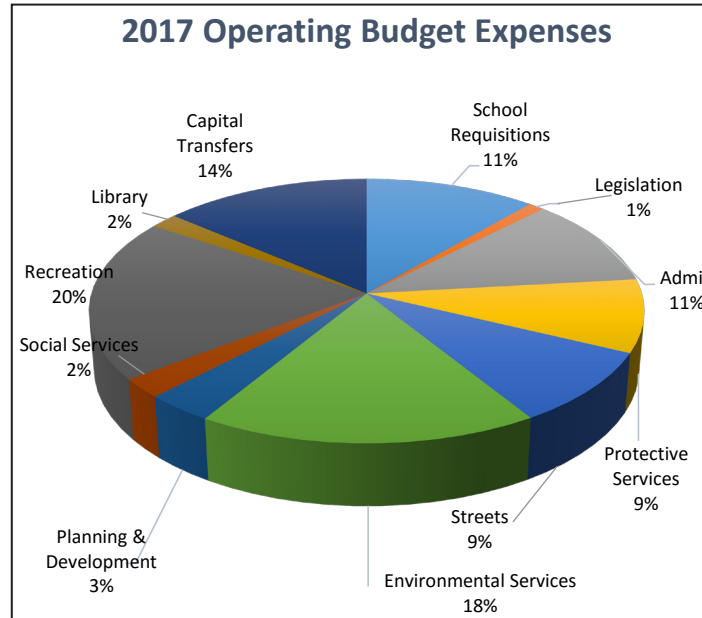


## Town of Blackfalds 2017 Budget Highlights

The budget is intended to provide for ongoing stable municipal operations with the provision of high service levels. Recognizing the difficult economic climate, the tax increase for 2017 was kept to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate of 0.7% - one of the lowest in the region.

Operating Budget Expenses	2017
School Requisitions	2,768,340
Legislation	259,350
Administration	2,652,325
Protective Services	2,176,205
Streets	2,200,690
Environmental Services	4,296,850
Planning & Development	859,975
Community Services	575,195
Recreation	4,846,885
Library	449,400
	21,085,215

Property Taxes (Typical)	2017	2016
Assessed Home Value	318,829	319,402
Tax Rate	7.37	7.31
Property Taxes	2,350	2,333
Tax Increase (excluding school tax)	<b>\$17</b>	
Utilities		
Water	72.16	72.16
Sewer	46.42	37.20
Garbage	26.65	26.65
Total Utilities	145.23	136.01
Monthly Increase	<b>\$9.22</b>	
Average Monthly Increase	<b>\$10.64</b>	
Average Annual Increase	<b>\$127.72</b>	



### Total 2017 Capital Projects - \$12 million

**Major Projects include:**

- Energy Efficiency Updates
- Wayfinding Signage - Phase 2
- Playground - Cottonwood School
- Phase 2 - All Star BMX Park
- Shelters for Ball Diamonds
- Westwood Linear Park Design
- McKay Ranch Lift Station
- East Area Storm System (Phase 1)
- North West Area Storm System

### Highlights of the Operating Budget

The 2016 operating budget is 24.4 million, which is an increase of 0.8 million from last year.

With the exception of an increase to sewer rates that is required for funding the regional wastewater line, all other utility rates remain the same.

Two new full-time staff positions will be added through the year: RCMP Officer and one additional personnel to municipal operations.

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