

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

BY-LAW NO. 2026-09

A BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE 2026 OPERATING
BUDGET AND GENERAL TAX LEVY FOR THE
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

WHEREAS subsection 289 (1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 001, Chapter 25 as amended states that an upper-tier municipality shall in each year prepare and adopt a budget; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the Regional Municipality adopted its 2026 Tax Levy Budget as hereinafter described.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara enacts as follows:

1. That the 2026 Operating Budget and Tax Levy of \$579,014,444, as set out in Appendix 1, 2026 Operating Summary, attached hereto, be and hereby is adopted.
2. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the day upon which it is passed.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

Bob Gale, Regional Chair

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Passed: February 12, 2026

Appendix 1

Table 1: 2026 Operating Summary

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Variance	% Variance
Labour Related Costs	563,864,363	603,580,686	39,716,322	7.04%
Administrative	37,958,077	41,028,854	3,070,777	8.09%
Operational & Supply	38,857,464	38,047,788	(809,676)	(2.08%)
Occupancy & Infrastructure	41,752,209	43,465,566	1,713,357	4.10%
Equipment, Vehicles & Technology	27,498,960	29,408,634	1,909,674	6.94%
Community Assistance	359,469,881	392,597,495	33,127,614	9.22%
Partnership, Rebates & Exemptions	53,757,680	48,591,798	(5,165,882)	(9.61%)
Financial Expenditures	69,610,000	67,716,709	(1,893,291)	(2.72%)
Transfers to Funds	87,108,149	105,308,195	18,200,046	20.89%
Expense Allocations to Capital	(140,000)	(140,000)	0	0.00%
Intercompany Charges	(3,156,254)	(7,378,327)	(4,222,073)	133.77%
Total Expenditure before Indirect Allocations	1,276,580,530	1,362,227,398	85,646,868	6.71%
Indirect Allocation to Rate	(14,161,258)	(14,857,970)	(696,712)	4.92%
Capital Financing Allocation to Rate	(19,156,703)	(19,151,069)	5,634	(0.03%)
Total Indirect Allocations	(33,317,961)	(34,009,039)	(691,078)	2.07%
Total Expenditure	1,243,262,569	1,328,218,359	84,955,789	6.83%
Taxation	(21,191,020)	(22,597,471)	(1,406,452)	6.64%
Federal & Provincial Grants	(554,857,630)	(586,725,528)	(31,867,898)	5.74%
By-Law Charges & Sales	(11,992,368)	(12,430,363)	(437,995)	3.65%
Other Revenue	(94,897,655)	(107,186,118)	(12,288,464)	12.95%
Transfers from Funds	(23,629,044)	(20,264,435)	3,364,610	(14.24%)
Total Revenue	(706,567,717)	(749,203,915)	(42,636,199)	6.03%
Net Levy Budget	536,694,853	579,014,444	42,319,591	7.89%
Assessment Growth				1.59%
Taxpayer Impact				6.30%