



MAKING SENSE OF THE BUDGET

COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE

2020 Residential Property Taxes



MUNICIPAL TAX RATE DECREASE OF **1.2%**
 AVERAGE PROPERTY VALUE: **\$435,000**
 TAX BILL: **\$2,872.70**
 MUNICIPAL TAX THE COUNTY KEEPS: **\$1,772.63**
 SCHOOL TAX THE COUNTY SUBMITS TO THE PROVINCE: **\$1,080.45**
 SENIORS TAX THE COUNTY SUBMITS TO THE GRANDE SPIRIT FOUNDATION: **\$19.62**

Reading your Property Tax Notice

Your property tax notice includes more than municipal taxes – it also includes taxes for education, seniors foundation, and designated industrial properties (if applicable). These taxes are not set or kept by the County. The Province of Alberta and the Grande Spirit Foundation determines the rates and the County is required to collect and send these funds to each of them, respectively.

TAX ACCOUNT DETAILS					
TAX CATEGORY	TAX RATE	MUNICIPAL TAXES	SCHOOL TAXES	OTHER TAXES	TOTAL
RS Provincial Education Tax	2.4838		1,080.45		1,080.45
RS General Municipal	4.075	1,772.63			1,772.63
Grande Spirit Foundation	.0447			19.62	19.62

Assessment Total: 435,000
Taxable Total: 435,000

■ Municipal Taxes - County **61.7%**
■ Provincial Education Tax - Education **37.6%**
■ Grande Spirit Foundation - Seniors **0.7%**

The amount for the Provincial Education Tax is what the County collects for the provincial government and is allocated towards education, with the amount for Grande Spirit Foundation going towards seniors lodging. General municipal taxes are what is used to help fund our budget.

How Are Property Values Assessed?

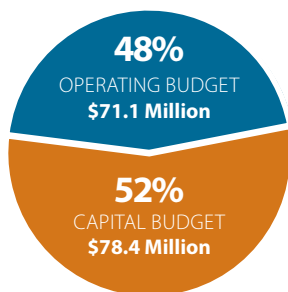
Residential property values are based on the home's market value, which is what the price a property is reasonably expected to sell for if sold by a willing seller to a willing buyer.

Some types of property such as farmland, machinery and equipment, and linear are assessed using provincially regulated values

and therefore have different valuation standards than market value.

For more information on property assessment, contact the Assessment department at 780-532-9722 or visit www.countygp.ab.ca/assessment.

A Detailed Breakdown Of How Taxes Are Spent



Every program and service in the County has an associated cost. Every year, Council makes financial decisions by allotting money for each of them into the **Operating** and **Capital** budgets. The total expenditure for 2020 is **\$149.5 million**.

Operating Budget: The County's operating budget goes towards the day-to-day costs to keep everything running smoothly, including enforcement and fire services, parks and recreational facilities, road maintenance including snow removal, and waste management.

Capital Budget: The County's capital budget funds major assets, including machinery and equipment, vehicles, buildings, and major road construction projects.

See the reverse side for a breakdown of the 2020 operating and capital budgets.

How Does The County Fund Its Budget?

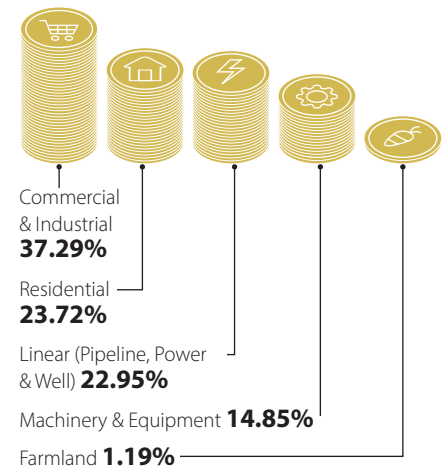
Funding for the County's programs and services comes from several sources, with most of the funding coming from property taxes.

