

# 2026 Operating & Capital Budget



Council prepares the Town's annual operating and capital budget by balancing necessary expenditures with projected revenues from user fees (such as utilities, landfill, and recreation) and grants. In doing so, Council considers community needs versus wants, service levels, potential cost savings, efficiencies, and opportunities to increase revenue. The shortfall between expenses and revenues is made up through property taxes.

At its June 8, 2026 meeting, Council adopted the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget, with no tax increase.

The mill rate has remained unchanged since 2019, and the mill rate factor since 2017. The base tax was last increased in 2025.

## 2026 Budgeted Revenue: \$4,423,592

### Revenue Sources:

**Municipal Taxes** – municipal property tax levy, less abatements and early payment discount, plus penalties = \$1,980,736

**Grants** – Federal & Provincial grants, recreation grants, sponsorships, grants in lieu of taxes (SaskPower, SaskEnergy, SaskTel, Canada Post) = \$796,098

**General Government** – fees & charges, Town Hall rentals = \$199,162

**Transportation Services** – custom work, airport revenue = \$5,600

**Protective Services** – fire fees (partnership with RM's), RCMP fines = \$191,956

**Environmental Health** – landfill fees, garbage & recycle fees = \$198,500

**Public Health** – cemetery, dental clinic = \$21,400

**Rec & Culture** – AGT Centre, Panther Pool, Campground = \$269,890

**Water & Sewer** – water & sewer billing, infrastructure fees = \$527,000

**Planning & Development** – building permits, zoning amendments = \$10,250

**Transfer from Reserves** – budgeted to transfer from the Sidewalk Reserve, Equipment Reserve, and Pavement Reserve = \$223,000

**Tax discount deadlines\*:**  
(municipal tax portion)  
July 31 – 5%  
August 31 – 4%  
September 30 – 3%  
\*must be RECEIVED by these dates (postdated cheques are accepted)

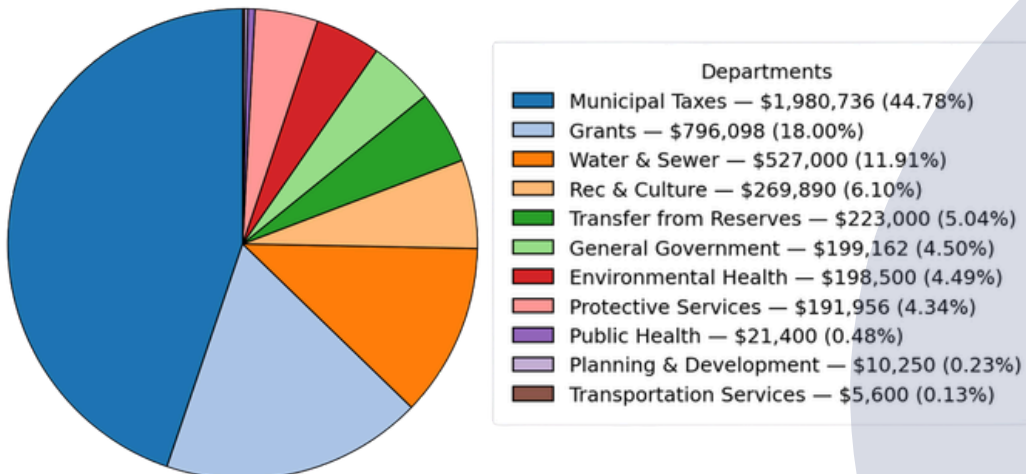
**Did you know the Town offers various commercial and residential tax incentives?**

\$42,620 has been budgeted for this incentive in 2026.

