



TOWN OF DAVIDSON

2022 Taxes, Fees, and Budget Highlights

Taxes

There are two parts to your property taxes: education property taxes which are set by the province, and municipal property taxes which are set by Council.

Council develops the Town's capital and operating budget for the year, by balancing all of the expenditures needed to operate the Town, with the revenue coming in from user fees (utility bills, landfill fees, rink fees, swimming pool fees, etc.), and grants (operating & capital). Council weighs out the needs vs. wants of the Town, level of service, what can be cut, what efficiencies can be made, and what can be done to increase revenues, etc. The difference between the projected expenses and revenues, is then covered by property taxes.

The Town of Davidson's taxable assessment decreased in 2022, resulting in a decrease in property tax revenue of approximately \$50,000. Added to this, 2022 also brought a decrease in the Provincial Revenue Sharing grant (down \$13,000), the Canada Community-Building Fund grant (down \$62,700). Like everyone else, the Town will see substantial increases in power, natural gas, fuel, supplies, etc. this year. All of this combined has made the 2022 budget one of the hardest for Council to balance. By legislation, a municipality is not able to have a deficit budget, and so Council decided a relatively small increase in tax revenue was needed.

In Davidson, the municipal mill rate hasn't changed since 2019; the mill rate factor hasn't changed since 2017, and the base tax hasn't changed since 2014. Council chose to increase the base tax by \$100 in 2022; which essentially spreads the tax increase evenly across all properties.

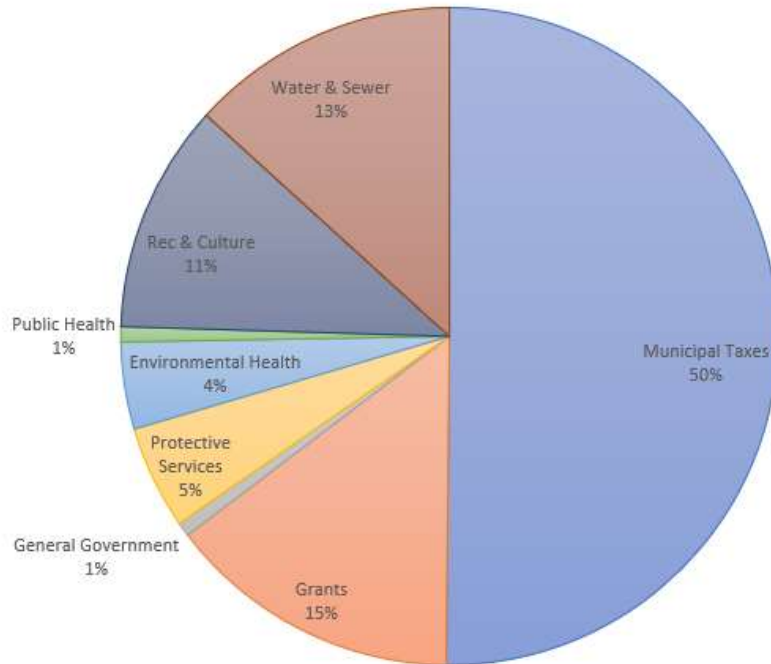
	Mill Rate	Residential Mill Rate Factor	Commercial Mill Rate Factor	Base Tax
2022	32.5	0.3612	1	600
2021	32.5	0.3612	1	500
2020	32.5	0.3612	1	500
2019	32.5	0.3612	1	500
2018	31.0	0.3612	1	500
2017	31.0	0.3612	1	500
2016	17.0235	0.77	1.66	500
2015	17.0235	0.77	1.66	500
2014	15.6800	0.77	1.66	500
2013	15.6843	0.8639	1.365	450
2012	25.0000	0.8639	1.365	450
2011	23.0000	0.8639	1.365	450

How to calculate your property taxes in simple steps:

1. Taxable Assessment x Mill Rate / 1000 = Initial Levy
2. (Initial Levy x Mill Rate Factor) + Base Tax = Municipal Property Tax
3. Taxable Assessment x Education Mill Rate / 1000 = Education Property Tax

Complete budget details are posted on our website www.townofdavidson.com under Public Notices.

