

VILLAGE OF MARWAYNE

2025-2028 OPERATIONAL BUDGET & 2025-2030 CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW



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PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

The Village of Marwayne (hereinafter referred to as "the Village") collects property taxes in order to fund day to day operations and provide the level of service Marwayne residents have come to know and expect. To determine the amount the Village needs to raise through property taxes, the Village determines the amount of money required to operate the municipality in any given year and then deducts any known revenues (grants, user fees, etc.). The graph below shows a breakdown of the Village's operational expenses by category as per the 2025 budget.





Property taxes are not a fee for service, but rather a method of distributing the cost for local government services and education taxes fairly throughout a municipality. For every dollar (\$1.00) collected in property taxes, the Village retains \$0.80 and transfers \$0.20 to the Province of Alberta.



ASSESSMENT

In 2024, the Village's total assessment for all properties was \$41,459,120 whereas in 2025, the total assessment for all properties is \$43,116,230. Assessment has major budgetary implications for Council to consider in passing the 2025 Property Tax Bylaw 606- 25 which establishes the 2025 mill rates and associated levies for the current fiscal year. Luckily, as a result of this increase in assessment, the 2025 mill rates remain the same as 2024.

The 2025 assessment is based on the value of properties as of July 1, 2024



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROPERTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENT VALUES

Although one impacts the other, assessment and taxation are very different and each have a distinct and independent process.

Assessment

The process of estimating a dollar value on a property for taxation purposes. This value is used to calculate the amount of taxes that will be charged to the owner of the property.

Taxation

The process of applying a tax rate to a property's assessed value to determine the taxes payable by the owner of that property.

For ease of reference, the City of Airdrie created an exemplary informational tutorial on how property tax assessment and taxation work together in this short video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QY8GDQCk_pU</u>.



BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

The Village of Marwayne's 2025 budget is \$2,484,462 – an increase of \$615,025 over 2024. Due to the development of the Area Structure Plan lands, inflation and the cost of service provision, the Village of Marwayne has made the necessary budgetary amendments to ensure the municipality's operations are adequately funded and sufficient monies have been allocated towards our reserves, future projects and asset management and retirement obligations.

With provincial grant funding on the decline and municipal requisitions increasing, the Village is tasked with collecting more money than in previous years to fund its operations.



Therefore, the revenue required to offset the Village's 2025 expenses is as follows:

Tax Levies	\$532,188
Grants, Debentures, Reserves, and User Fees	\$1,952,273

RATES OF TAXATION

Minimum Tax Rate

A municipality may levy, by bylaw, a minimum amount of tax on each property. The minimum property tax is not a fixed surcharge – it only applies to a property if the calculated tax rate multiplied by the assessed value of the property is lower than the amount set as the minimum tax.

As per the Village's 2025 Property Tax bylaw 606-25, the minimum tax rate for all Village properties has remained at \$1050.

Residential & Non-Residential Tax Rate

The terms tax rate and mill rate are often used interchangeably but one should be wary of the interpretation.

Tax Rate

Is the number that is multiplied by each property's assessed value to determine its property taxes. It is usually expressed in four (4) to six (6) decimal places such as 0.008437. Due to the number of decimal places, municipalities often communicate tax rates as mill rates.

Mill Rate

Is achieved by multiplying the tax rate by 1,000. For example, using the number above, a tax rate of 0.008437 would be presented as 8.44 in mill rate terms.

LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS RATES OF TAXATION

In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act (hereinafter referred to as "the MGA"), municipalities must prepare balanced three (3) year operational and five (5) year capital budget plans.



Both the operational and capital budgets are reviewed and updated annually so as to allow Council the flexibility to make changes as necessary. Adjustments to the three (3) and five (5) year plans provides Council with the opportunity to ensure their strategic plan vision and mandate is also in alignment with their financial portfolio and objectives.

The Village's plan, based on asset management and annual grant funding available, is to rehabilitate its water system, wastewater system and transportation system in accordance with the "Infrastructure Condition Assessment" prepared by Associated Engineering and subsequently, Infrastructure Solutions. Further, the Village has been actively working on the items identified in the redraft of the Sustainability Plan and Strategic Plan which were finalized and adopted by Council in the spring of 2022.

EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX REQUISITION

All property owners in Alberta (with some exceptions, such as non-profit organizations and seniors' lodge facilities) are required to pay the education property tax, based on their property's assessment value and an equalized assessment process. This tax revenue is then pooled into the Alberta School Foundation Fund and distributed among Alberta's public and separate school boards on an equal per-student basis.

The Village of Marwayne, by passing the 2025 Property Tax Bylaw 606-25, has established the mill rates for residential and non-residential properties as well as the parameters for tax collection, deferrals and penalties.

SPECIAL CULTURE AND RECREATION TAX

A municipality may levy, through an annual bylaw, a special tax to provide or construct a special service that will benefit a defined area within a municipality. Examples of special services or constructions include waterworks, sewers, boulevards, drainage ditches, dust treatment, fire protection or recreation services. Special taxes are only paid by the property owners within the defined area.

