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York Regional Council Approves 2026 Police Budget

York Regional Police, with the support of the York Regional Police Service Board, is pleased to announce that York Region Council has approved the 2026 police operating and capital budget. The budget enables our organization to continue to deliver nationally recognized crime prevention and law enforcement programs to more than 1.2 million citizens living in York Region.

The approved net operating budget for 2026 is \$499 million, representing an increase of 12.7% over 2025. The 2026 capital budget is \$38.3 million, with capital spending authority for multiple-year projects of \$48.5 million.

YRP will be hiring 150 additional members in 2026, expanding our community-safety, frontline and support teams to strengthen our responsiveness and deepen our connection with the public. These additional members will enhance frontline coverage and community-oriented response, while also building recruitment and supporting prevention-focused initiatives that contribute to safer, more resilient communities.

The capital budget reflects key investments in equipment, communication and information technology infrastructure and vehicles, including those designed to support an enhanced response to mental health crises in our community. It will also fund the construction of the new helicopter hangar in East Gwillimbury, major improvements to Headquarters and Community Safety Village facilities, and other renovations, ensuring YRP supports its members with the tools and infrastructure required to perform at their best, when our community needs it most.

The budget reflects the complex policing environment our YRP enters in 2026, with a continued focus on our community and our people, two guiding pillars identified in our business plan.

“For our community, this budget invests in what matters most: Preventing and reducing violent crime, enhancing police presence regionwide, and strengthening partnerships that make our region safer,” said Chief Jim MacSween. “For our people, this budget ensures we have the right staff in place to meet the growing operational demand of an evolving region. It funds critical staffing increases, provides new technology and tools to modernize our work, and expands the training and wellness programs that allow our members to serve safely and effectively.”



“I am confident this budget will enable us to continue to build a modern, community-focused police service ready to serve York Region today and for years to come. I want to thank all members of the York Regional Police Service Board, along with York Regional Council for recognizing and supporting that endeavour.”

“The York Regional Police Service Board is pleased with Regional Council’s decision to approve the 2026 York Regional Police operating and capital budget. This decision demonstrates a clear commitment to supporting safe, thriving communities across York Region in an increasingly complex policing environment,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of the York Regional Police Service Board.

“The approved budget prioritizes preventing and reducing violent crime, enhancing visible police presence across all nine municipalities, and strengthening partnerships that keep our communities safe. It also invests in our members, technology, and facilities to modernize service delivery. With this support, we are well-positioned to serve our growing Region with confidence.”

For more information, contact York Regional Police Media Relations at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 2664.

Crime prevention is our shared responsibility: Find up-to-date crime data in York Region on the [Community Safety Data Portal](#), or become a partner in community safety by signing up for the [Security Camera Registry](#) today.

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