2022 Budgeted Revenue: \$3,050,032



Municipal Taxes – municipal property tax levy, less abatements and early payment discount, plus penalties

Grants - Federal & Provincial grants, recreation grants (RM of Arm River and Willner \$10,000 each), AGT Sponsorships, Grants in lieu of taxes (SaskPower, SaskEnergy, SaskTel, Canada Post)

General Government – fees & charges

Protective Services - Fire Fees (partnership with RM's), RCMP Fines

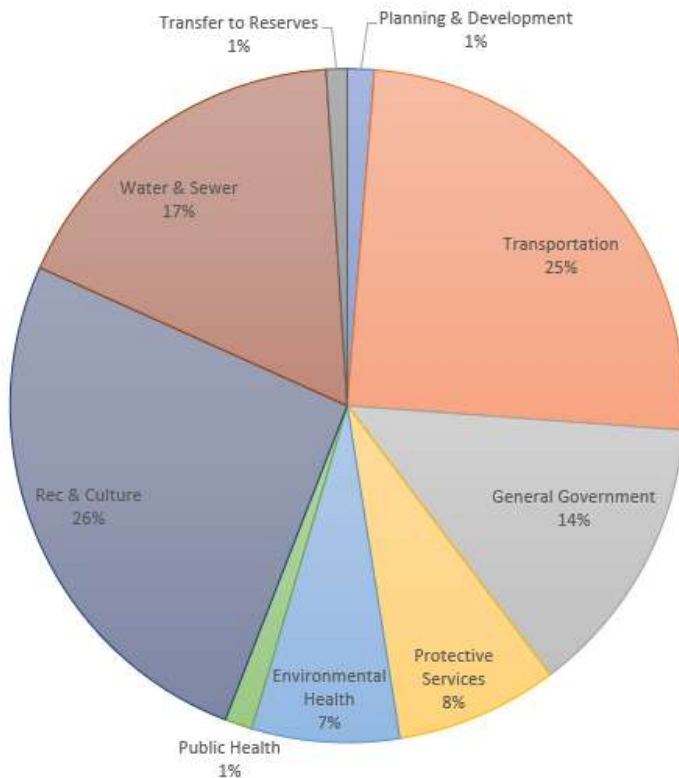
Environmental Health - Landfill fees, garbage & recycle fees

Public Health – cemetery, building permits

Rec & Culture - AGT Centre, Panther Pool, Town Hall, Campground

Water & Sewer - Water & sewer billing, lagoon fees, infrastructure fees

2022 Budgeted Expenditures: \$3,045,323



Transportation – pavement, sidewalks, snow removal, gravel, dust suppressant, equipment, wages, street lights, utilities, wages, etc.

General Government – audit, legal, assessment, website, wages, insurance, bank charges, office equip., elections, postage, etc.

Protective Services – RCMP levy, Fire Department, EMO, etc.

Environmental Health – Landfill, recycling, garbage, pest control, wages, etc.

Public Health – Cemetery, Medical Clinic, Dental Clinic, Locum & EMS Suite, etc.

Rec & Culture – AGT Centre, Panther Pool, ball diamonds, fitness centre, wages, library levy, library building, Town Hall, campground, parks & playgrounds, utilities, etc.

Water & Sewer – Water treatment plant, wells, lagoon, lift station, water & sewer mains, water meters, curbstops, utilities, fire hydrants, wages, etc.

Transfer to Reserves – current year budget to transfer to an Equipment Reserve

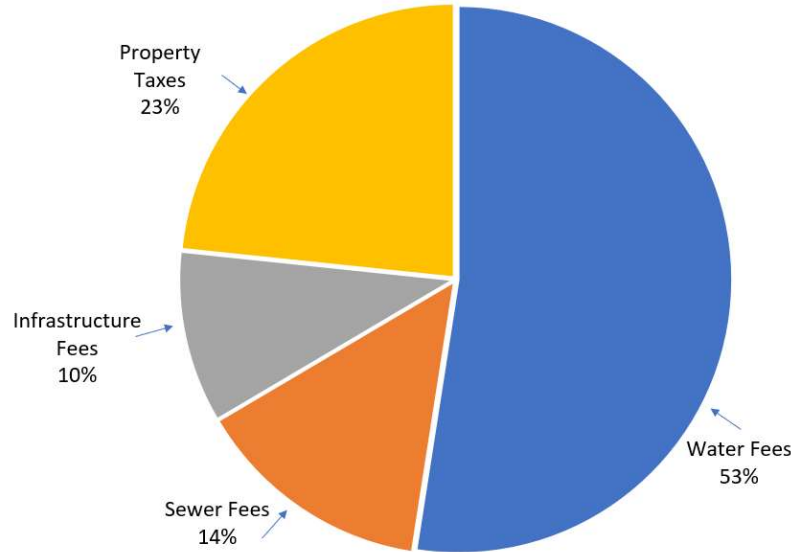
Planning & Development – Asset Management, building inspector, Vet Clinic, Rest Stop, etc.

