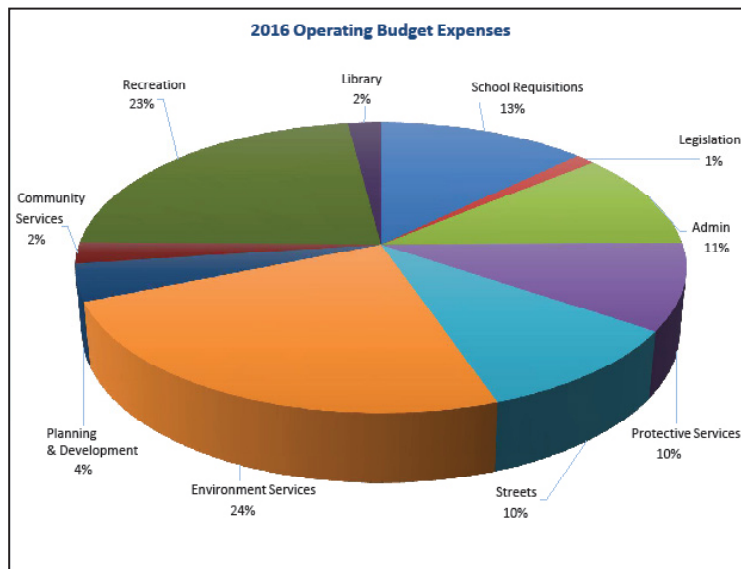


Town of Blackfalds 2016 Budget Highlights

The budget is intended to provide ongoing stable municipal operations with the provision of high service levels. Recognizing that some residents are experiencing challenges owing to the uncertainty of the current economy, the tax increase for 2016 has been held to 1%.

Operating Budget Expenses	2016
School Requisitions	2,738,140
Legislation	258,470
Administration	2,281,709
Protective Services	2,058,584
Streets	2,174,150
Environmental Services	5,128,857
Planning & Development	880,350
Community Services	511,936
Recreation	4,827,708
Library	431,650
	21,291,554

Property Taxes	2016	2015
Assessed Home Value	313,600	309,500
Tax Rate	7.47	7.40
Total Taxes	2,343	2,290
Tax Increase (excluding school tax)	\$53	
Utilities		
Water	72.16	72.16
Sewer	37.20	27.99
Garbage	26.65	26.65
Total Utilities	136.01	126.80
Monthly Increase	9.22	
Average Monthly Increase	\$13.66	
Average Annual Increase	\$163.97	



Total 2016 Capital Projects - \$2.2 million

Major Projects include:

- Off-leash dog park, Skateboard park, Amphitheatre stage, and Ball Diamonds
- Restoration of historic Wadey House for Visitor Information Centre, Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society
- Roadway upgrades and related trucks/equipment for trail maintenance
- Community Place-making Initiative
- Social Needs Assessment

Highlights of the Operating Budget

The 2016 operating budget is 23.8 million, which is an increase of 2.7 million from last year.

The primary source of increased revenue comes from new housing and corresponding taxes and utility charges.

With the exception of an increase to sewer rates that is needed to fund implementation of a future regional wastewater line, all other utility rates remain the same.

The operating budget covers \$21.3 million in expenditures and allows allocates \$2.5 million to fund future capital projects.

Two new full-time staff positions will also be added: Communications Coordinator & RCMP School Resource Officer.



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