



Town of Barrhead

2015 Budget Summarization

After lengthy deliberations to determine the 2015 budget priorities, Mayor and Council of the Town of Barrhead have finalized the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets. Priorities have been established based on the need for upgrades to existing facilities, along with infrastructure and equipment requirements.

Council is looking forward to getting the new swimming pool underway. If all goes as planned, construction will commence this year.

In 2015 Council has had to increase the municipal portion of the property tax rate. The municipal residential tax rate is increasing by 0.3 mills, going from 7.5275 to 7.8275. The municipal non-residential tax rate is increasing by 0.3 mills as well, going from 13.1405 to 13.4405. The extra revenue generated from this increase will go towards funding the 2015 capital budget priorities.

Following are further details with regards to the Capital and Operating Budgets.

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SCHEDULE B	<p><u>“2015 Operating Revenues By Category”</u></p> <p>The 2015 Operating Revenue budget is \$11,900,549. <u>Schedule B</u> outlines the different sources in which we will be collecting these revenues from.</p>
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TOWN OF BARRHEAD 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

“SCHEDULE A”

- **New Aquatic Centre** (\$ 13 million) – Total project estimated costs which will be allocated to applicable budget years. Construction to commence in 2015.
- **51 Avenue from 50 Street to 54 Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation** (\$ 2.3 million) with the installation of a new water main, sanitary sewer crossings, storm sewer and roadwork.
- **Roads** (\$ 2.5 million) Town of Barrhead commercial land development – roadway, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer.
- **Public Works** (\$480,000) – Air handling unit, portable generator, building renovations, concrete in the yard at the Town shop. Maintenance equipment – new Backhoe.
- **Additional Sewer and Storm Sewer Projects** (\$215,500) – upgrades to storm sewer at 52/53 Avenue and 46/47 Street, 48 Avenue Lift Station, fencing around the sewage lagoon and new lift station safety equipment.
- **Sidewalks** (\$80,000) – 48 Avenue section – connection to walking trail.
- **Arena** (\$139,000) – Painting (exterior and interior), shower tiling, spectator seating heaters, exterior land drainage repairs.
- **Parks, Sports Ground, Walking Trail** (\$128,000) –Beaver Brook playground upgrades, outdoor volleyball court, Triangle Park green space upgrades, finish installation of solar lights at tennis courts, playground rubber at splash park, picnic tables, benches, signage, pet waste stations along walking trail.
- **Curling Rink** (\$50,000) – Roof repairs, exterior painting, assist with ice plant replacement project.
- **Old Aquatic Centre Land** (\$186,000) – old pool – finish demolition, abatement, ground surface.
- **Administration** (\$64,000) – IT technology equipment and upgrades, building maintenance, emergency generator project.
- **Barrhead Fire Services** (\$15,500) – in 50% partnership with the County of Barrhead, to purchase a used hazardous material trailer and a SCBA Fit Test Machine.
- **Emergency Response Centre** (\$20,800) – in 50% partnership with the County of Barrhead, new flag poles and building renovations.
- **Barrhead Regional Landfill** (\$6,000) – in 50% partnership with the County of Barrhead, to install an asphalt tire recycling ramp.

