



EMO COUNCIL UPDATE

Spring 2026

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WATER AND SEWAGE

Emo has received \$1.4 M in Provincial grant which, along with \$525,000 from the town will be used to make urgently needed provisions for the backwash system of the water treatment plant.

Engineering is in process for Sewage Pumping Stations for Hwy 11 and for Meadowlands for more reliable service and to allow for new builds and potential commercial development.

The project begun in 2021 to install a new intake system and water treatment equipment to reduce Disinfection Byproducts is expected to be ready to go by this fall.

LANDFILL SITE expansion is in process with engineering plans and necessary Ministry of Environment application and stakeholder consultation completed. The large amount of non-hazardous material that has been stockpiled there will be used for berms and capping of our existing site.



FLORENCE AND KING

streets will be getting their much-needed storm sewers and drinking water lines along with street surfacing, sidewalks and hydrants. Estimated cost will be \$3.2M, 50% coming from grants and 50% from landfill contract tipping fees.

Engineering for similar work along and north of Hwy 11 is in process.

Audits, F.I.R. ,Asset Management & Official Plan

After the overwhelming challenge to bring the books from previous years up to standard required by Ministries of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing, we are now in full compliance with completion of the 2024 Asset Management Plan, audit and Financial Information Report. This frees up full payment of provincial grants.

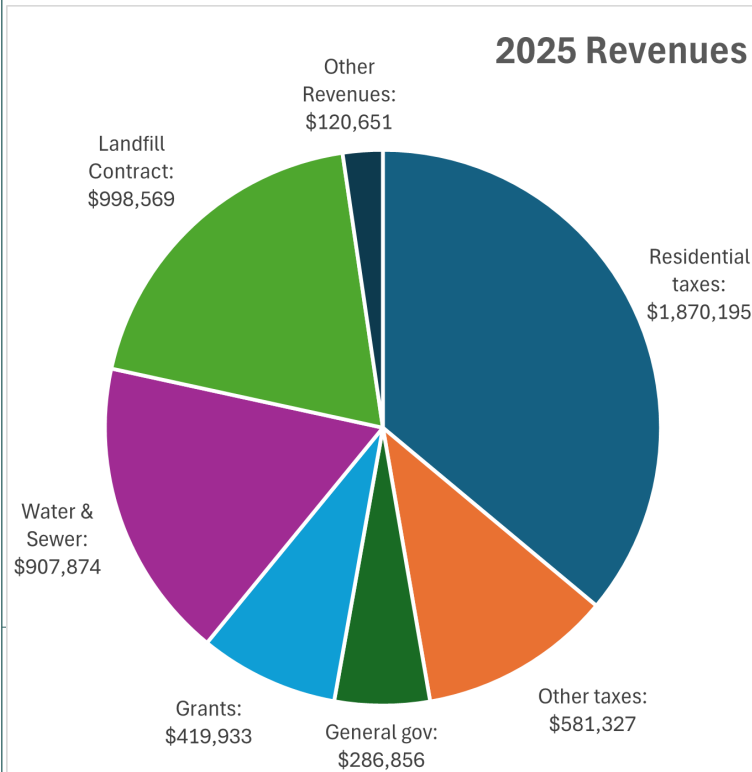
Our 2025 audit has been submitted and scheduled for FIR completion before May 31st due date. MMAH has commended Emo as an example of how to turn around a challenging financial situation. Kudos to Crystal, Ceri and Reta for your dedication to this. Audits can be seen at <https://emo.ca/administration-finance/>

Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw required by MMAH is in process.

