



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Your 2018 tax notice explained

We hope this information bulletin helps explain the information included on your tax notice. Much like your household spending, Athabasca County Council takes overall economic conditions into consideration when planning its budget. The budget planning process for Athabasca County begins in November each year. Councilors meet with administration to discuss what the priorities for the following year should be. Input from County boards and commissions are also taken into account.

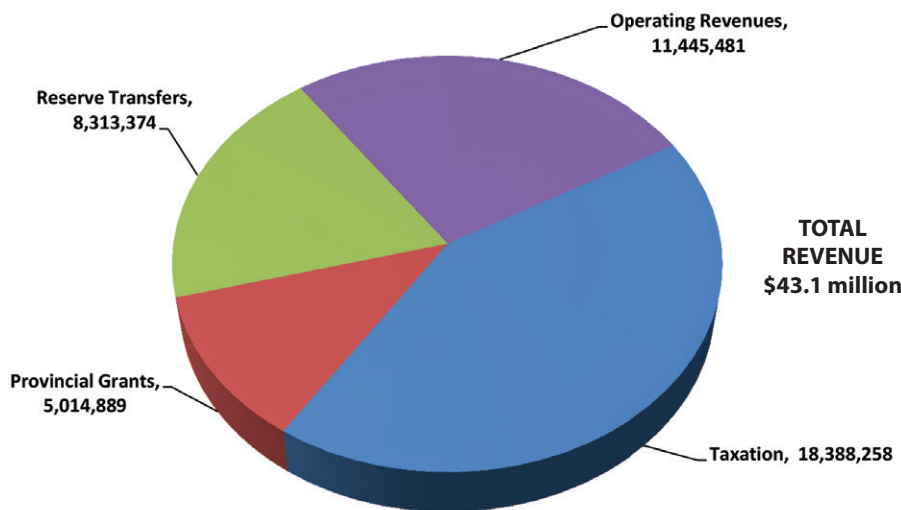
Although they appear on your assessment notice, taxes levied by Alberta Education and the Greater North Foundation are only collected by Athabasca County and passed directly to these two entities.

Funding Sources

Athabasca County receives revenue from a variety of sources to fund the services it provides to residents.

The chart at left illustrates what these sources are for the 2018 budget year and how much revenue the County has to work with.

Requisitions collected by Athabasca County on behalf of the The Greater North Foundation or Alberta Education are not included in these revenues.

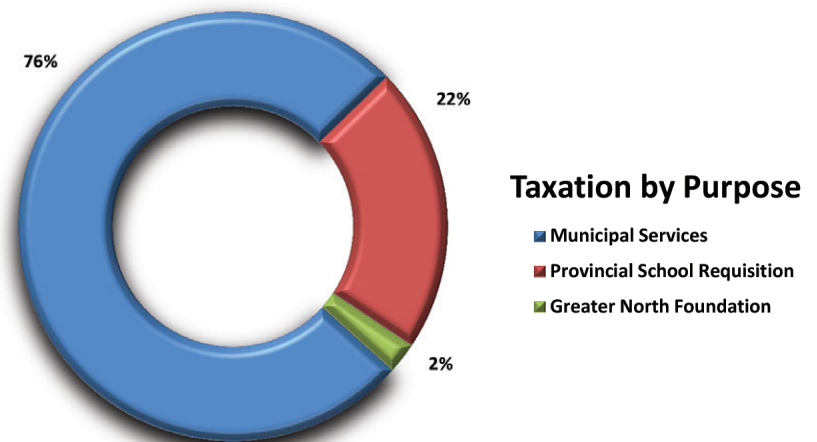


2018 Budget Picture

In 2018 the municipal portion of your tax rate will see a 2% increase over the previous year.

Athabasca County has held off on tax increases due to the lasting economic downturn. The last municipal tax increase occurred in 2015.

To honour its commitment to the Regional Pool and Fitness Centre, Athabasca County has planned for a \$6.2 million payment towards this new regional recreational facility in 2018.