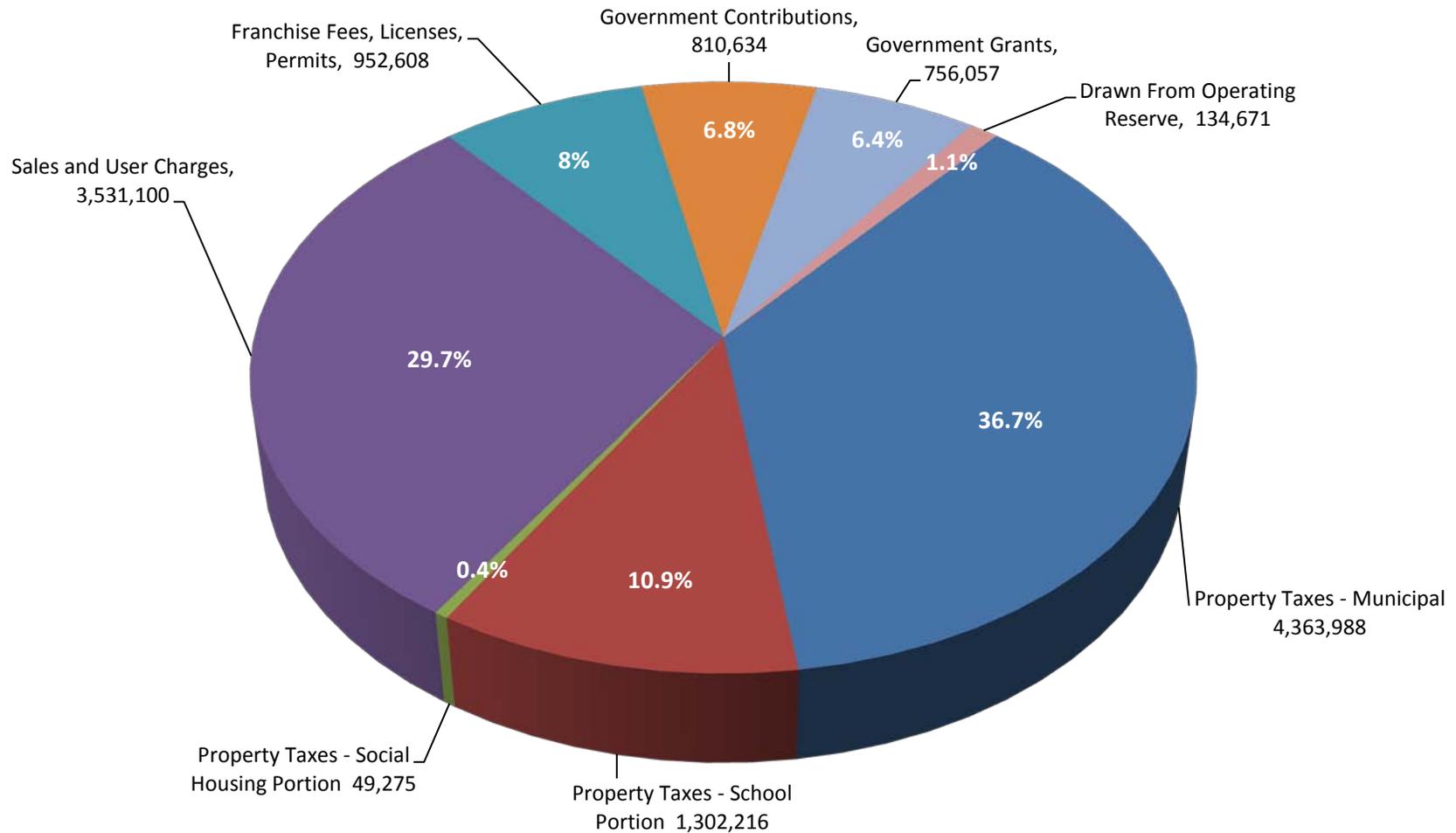


Town of Barrhead Budget

"SCHEDULE B"