Your Tax Dollar by Funding Source



- Municipal Taxes **48¢**
- Transfer from Reserves **30¢***
- Return on Investment **7¢**
- Grant Revenue **7¢**
- User Fees, Sale of Goods & Misc. Revenues **5¢**
- Permits, Licenses, Fines & Penalties **2¢**
- Levies (Operating & Capital) **1¢**

Municipal Tax Breakdown by Assessment Class



*A portion of municipal taxes are put into Reserves, which is similar to a savings account. Money is transferred out of reserves when needed for critical capital and operational projects. The advantage of putting money into reserves is that interest accrues on a large portion of the balance.

For more information on the County's 2020 Budget, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/budget.



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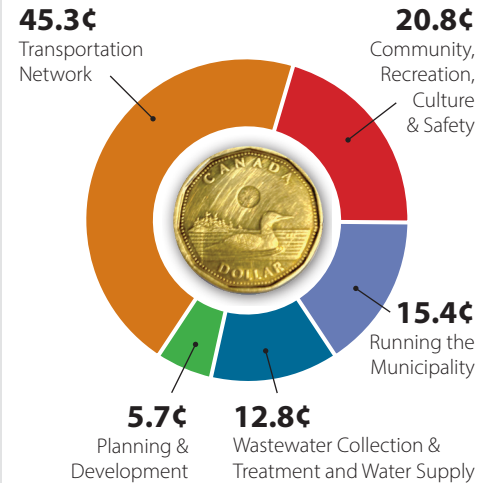
A Detailed Breakdown Of How The Municipal Portion of Taxes Are Spent

This is how much of our sample residential property tax bill (see blue house on reverse side) went towards County operational and capital expenses:

Municipal Property Taxes \$1,772.63



How Your Tax Dollar is Spent



A Detailed Breakdown of How Your Tax Dollar is Spent

Transportation Network



Road Construction & Bridge Program



Road Maintenance, Signage, Spot & Miscellaneous Construction



Public Works Administration



Mobile Vehicles, Shops & Equipment

Running the Municipality



Assessment, Asset Management, Communications, County Administrator Office, Financial Services, Human Resources & Safety, Information Technology, Insurance & Risk Management, Legislative Services, Procurement

Planning & Development



Land Use, Planning, Zoning & Development



Economic Development

Recycle & Waste Management, Water Supply & Distribution, and Wastewater Collection & Treatment



Water Supply & Distribution



Wastewater Collection & Treatment



Recycling & Waste Management Facilities & Services

Community, Recreation, Culture & Safety



Regional Enforcement, Fire & Disaster Services



Community Grants



Parks & Recreation Services



Family & Community Support Services



Agricultural Services



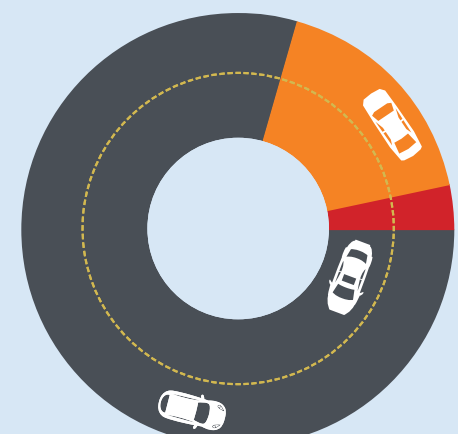
Library Services

Funding County Roads & Bridges

Maintenance of 3,600 km of roads and 317 bridges and bridge culverts are some of our biggest expenses.

In 2020, we budgeted **\$39.5 million** for new road construction, including 30.7 km of road surfacing.

This year, the County will receive a **\$1.3 million** Federal Gas Tax Grant as well as a **\$7 million** Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) grant, which will help build and revitalize our public infrastructure.



■ County Contribution **78.95%**
 ■ Provincial MSI Grant **17.21%**
 ■ Federal Gas Tax Grant **3.33%**

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