

11 June, 2025

Chair George Bridge
Board of Health
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

Dear Chair Bridge,

RE: 2026 Budget Increase

Following the 2025 budget confirmation, Guelph's 2026 tax-supported budget forecast indicates an increase of 7.44 per cent over 2025.

Affordability is a critical issue in our community. On April 1, I issued a [Mayoral Direction](#) directing City staff to prepare an update to the adopted 2026 operating and capital budget with a goal of reaching a property tax impact of no more than 2.5 per cent for the City Services portion. Guelph residents and businesses are clearly experiencing an affordability crunch, and so I am respectfully asking Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health to join me in finding ways to seriously consider limiting its budget increase as well.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at mayor@guelph.ca.

Sincerely,



Mayor Cam Guthrie

CC : Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Goller, Councillor Caton, City of Guelph Executive Team, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Medical Officer of Health and CEO Dr. Nicola Mercer