Check out Tax Incentive Bylaw #813 on our website

**For a detailed budget breakdown of our recreation facilities and water & sewer operations, please visit the Town website under Public Notices.**

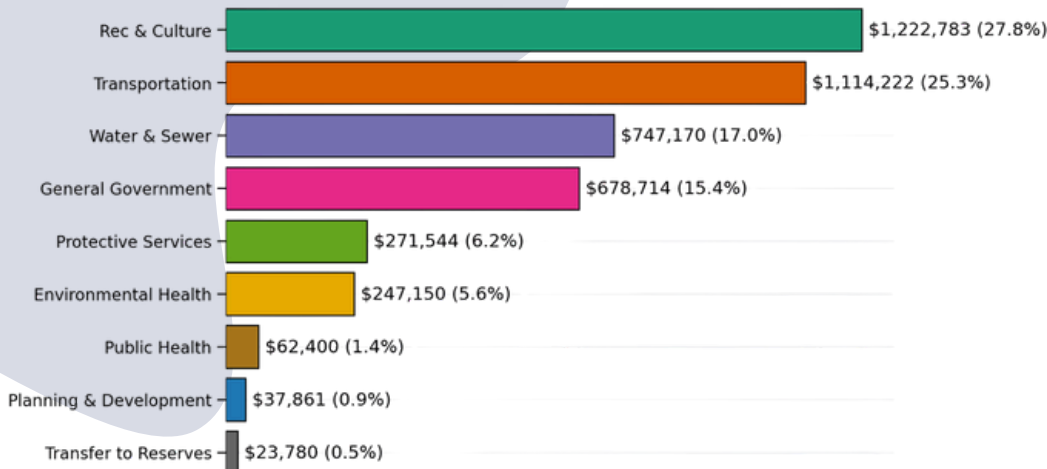
The breakdown of projected revenue by department:



**Budgeted Revenues \$4,423,592 – Expenses \$4,405,624 = Surplus \$17,968**

# 2026 Budgeted Expenses: \$4,405,624

The breakdown of projected expenses by department:



**Rec & Culture** – AGT Centre, Panther Pool, ball diamonds, fitness centre, wages, library levy, library building maintenance & accessibility upgrades (grant), campground, parks & playgrounds, utilities for rec facilities, etc. = \$1,222,783

**Transportation** – pavement, sidewalks, snow removal, gravel, dust suppressant, equipment, fuel, wages, streetlights, utilities, etc. = \$1,114,222

**Water & Sewer** – water treatment plant, water tower, wells, lagoon, sewage lift station, storm drains, water & sewer mains, water meters, curbstops, valves, wages, etc. = \$747,170

**General Government** – audit, legal, assessment, website, wages, insurance, debit/cr card charges, office equip., advertising, meeting room supplies/catering, postage, Town Hall maintenance, upgrades & utilities, etc. = \$678,714

**Protective Services** – RCMP levy, Fire Department, EMO, fire hydrants, etc. = \$271,544

**Environmental Health** – landfill, recycling, garbage, pest control, wages, etc. = \$247,150

**Public Health** – cemetery, medical clinic (utilities, building maintenance), dental clinic (utilities, building maintenance, janitorial), etc. = \$62,400

**Planning & Development** – building inspectors, vet clinic, street light installation, etc. = \$37,861

**Transfer to Reserves** – budgeted to transfer to Equipment Reserve = \$23,780

## What's New in This Year's Budget?

- ✓ Library accessibility upgrades - \$333,600 (partnership with the Town, Library Board, Legion, and an accessibility grant)
- ✓ Paving - \$300,000
- ✓ Sidewalk improvements - \$100,000
- ✓ Fire Dept Rescue Truck & Wildland Truck Conversion - \$312,354 (partnership with the Town, RM's, local businesses, and Fire Dept.)
- ✓ Purchase of a tractor, snowblower, dump trailer - \$115,000
- ✓ Rink upgrades - \$62,700 (score clock, painting, kitchen upgrades, plumbing upgrades)
- ✓ Ball Diamond improvements - \$25,300 (ball shed and fencing repairs, ball diamond work)
- ✓ Town Hall and Medical Clinic improvements - \$45,000 (architect to evaluate and recommend building modifications)

## Every \$1 of Property Tax Supports