2025 Revenues & Expenditures

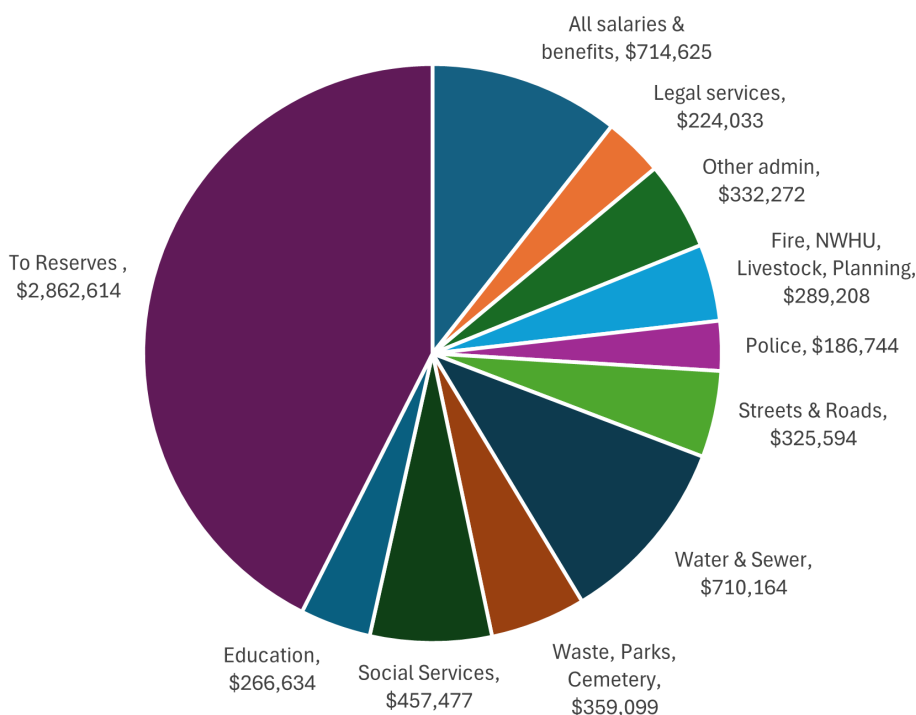
2025 Capital Projects:

- Fire Dept Rescue Truck
- Landfill Engineering
- Water & Sewer:



- The \$2,862,614 To Capital Reserves was from Landfill contract, Gas Tax rebate, and water & sewer reserve portion.
- \$103,454 was transferred to reserves in 2024
- \$1,110,016 had been transferred from reserves in 2023 to pay off remaining \$1,165,371 of loan from 2016 for water and sewer upgrades. It is being restored back to reserves by installments until 2030.

2025 Expenditures

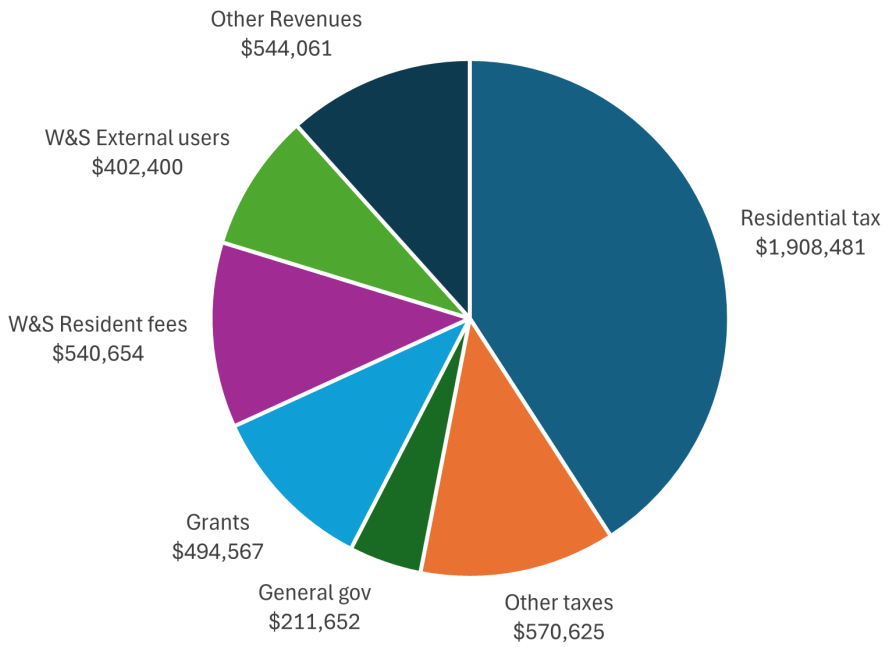


Legal services 2020 to 2025 :

