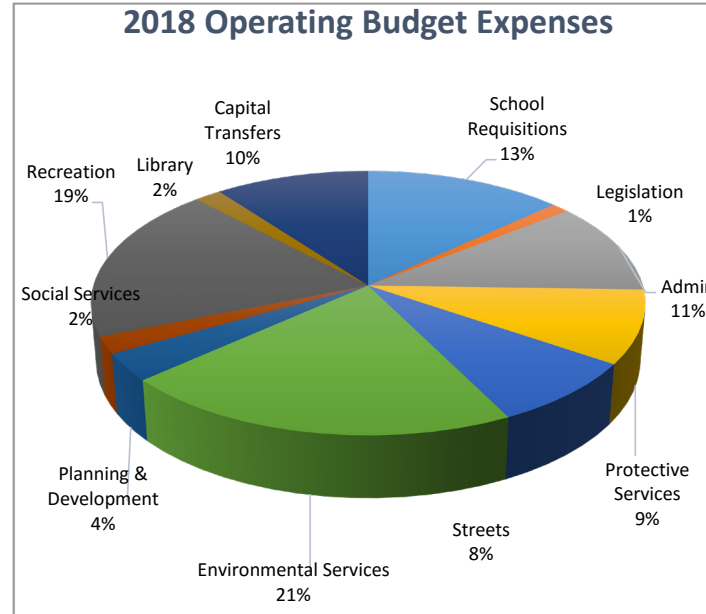


## Town of Blackfalds 2018 Budget Highlights

The 2018 budget is a conservative budget containing a 1.1% increase that will provide solid, responsible programs and services to our residents while continuing to plan and lay the groundwork for future development and continued growth of the community.

Operating Budget Expenses	2018
School Requisitions	3,495,856
Legislation	314,130
Administration & General	2,960,575
Protective Services	2,391,085
Streets	2,149,210
Environmental Services	5,539,400
Planning & Development	899,150
Social Services	552,980
Recreation	5,064,645
Library	479,000
Capital Transfers	2,720,649
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,566,680</b>

Property Taxes (Typical)	2018	2017
Assessed Home Value	315,000	315,000
Tax Rate	7.6526	7.567
Property Taxes	2,411	2,384
Tax Increase (excluding school tax)	<b>\$27</b>	
<b>Utilities</b>		
Water	73.58	72.16
Sewer	51.88	46.42
Garbage	27.18	26.65
Total Utilities	152.64	145.23
Monthly Increase	<b>\$7.41</b>	
Average Monthly Increase	<b>\$9.66</b>	
Average Annual Increase	<b>\$115.92</b>	



### Total 2018 Capital Projects - \$6.9 million

#### Major Projects include:

- Civic Centre - Solar Program
- 10-Year Facility Review
- Pine Crescent Outdoor Rink
- Second Ice Surface Architectural Design
- Valley Ridge Playground
- Yearly sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement project
- Northwest Area Storm project
- Wayfinding signage - phase 3 of 5
- South Street / Highway access improvements - signals

#### Highlights of the Operating Budget

The 2018 operating budget is \$26,566,680, with highlights including the move to the North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission, introducing new positions to address increased workload and new projects, and contracting out concession services at the Abbey Centre – expected to save substantial costs.

The final budget is a result of Council and Administration deliberations that began in August and concluded in November along with input gathered from the public through Citizen Budget in September and at the Budget Open House on November 29, 2017.

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