REVENUE SOURCES

2015 Operating Revenues by Category



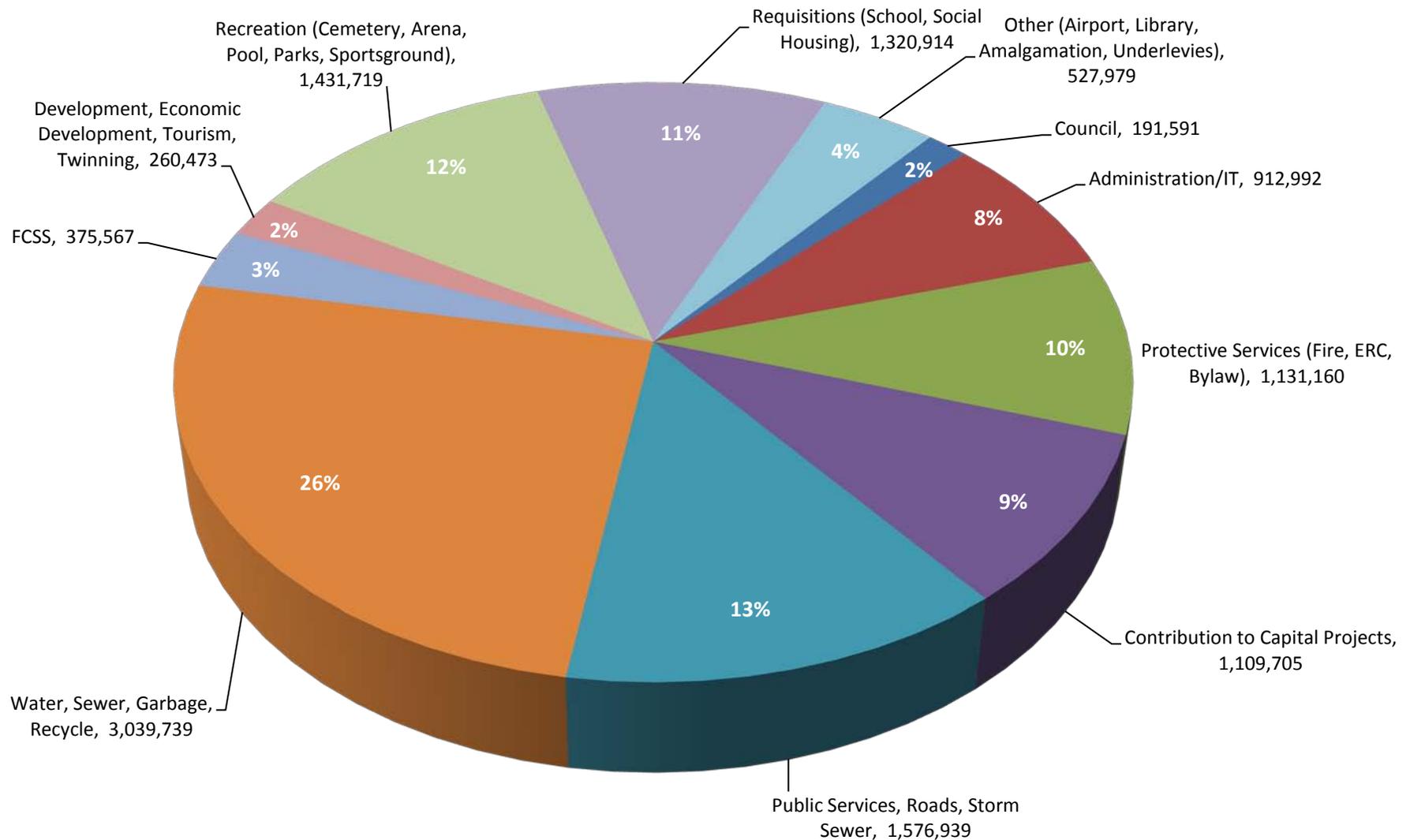
2015 TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET: 11,900,549



Town of Barrhead Budget OPERATING EXPENSES

"SCHEDULE C"

2015 Operating Expenditures by Department



2015 TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET: 11,878,778



TOWN OF BARRHEAD PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT INFORMATION - 2015

"SCHEDULE D"

MUNICIPAL TAX RATES – FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE

In order to maintain services levels and funding towards operational and capital projects, Council has **increased** the municipal portion of the property tax rate by 0.3 mills for residential, non-residential, farmland and machinery and equipment property classes. A 0.3 mill increase equates to \$30.00 for every \$100,000.00 of assessed value. The impact of the change in the municipal portion of the property tax rate will be affected by any decreases or increases in individual property assessments.