Taxation by Purpose

- Municipal Services
- Provincial School Requisition
- Greater North Foundation

Tax Bill Payment Options - choose the most convenient method for you

IN PERSON

Athabasca County
Administration Office

AT YOUR BANK

Bring a copy of
your Tax Notice

BY MAIL

Cheque or
money order

ONLINE/TELEPHONE

Add 'Athabasca County - Taxes'
as a payee and use your
Roll/Account Number

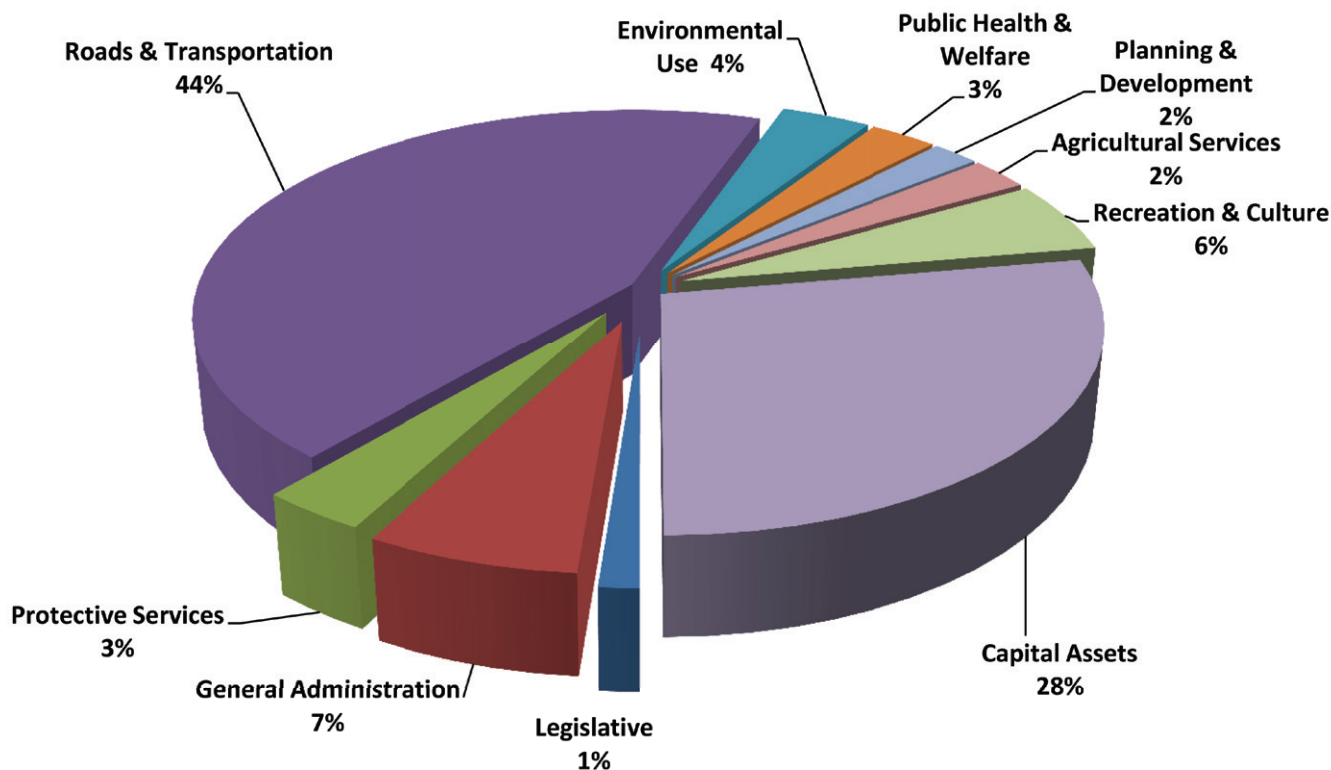
PLEASE NOTE: credit card payments are not accepted as a form of payment for Property Taxes.

Make all cheques payable to Athabasca County, 3602 - 48 Avenue, Athabasca, AB T9S 1M8

RECEIPTS: Please retain your tax notice as your payment receipt. Receipts will only be mailed upon request.

Where are your municipal tax dollars spent?

Your municipal taxes help fund a wide range of services within Athabasca County including fire and police, as well as municipal services such as water and waste disposal. The chart below helps illustrate where expenditures will be directed in 2018. Roads are the greatest overall expenditure in the municipality at 44%.



FIRE PROTECTION - Athabasca County provides fire protection services through the operation and maintenance of seven County fire departments, as well as contributions to the Boyle and Athabasca fire services. Vehicle and building maintenance, communications equipment, dispatch fees, small equipment costs, and insurance coverage accounts for \$377,225 in 2018. Since our departments are made operational by volunteer firefighters we invest in their training to enhance their skills and safety. This budget year \$59,500 has been set aside for this purpose.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE - A total of \$9.89 million is allocated to improving and maintaining roads this budget year. This includes annual graveling, roadway maintenance, dust control, and snow removal. As part of this total cost, each division will also see an investment of \$225,000 for road construction and shoulder pulls. Additional funds taken from reserves to repair sections of road requiring additional attention will be allocated and approved by Council on a case-by-case basis.

RECREATION - As part of its ongoing commitment to the volunteer organizations in our region Athabasca County's Recreation Board will contribute \$90,000 as part of the Community Hall Assistance Program. An additional \$40,000 will be provided for Community Assistance Grants.

In addition, \$41,000 in improvements will be made to recreational areas operated by Athabasca County in 2018. Overall expenditures to maintain campgrounds and recreation areas is set at \$308,830. Athabasca County also pays 50% of the costs to operate the Athabasca Regional Multiplex. This cost is estimated to be \$619,250 for 2018.

In Boyle the County will contribute \$173,275 towards the fitness centre, spray park, arena, community hall, ball diamond maintenance and youth centre.



Contact us with questions

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Online information

The 2018 Athabasca County Budget is available in a more detailed version. Please stop by the County Administration Office to pick up a paper copy. You can also view or download an on-line version by visiting our website and clicking on the '2018 Budget' link under the local government tab.