Utility (Water & Sewer) Rates

Utility bills are sent out quarterly (March, June, September, December). The only adjustment made in 2022 was in regards to the recycle fee, due to the increase from Loraas. Water and sewer rates, and infrastructure fees haven't changed since 2017.

The budgeted expense to operate the Town's water and sewer system in 2022 is \$525,991. Water, sewer, and infrastructure fees cover a portion of that, with the balance being covered by property taxes.

2022 Water & Sewer Capital and Operating Budget \$525,991



Water fees – \$275,950
Sewer fees - \$73,890
Infrastructure fees - \$53,360
Utility deficit, covered by property taxes - \$122,791

Some of the larger projects scheduled for 2022 include:

- Lagoon transfer main project - \$130,000
- Water Treatment Plant drain line - \$26,700
- Water Treatment Plan valves - \$12,800
- Water Well Upgrades - \$58,700

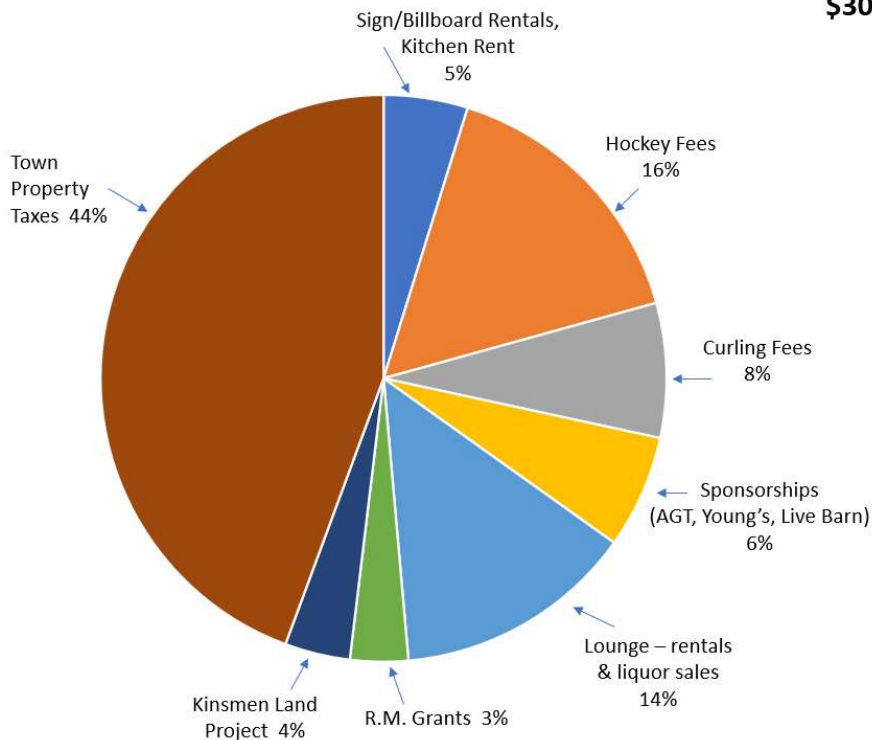
Quarterly Rates:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Water (minimum 3,000)	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
Water (over minimum bill)	\$10/1,000 gallons	\$10/1,000 gallons	\$10/1,000 gallons	\$10/1,000 gallons	\$10/1,000 gallons	\$10/1,000 gallons
Sewer	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
W & S Infrastructure	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Recycling	18.95	19.75	21.50	24.00	24.00	27.00
Garbage					15.00	15.00

Recreation

Recreation facilities are incredibly important for a healthy, vibrant community, and for citizens reaping the benefits of having a healthy community. Recreation or community centres provide opportunities for residents to be active and to interact with others. They are common ground areas that are focused on inclusivity, while fostering a culture of health and well-being. It is for this reason that recreation facilities are KEY to the development of a healthy community. Recreation is a valuable investment for our community, and we are thankful for those that have come before us and worked hard to fundraise, build, and support the many recreational opportunities we have in Davidson. We are known province wide for our exceptional facilities. In this newsletter we will touch on the operation of two of our larger recreation facilities.