The Town of Barrhead budget has incorporated increased costs for insurance, maintenance costs for buildings and equipment, fuel, materials and supplies and the additional net operating costs for the Town's recycling program. As strongly encouraged by the Province, the water, sewer and garbage systems are self-supporting utilities and any surplus funds collected from these utilities will be transferred to capital for current and future projects.

Council has approved a number of projects for commencement and/or completion in 2015. The 2015 Total Capital Budget is \$21 million. Additional information may be found on our website at www.barrhead.ca, under "2015 Budget Highlights."

- New Aquatic Centre – commence construction
- 51 Avenue from 50 Street to 54 Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation
- Park Enhancements
- Public Works – General maintenance and equipment purchase
- Additional Sewer and Storm Sewer Projects
- Sidewalk upgrades
- Arena upgrades
- Curling Rink upgrades
- Barrhead Fire Services – equipment purchase
- Emergency Response Centre upgrades

PROVINCIAL SCHOOL TAX REQUISITION

The **2015 School Requisition** from the Province is \$ 1,272,810, which is a decrease of \$4,779 from last year. This amount is collected in a separate tax rate as dictated by the Province. As the school requisition is divided among the total assessment, the school portion of the tax rate will decrease from 2.596 mills to 2.5354 mills on residential properties. This would equate to a residential decrease of \$ 6.06 for every \$100,000.00 in assessment. (\$200,000.00 assessed house = \$ 12.12). The impact will be affected by any increases or decreases in individual property assessments. For non-residential properties the school portion of the tax rate will decrease from 3.8121 mills to 3.5066 mills which would equate to a decrease of \$ 30.55 for every \$100,000.00 in assessment. (\$200,000.00 assessed property = \$ 61.10 decrease).

BARRHEAD & DISTRICT SOCIAL HOUSING (B.D.S.H.A.) REQUISITION

The **2015 Barrhead & District Social Housing Requisition** is \$ 48,104, which is a slight decrease from \$49,751.00 in 2014. The decrease of \$ 1,647 will have a minimal affect on the overall tax notice.

BASEMENT FLOODING/SEWER BACKUP BROCHURE

Please read over the **Basement Flooding Brochure** that was inserted with your tax notice. This guide provides you information about keeping your basement dry in cause of a flood. Landscaping your property, eaves troughs and any weeping tile that is tied into the sanitary sewer vs. being directed above ground have a direct effect on flooding/sewer backups that may affect your property.

ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Please see the reverse side of this page for information relating to the Assessment Complaint Process.



"SCHEDULE E"

Town of Barrhead 2014 Municipal Tax Rate and Assessment Comparison

Attached is a comparison of 2014 municipal tax rates and assessments for various municipalities throughout Alberta. The details provided are based on 2014, as many municipalities may not have set their 2015 tax rates at this point. Comparisons are provided for residential, non-residential and linear property assessment classes.

In order to determine the municipal tax rate, Council sets priorities for the budget year. Once these priorities are set, the municipal tax rate may be adjusted depending on the amount of revenues required to fund the set priorities.

It is noteworthy that the municipal tax rate may be impacted based on the amount of taxable assessment in each tax assessment class (ie. – Residential, Non-Residential, Linear). For example, if a municipality has a very high non-residential taxable assessment, resulting in higher available municipal tax revenue, it may be feasible that they decrease the municipal residential tax rate. They may also choose to lower a municipal tax rate in an alternative assessment class instead, as the majority of their tax dollars will be generated by the non-residential taxes.

To calculate property taxes, the following formula is used:

$$\frac{(Assessment) \times (Tax Rate)}{1,000}$$

For example, on a residential property valued at \$250,000, the tax calculation for the **municipal portion** would be as follows:

$$\frac{(250,000) \times (7.8275)}{1,000} = \$1,956.88 \text{ for the municipal portion of the property taxes}$$

The last column of each spreadsheet indicates the municipal tax dollars generated for each specific assessment class in 2014. You may note that if a municipality generates significant tax dollars in one assessment class, they may have a lower municipal tax rate in another assessment class.

