

The Summer Village of Sandy Beach, AB

2019 Municipal Budget

Highlights

1. The 2019 budget includes NO increase in property taxes collection, as per line item 4, (\$342,294.36), property taxes will be the same as in 2018.

The following outlines the municipal tax percentages over the past years:

2015	2.5% increase
2016	3.5% increase
2017	3.5% increase
2018	3.0% increase
2019	0% increase

It is important to emphasize that roll taxes can still change due to the assessments and the requisitions from government - the point however made here is that line item 4 in the 2019 budget remains the same as in 2018.

2. Minimum Levy, line 2, remains the same at a levy of \$200.00 per property. Council may consider an increase to this minimum levy as it remains unchanged for the past ten (10) years. Council may consider the following:
 - Option 1: minimum levy remains at \$200.00
 - Option 2: the minimum levy gradually increases at \$150.00 per year for 4 years to a target of \$800.00
 - Option 3: increase from \$200.00 to \$800.00 in 2019
3. Revenues have been increased by \$70,000.00 as a result of the CAO applying for GST rebates from 2015 – 2017 and enable a zero percent property tax increase
4. MSI capital grants from 2017 and 2018 now total \$241,318.00

There are corresponding expenses proposed that include:

- Road repair - \$50,000.00
- Emergency Management, including trails - \$60,000.00
- Lagoon repairs - \$131,318

Note: these capital projects will be paid from MSI capital grant and NOT property tax monies

5. School Foundation (line 32 &33) and Senior Foundation (line 34), shown as income are amounts collected by the Summer Village and remitted to the Province, as shown on lines 145, 146 and 147 – are essentially and “in and out” budget items. The exact amounts will be provided by the Province likely in March or April of 2019. Regardless of any increase there will be NO increase to property taxes as a result.
6. New expenses items include the following:
 - Contracted services, Emergency Management, line 60 of \$4,000.00
 - WILD Waterline Phase 11 debenture, line 73, of \$1,616.00 to be added to existing Phase I = \$5,250.00
 - Playground equipment inspection, line 138 of \$400.00
 - Firesmart for property address signage, line 95 of \$12,500.00
 - Lagoon engineering fees, line 112 of \$31,500.00, representing 2/3 of actual cost as this is cost shared with SV Sunrise Beach
 - Animal control enforcement costs of \$10,000.00, line 99
 - \$14,500.00 cost sharing with Lac Ste Anne County for landfill reclamation
7. Other expenses, including utilities, purchase of goods and services have projected slight increases concurrent with the cost of living adjustments.
8. Capital Budget: Council has no capital spending in mind for 2019, although a garbage truck may be an item for consideration. The potential estimated cost is \$70,000.