

2018 Budget Deliberations

Council passed the 2018 budget at the January 23, 2018 meeting. Assessment changes over last year has seen a slight increase of 1.2% overall from 2017. Residential saw an overall increase of 2.1% and non-residential saw an increase of 0.3% over last year. Increases are influenced more by new developments rather than changes in individual existing properties, which relates to growth in the community.

Budget highlights and service changes that were deliberated and implemented to hold the line for 2018 Budget are as follows:

Budget Highlights:

- Special Garbage pick up has been discontinued as of 2018. The continuation of the service would have had to see a 0.94 cent increase per month per household to the residential garbage fee. Residents are responsible to make their own arrangements for removal and disposal to the nearest transfer site of those items that do not fit in the regular garbage bin.
- RV Park sani-dump services will only be available for the registered campers of the park as part of the site rental. Council did make an inclusion that residents that live within the village municipal boundary will have access to service at a cost and must show proof of residency.
- A Community Grants to Non-Profit Organization policy was passed by council with a limited amount for access by organizations for events. Policy and applications can be found on the village website.
- Continuation of the Student Bursary and the Beautification Contest policies. Policy information and applications can be found on the village website.

2018 Projects:

- Bulk Water Station Upgrades
- Village Signage and Beautification Improvements
- Caroline Lagoon Study for Alberta Environment Wastewater Licensing (ongoing from 2017)
- Lagoon Expansion Feasibility Upgrade Study
- Admin Building Upgrades (ongoing from 2017)
- Security Upgrades
- 49 Ave/51 street water and sewer service Loop

Completed Projects 2014-2017

- Lagoon Desludging
- SCADA Monitoring System for Water Treatment Plant and Lagoon
- Back-up Generator Water Treatment Plant water supply and Lift Station
- 50 Avenue (Hwy 54) Water, Sewer, Storm, Road, Sidewalk, curb and gutter Infrastructure Replacement (49 – 52 Street) Final asphalt lift of main street was completed spring 2017.
- Roadway asphalt major patch repair of streets
- Original Library Building Roof Repair
- Water Treatment Plant Roof Repair