				"SCHEDULE E"
2014 MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE COMPARISON				
		2014		
		Municipal Residential	Residential Taxable	Municipal Tax Dollars
TOWN	<u>Population</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Generated</u>
Barrhead	4,432	7.5275	354,561,720	\$2,668,963
Athabasca	2,990	7.5503	271,861,630	\$2,052,637
Bonnyville	6,921	5.4079	659,470,160	\$3,566,349
Cardston	3,580	7.4105	269,118,420	\$1,994,302
Crownsnest Pass	5,565	6.3522	744,445,950	\$4,728,870
Didsbury	4,957	8.515	445,138,010	\$3,790,350
Fairview	3,162	10.3731	232,024,699	\$2,406,815
Morinville	9,406	6.548894	1,008,627,430	\$6,605,394
Pincher Creek	3,619	9.1915	298,655,920	\$2,745,096
St. Paul	5,844	6.8717	471,105,320	\$3,237,294
Stettler	5,843	6.2165	524,514,610	\$3,260,645
Vermilion	4,545	7.9629	377,171,350	\$3,003,378
Wainwright	6,289	6.5061	548,100,540	\$3,565,997
Westlock	4,823	8.2692	394,284,990	\$3,260,421
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				"SCHEDULE E"
2014 MUNICIPAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE COMPARISON				
		2014		
		Municipal		Municipal
		Non-Residential	Non-Residential	Tax Dollars
TOWN	<u>Population</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Taxable Assessment</u>	<u>Generated</u>
Barrhead	4,432	13.1405	93,819,600	\$1,232,836
Athabasca	2,990	15.8926	76,225,620	\$1,211,423
Bonnyville	6,921	7.6265	409,052,620	\$3,119,640
Cardston	3,580	12.7107	44,782,350	\$569,215
Crownsnest Pass	5,565	11.0894	85,620,600	\$949,481
Didsbury	4,957	8.936	54,064,160	\$483,117
Fairview	3,162	15.4202	68,827,099	\$1,061,328
Morinville	9,406	6.548894	126,089,870	\$825,749
Pincher Creek	3,619	10.7918	98,227,340	\$1,060,050
St. Paul	5,844	15.2654	178,516,190	\$2,725,121
Stettler	5,843	8.4625	209,825,680	\$1,775,650
Vermilion	4,545	10.9629	109,519,080	\$1,200,647
Wainwright	6,289	9.8859	168,360,610	\$1,664,396
Westlock	4,823	18.3298	122,392,980	\$2,243,439
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				"SCHEDULE F"
2014 MUNICIPAL LINEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON				
		2014		Municipal
		Municipal	Linear	Tax Dollars
<u>TOWN</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>Linear Tax Rate</u>	<u>Taxable Assessment</u>	<u>Generated</u>
Barrhead	4,432	13.1405	6,672,620	\$87,682
Athabasca	2,990	15.8926	6,156,060	\$97,836
Bonnyville	6,921	7.6265	11,678,860	\$89,069
Cardston	3,580	12.7107	4,870,290	\$61,905
Crowsnest Pass	5,565	11.0894	59,215,410	\$656,663
Didsbury	4,957	8.936	6,583,060	\$58,826
Fairview	3,162	15.4202	6,154,490	\$94,903
Morinville	9,406	6.548894	11,084,220	\$72,589
Pincher Creek	3,619	10.7918	6,315,130	\$68,152
St. Paul	5,844	15.2654	8,822,170	\$134,674
Stettler	5,843	8.4625	11,791,000	\$99,781
Vermilion	4,545	10.9629	19,949,460	\$218,704
Wainwright	6,289	9.8859	10,763,150	\$106,403
Westlock	4,823	18.3298	7,762,740	\$142,289
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