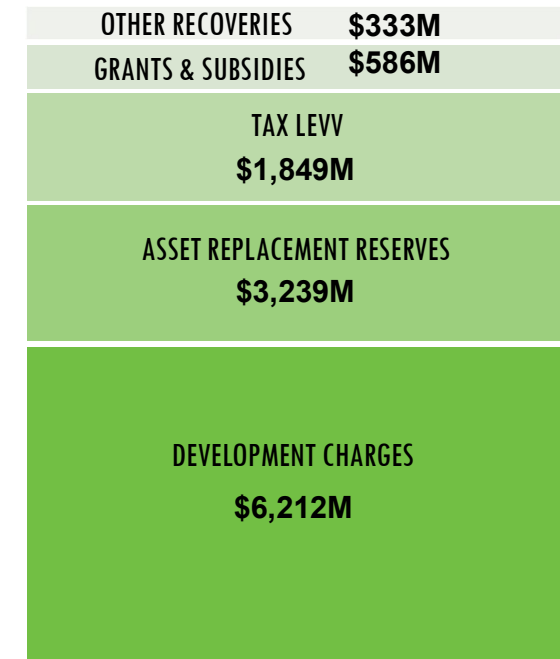
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BALANCING THE 10-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN



EXPENDITURES



FUNDING



FISCAL STRATEGY

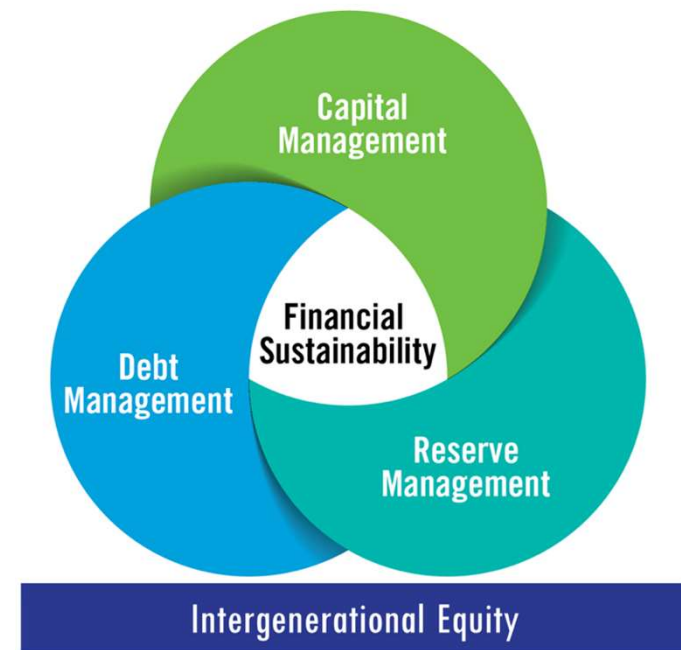
Investing for Today and Preparing for Tomorrow

Photo: East Gwillimbury



FISCAL STRATEGY IS GUIDED BY FOUR KEY PRINCIPLES

1. Keeping growth affordable and existing infrastructure in a state of good repair
2. Maintaining the AAA credit rating
3. Maintaining fiscal flexibility to respond to evolving needs and economic changes
4. Treating current and future tax and rate payers fairly by striving for intergenerational equity



MOODY'S
INVESTORS SERVICE

September 30, 2024

AAA
credit rating

S&P Global
Ratings

July 09, 2024



RESERVE CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPORT ALL PRINCIPLES OF FISCAL STRATEGY



AAA



Reserve	2025 Planned Contributions (\$M)		Progress
	Regional Contributions	Other Sources	
Asset Replacement:*			
Tax Levy	207	0	Under Target
User Rate	216	0	On Target
Growth Capital	184	0	Under Target
Development Charges	0	576	At Risk
Corporate Reserves	36	55	On Target
Total	644	631	

*Without new revenues to fund the impact of Bill 23, progress may be further at risk

HEALTHY RESERVES SUPPORT DEDICATED NEEDS



Asset Replacement

Rehabilitate and replace over \$25 billion in capital assets

2025 Projected Closing Balance

\$2,430M



Growth Capital

Support \$1.6 billion in planned growth capital investments (non-DC)

2025 Projected Closing Balance

\$1,145M



Development Charges

Maintain minimum balance to mitigate DC collection risk to meet debt repayment obligations

