

Appendix 1 – Municipal Price Index

2020 Niagara Municipal Price Index

Expenditure Category	Category Increase	Levy Department Weighting	Agencies, Boards, and Commissions Weighting	Water and Wastewater Weighting	Waste Management Weighting
Compensation	3.3%	47.5%	72.1%	29.6%	7.3%
Professional and Contractual Services	2.0%	8.2%	2.1%	13.4%	81.4%
Telecommunications	2.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.1%
Materials and Commodities	2.1%	2.1%	1.0%	5.2%	1.2%
Asset Maintenance and Rental	2.1%	1.3%	4.5%	7.7%	1.7%
Fuel, Oil, and Natural Gas	1.8%	0.6%	1.3%	0.8%	0.5%
Electricity and Water	1.9%	1.0%	1.7%	13.7%	1.3%
Equipment, Vehicle, and Technology	2.0%	1.3%	0.2%	8.4%	1.8%
Housing, Childcare, Other Benefits	2.0%	32.9%	14.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Rebates and Grants	2.1%	4.5%	2.5%	20.4%	0.7%
Other	2.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	4.2%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Municipal Price Index		2.7%	3.0%	2.4%	2.1%
Core Consumer Price Index Target*		2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Difference (percentage points)		0.7%	1.0%	0.4%	0.1%

*in use in the current guidance policy

Municipal Price Index Inflation Factor Sources

Expenditure Category	Inflation Factor	Geographical Area	Source/Publisher
Compensation	Average Weekly Wages, Public Administration	Canada	Conference Board of Canada (CBOC)
Professional and Contractual Services	Consumption Deflator, Services, Insurance, financial and legal services	Canada	CBOC
Telecommunications	Consumption Deflator, Services, Communication, Recreation and culture services	Canada	CBOC
Materials and Commodities	Consumer Price Index	St. Catharines-Niagara	CBOC
Asset Maintenance and Rental	Consumer Price Index	St. Catharines-Niagara	CBOC
Fuel, Oil, and Natural Gas	Consumption Expenditures, Non-durable goods, Motor fuels and lubricants	Canada	CBOC
Electricity and Water	Electricity Power Price Index	Canada	CBOC
Equipment, Vehicle, and Technology	Consumption Deflator, Durable Goods, Vehicles and parts	Canada	CBOC
Housing, Childcare, Other Benefits	Consumption Expenditures, Services, Education, health and other personal services	Canada	CBOC
Rebates and Grants	Consumer Price Index	St. Catharines-Niagara	CBOC
Other	Consumer Price Index	St. Catharines-Niagara	CBOC