



What Do My Property Taxes Pay For?



Residential tax dollars collected are shared between the City of Kenora and other external community service providers to fund services and programs. For every **\$1,105** in property tax paid, residents receive:



\$254

Transportation

Roads and bridges, maintenance and repairs, line painting, street lighting, engineering, transit including Handi-Transit Board, parking, and vehicle and equipment fleet.



\$48

Economic Development, Tourism and Planning and Building

Economic development, Northwest Business Centre, tourism including special events and the Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre, planning and building including support for affordable housing and land management.



\$118

General Government

Mayor and Council, organizational support including governance, human resources, and finance.



\$109

Protection

Fire, police, emergency management, by-law services, building inspection, facilities operations, and 911 emergency access.



\$7

Recycling

Curbside and rural depot collection, drop-off depot, and transportation to recycling facility in Winnipeg.



\$1

Cemetery

Internments, customer service, ice candle campaign, and year round grounds maintenance.



\$163

Recreation and Culture

Parks, Moncrief Construction Sports Centre administration and customer service, Bowman Electric Memorial Arena, general administration, The Muse: Lake of the Woods Museum and Douglas Family Art Centre, programming, Kenora Public Libraries



\$105

Education

Paid to school boards.



\$300

External Organizations

\$ 152 Ontario Provincial Police

\$ 86 Kenora District Services Board
\$40 Land Ambulance
\$34 Social Housing
\$ 7 Ontario Works
\$ 5 Childcare

\$ 44 Pinecrest Home for the Aged

\$ 18 Northwestern Health Unit

Note: amounts reflect gross expenditures

Services NOT covered by tax dollars:

- water and wastewater services
- garbage (solid waste) collection and disposal

These services are funded by user fees (bag tags, water usage) and other sources of funding from Provincial or Federal Governments.

Property tax questions?

Contact the Tax and Assessment Officer at 807-467-2034 or propertytax@kenora.ca

Final Tax Due Date: July 23, 2025

From the Tax and Assessment Officer's Desk

Here are some common questions and answers about Property Taxes

What are property taxes?

Property taxes are levies imposed by local governments to fund public services and infrastructure, such as roads, parks, emergency services, etc.

What happens if I don't pay the full balance on my tax bill by the due date?

Failure to pay property taxes can result in penalties and interest. Ontario municipalities charge a total of 1.25% on the total arrears.

What is a pre-authorized payment plan?

A Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) plan allows the City of Kenora to withdraw funds directly from your bank account to pay the upcoming tax bill.

What types of Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) plans does the City offer?

The City offers two types of PAP plans: monthly and semi-annual. The monthly option is financed over 11 months and runs from September to July annually. Withdrawals occur on the 15th of every month. The semi-annual plan occurs twice a year, the full lump sum is withdrawn on tax due date.

I just received my Tax Bill. Can I register for a payment plan?

The monthly plan is unavailable during a billing period. Once you pay the balance off in full, you are eligible to register. The semi-annual plan is available to ratepayers.

Who is MPAC and what do they do?

MPAC stands for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. They are a not-for-profit corporation that provides property assessments in Ontario. In return, municipalities use the MPAC valuation to calculate your property taxes.

Why am I required to pay education taxes when I don't have kids?

It is a Provincial mandate that all ratepayers are charged a portion of Education Tax. Municipalities must collect and remit payments to the appropriate school boards as per the provincial tax rates. Education taxes are essential to maintaining and improving the quality of public education.

How can I change my direction of school support?

School support is defaulted to the English Public Board. If you would like to change your support, an application for Direction of School Support must be completed and submitted to MPAC. Applications can be found at your local school board or through MPAC.

How to do I apply for a Pre-Authorized Payment plan?

To apply for a PAP plan, you must complete the Property Pre-Authorization Payment Form, along with a void cheque or the pre-authorized debit from your bank.

Find the form on [Kenora.ca/Paying Property Taxes](https://kenora.ca/Paying-Property-Taxes) or at City Hall.