2025 Projected Closing Balance

\$355M



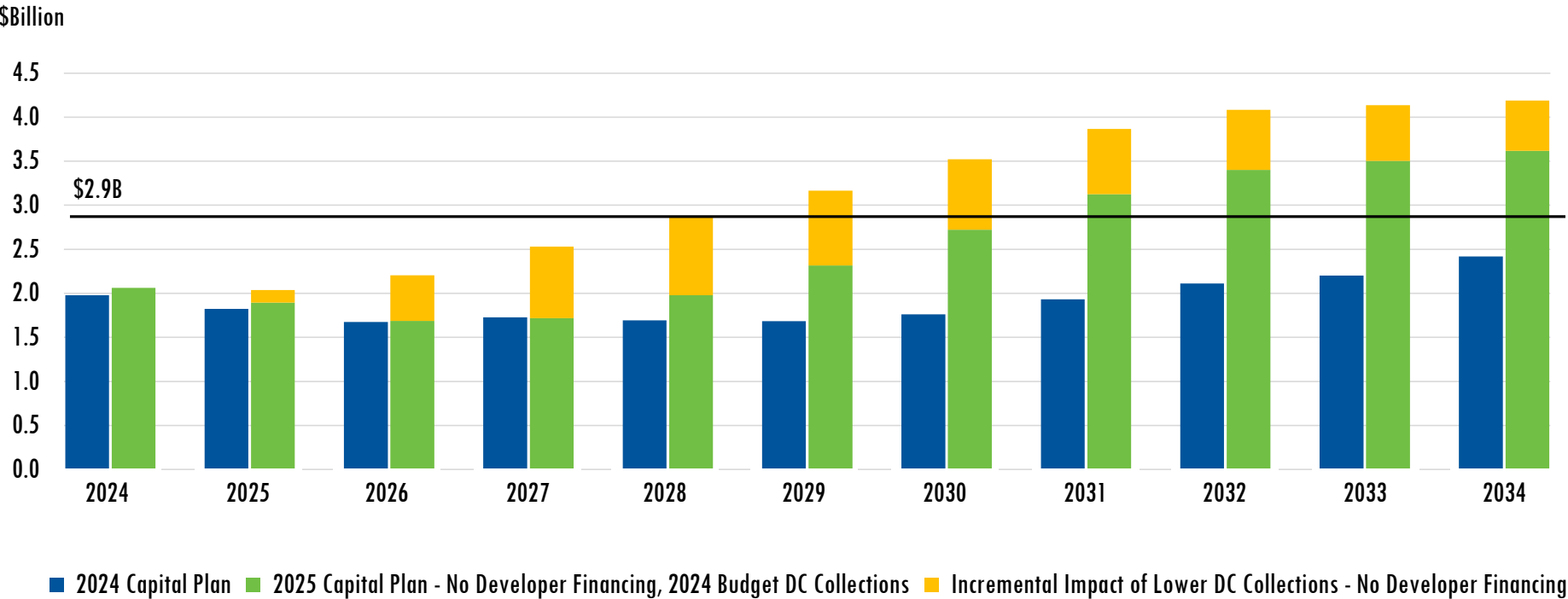
Corporate Reserves

Manage contingent liabilities, economic and fiscal risks

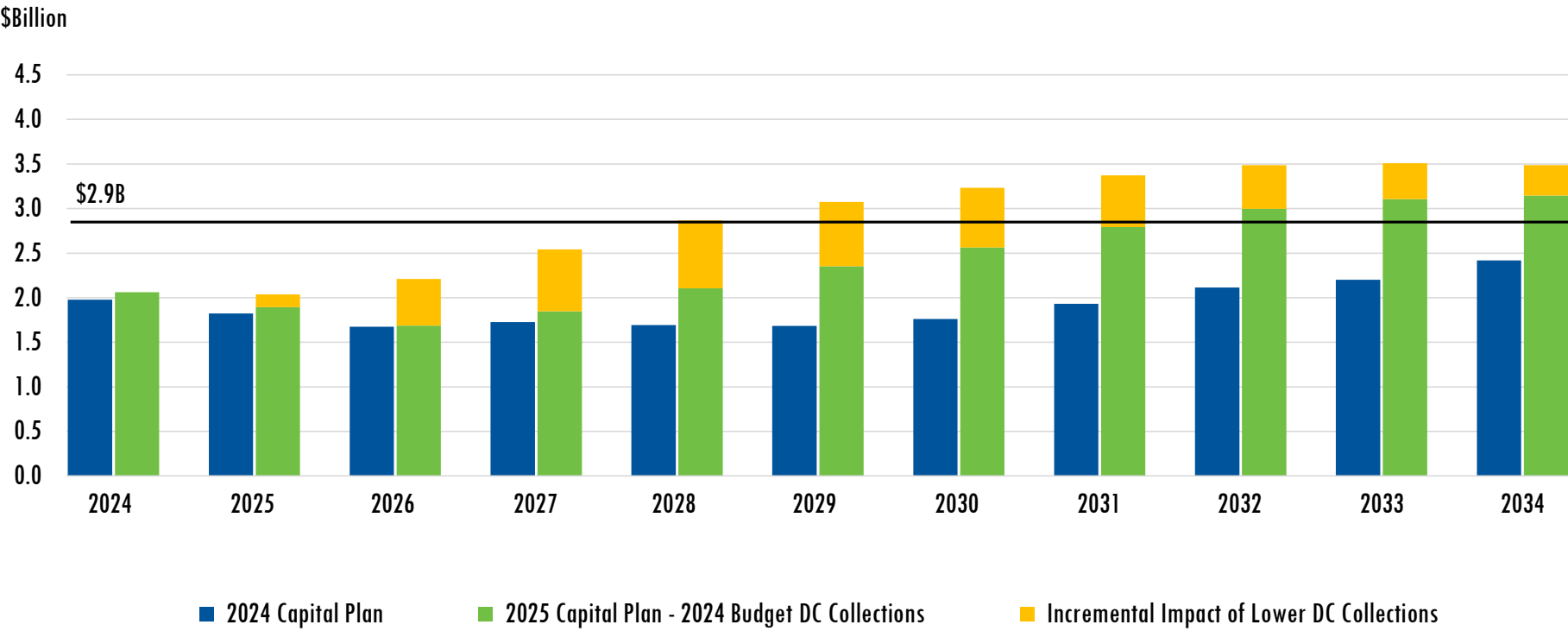
2025 Projected Closing Balance

\$914M

ACCELERATED GROWTH SPENDING PUTS PRESSURE ON DEBT



SHARING RISK WITH DEVELOPERS HELPS MANAGE DEBT LEVELS





NEXT STEPS

Photo: York Regional Council Chambers

REGIONAL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REVIEW PROCESS

OCTOBER 24

Budget Book
Regional Budget Report
Regional Budget
Presentation by CAO
and Treasurer

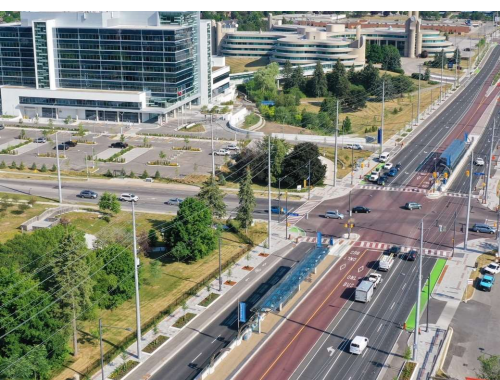
NOVEMBER 7

Departmental
Presentations

- Public Works
- Community and
Health Services
- York Regional Police

NOVEMBER 28

Budget Approval and
Endorsement of
Outlook
Presentation by CAO
and Treasurer



\$3.36B

operating costs

+

\$1.26B

capital costs

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THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET: A RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE YORK REGION

Supports the **continued efficient delivery** of 15 core services to more than 1.2 million residents

Enables strategic, continued **investments in safer communities**

Focuses on **enabling growth by ensuring the infrastructure is in place** to help municipalities achieve housing targets

Keeps our infrastructure in a state of good repair to help **keep people, goods and information moving**

A photograph of the York Region Forest Stewardship and Education Centre. The building features a stone wall on the left and a large glass facade on the right. A large, metallic, three-dimensional logo of the York Region is mounted on the building. The logo consists of the word "York" in a stylized font, followed by "Region" in a smaller font, and a stylized tree or plant symbol above the "Region" part. The word "QUESTIONS?" is overlaid in white text on the left side of the image.

QUESTIONS?

Photo: Bill Fisch Forest Stewardship and Education Centre