2022 AGT Centre Operating Budget \$301,797



The budgeted expense to operate the AGT Centre in 2022 is \$301,797.

Rentals, user fees, sponsorships, and lounge sales cover a portion of the operating costs.

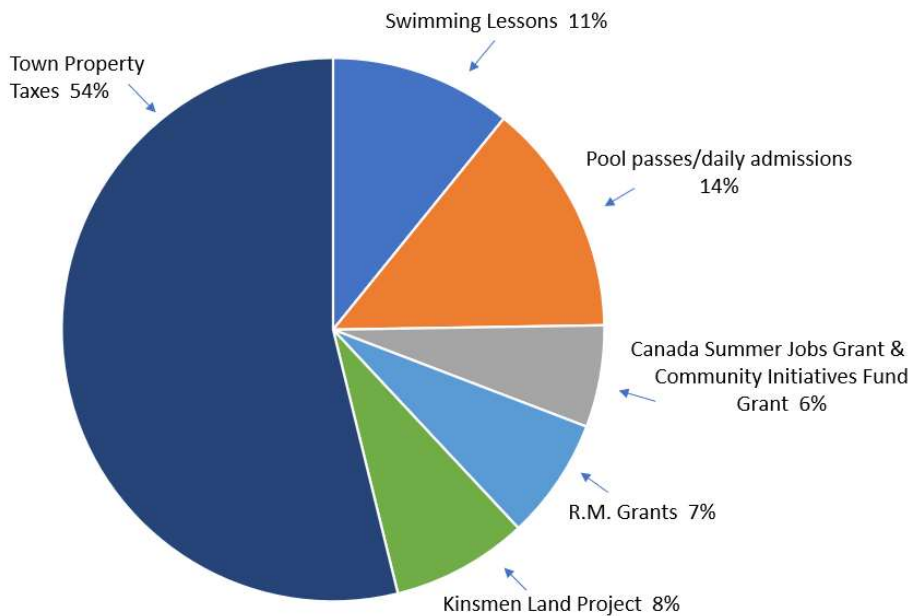
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The Town is also thankful for the sponsorships we received from AGT Foods and Young's Equipment, as well as the grants we receive from the R.M. of Willner and R.M. of Arm River, who each contribute \$10,000 towards recreation, which the Town splits between the AGT Centre and Panther Pool.

The balance of the operating cost is covered by town property taxes.

- Sign/Billboard Rentals, Kitchen Rent - \$14,500
- Hockey Fees - \$48,000
- Curling Fees - \$23,160 (2021 & 2022)
- Sponsorships - \$19,500
- Lounge rentals & liquor sales - \$41,500
- R.M. Grants (1/2) - \$10,000
- Kinsmen Land Project (1/2) - \$11,250
- Property Taxes - \$133,886.67

2022 Panther Pool Operating Budget \$138,433



The budgeted expense to operate the Panther Pool in 2022 is \$138,433.

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- Swimming Lessons - \$15,000
- Pool passes/daily admissions - \$19,250
- Canada Summer Jobs Grant - \$7,000
- CIF Grant - \$1,000
- R.M. Grants (1/2) - \$10,000
- Kinsmen Land Project (1/2) - \$11,250
- Property Taxes - \$74,533

Other Facilities

The Town is responsible for many other buildings and facilities throughout the community that we often don't think about as a cost to the ratepayer. Just like recreation, these too are vital to a healthy and vibrant community: Vet Clinic, Doctor's Office, Dental Clinic (2/3 Town; 1/3 RM's of Willner & Arm River), Fire Hall (Town 67%; RM's of Willner & Arm River each 16%, RM of Wood Creek 1%), EMS Suite, Locum Suite, Coffee Pot Rest Stop, Town Shop, Town Hall, Library, Airstrip, Ball Diamonds, Campground, Street Lights, Parks & Playgrounds, Water Treatment Plant, Water Tower, Sewage Lift Station, Water Wells, Landfill, Lagoon & Pivot, and the Cemetery.