The Village of Marwayne, through Bylaw 607-25, is responsible for collecting annual special culture and recreational tax funds towards the \$300,000



Marwayne Agriplex Project debenture. This tax is reflective of the \$74.60 line item on your Combined Tax and Assessment Notice.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TAX

A municipality may impose a local improvement tax that is levied on properties within a specific area to fund an improvement that is applicable to that area only. Examples of local improvements may include sidewalks, lane lighting, or paving or roads/alleys. Local improvement taxes are applied to the property owners within the defined area and are charged annually over a set number of years. This tax model offers flexibility to levy a tax on a specific area of properties and/or tax property owners based on factors other than property value.

The Village of Marwayne currently collects a local improvement levy for the expansion of utility services and infrastructure on 5th Avenue North through Bylaw 511-12.

PROVINCIAL POLICING

In 2021, the Provincial Government elected to update the legislation and begin collecting a municipality's policing cost share under the new Policing Funding Model Regulation. A portion of the costs of frontline policing are now allotted back to municipalities based on population, equalized assessment, crime severity, shadow population and detachment location. For the 2025 fiscal year, the Village of Marwayne must remit \$25,675 towards policing, an increase of \$2,655 over 2024. This cost, although the province does not permit us to itemize it as a separate line on your taxes, makes up approximately \$85.58 of each residential and/or commercial tax levy.

UTILITIES

The cost of water, sanitary sewer, and garbage is funded by and accounted for using both fixed and variable rates. With the approval of the 2025 utility rates by Council, residents continue to remit payment based on their actual water consumption each month in addition to a flat fee for the provision of water, sanitary sewer and garbage services through Bylaw 603-25. The 2025 utility rates are \$4.65 per cubic meter for residential, commercial,



public/industrial and institutional buildings and \$6.90 per cubic meter for bulk water to align with the increase in the cost of purchasing ACE water and meeting capital infrastructure maintenance and future replacement costs.

2025 OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY

Council approved the 2025 operational and capital budgets at the April 28th, 2025 Village Council Meeting.

	REVENUE			EXPENSES			NET			
[BUDGET 2024	YTD 2024	BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2024	YTD 2024	BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2024	YTD 2024	BUDGET 2025	VARIANCE (2025-2024)
GENERAL	(337,471)	(372,827)	(297,175)	-	-	-	(337,471)	(372,827)	(297,175)	40,296
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	(1,805)	(77,987)	(10,750)	57,170	105,816	75,893	55,365	27,829	65,143	9,778
LEGISLATIVE	-	-	-	27,330	20,763	27,500	27,330	20,763	27,500	170
ADMINISTRATION	-	-	-	311,526	262,711	299,216	311,526	262,711	299,216	(12,309)
PUBLIC WORKS	(1,704)	(19,482)	(1,709)	250,255	242,388	284,636	248,550	222,906	282,927	34,377
UTILITIES	(395,500)	(403,663)	(418,500)	495,717	446,730	517,724	100,217	43,067	99,224	(993)
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	(75,999)	(84,333)	(80,000)	87,188	86,115	81,985	11,189	1,782	1,985	(9,205)
COMMUNITY SERVICES	(32,867)	(43,588)	(208,395)	44,346	44,401	53,628	11,479	813	(154,767)	(166,246)
RECREATION & CULTURE	(24,554)	(7,874)	(24,554)	100,084	73,208	109,509	75,530	65,334	84,955	9,425
CAPITAL	(382,690)	(283,240)	(823,518)	397,340	54,447	946,700	14,650	(228,793)	123,182	108,531
DEBT PRINCIPLE REPAY.	(84,658)		(87,672)	84,658		87,672	-			
TOTAL	(1,337,248)	(1,292,993)	(1,952,273)	1,855,614	1,336,580	2,484,462	518,366	43,587	532,188	13,823

VILLAGE OF MARWAYNE 2025 BUDGET SUMMARY



CATEGORICAL SUMMARY OF BUDGET LINE ITEMS

General

- Tax Penalties & Costs •
- ATCO Franchise Agreement •
- Licenses & Permits •
- MSI Operating •
- Newsletter

Protective Services

- Bylaw Fines .
- Pet Licenses •
- Remittances
- Course Registration Fees/Training
- Insurance
- Supplies & Maintenance
- Natural Gas
- Fuel
- Provincial Policina

Legislative

- Council Indemnities •
- Mileage & Subsistence
- Memberships •
- Conference Registrations
- Deductions

Administration

- Salaries/Benefits .
- Travel & Subsistence .
- Postage/Office Communications .
- Legal Fees & Land Title Costs
- ٠
- Contracted Support ٠
- Bank Charges/Write offs

Public Works

- Travis Permits •
- Equipment Maintenance & Repairs .
- Salaries
- . Contracted Repairs
- . Service Provision
- Streetlights .
- . Sand & Gravel

Utilities

- Consortium •
- ACE Water ٠
- Customer Billing .
- Monitoring Tests ٠
- Contracted Services

Environmental Health

- Waste Collection
- Transfer Site/Landfill ٠
- Recycling ٠
- Supplies ٠
- Water & Wastewater •
- Lagoon Maintenance

Community Services

- Family and Community Support Services
- Planning & Development •
- Business Licenses
- Land Sales
- Advertising .
- **Business Revitalization** .
- . Website

Recreation & Culture

- Summer Student •
- Parks Maintenance ٠
- Library Requisition ٠
- Spraying & Pruning
- Mowing

- ٠ • Supplies
 - Insurance