2020:	\$42,620
2021:	\$194,286
2022:	\$204,486
2023:	\$156,159
2024:	\$306,876
2025:	\$224,033

2026 Operational Budget & Capital Projects

2026 Budget Revenue
1.5% tax increase

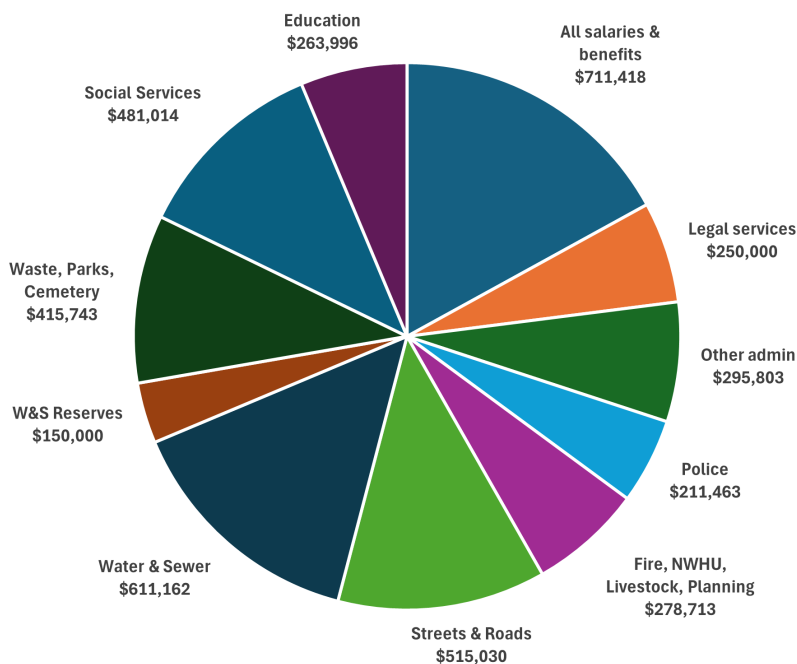


2026 Capital Projects \$6.8M

(Funding from reserves and provincial & federal grants)

- Water Treatment plant intake & backwash upgrade
- Water truck fill station
- Florence & King water & storm sewer
- Landfill expansion
- Municipal Office move
- Fire hydrant repairs
- Fire dept upgrades
- Engineering for Hwy 11 & Meadowlands Lift stations

2026 Budget Expenditures



Capital Projects for 2027

- Completion of WTP upgrades
- Front Street Sidewalks, lighting & accessible entrances;
- Hwy & Meadowland Sewage Pumping Stations;
- Street Surface Treatment and Paving;

The Emo Lavallee Community Centre

The Arena has undergone extensive renovations, and had another full season.

Thanks, Jamie Booth & team for keeping it running smoothly, and arguably the cleanest arena in NW Ont.



Emo Volunteer Fire Fighters

James Klug received awards from the Province of Ontario and MPP Greg Rickford for five years of dedicated service to VFF.

Emo now has 17 VFF who are serving the community and receiving further training to meet Ontario Fire Marshall standards for responding to more complex scenarios. Thanks James for your outstanding work in rejuvenating and re-organizing the VFF., and thanks to all your VFF team!



Emo Library

The Emo Library Board has determined to keep the library going after being surprised by Ontario Pay Equity requirements a few years ago, and with no increase in the Public Libraries Grant for the past 20 years. The province has also required the town to be responsible for finances since about 2020. The Board's plan is to balance the budget by returning to being open only 25 hours per week.

Thanks to Nick Donaldson for his work as Librarian during this time.

A warm welcome to our new librarian, Mellisa Gallagher !

NOMA Delegation



Representatives of Chapple, RR First Nations and Emo met with the Hon. Todd McCarthy (Min of Infrastructure) at NOMA to present a long term joint drinking water plan preliminary concept for the three communities, which was received very favorably.

Emo representatives also had a separate meeting to present our ongoing infrastructure funding challenges with Minister McCarthy, favorably received as well.