

APPROVED FINANCIAL PLAN + 2021 BUDGET

City Council approved the 2021-2023 City Business Plan and 2021 municipal and utility operating and capital budgets on December 21, 2020.



"Council had many meaningful debates on how to best determine this budget. We heard from many people through engagement opportunities and Administration prepared a sound budget with many options for Council's consideration. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented an opportunity to make some hard decisions about our budgets. We strove to find a balance between fiscal restraint and maintaining those key services our community expects and City Council has done just that."

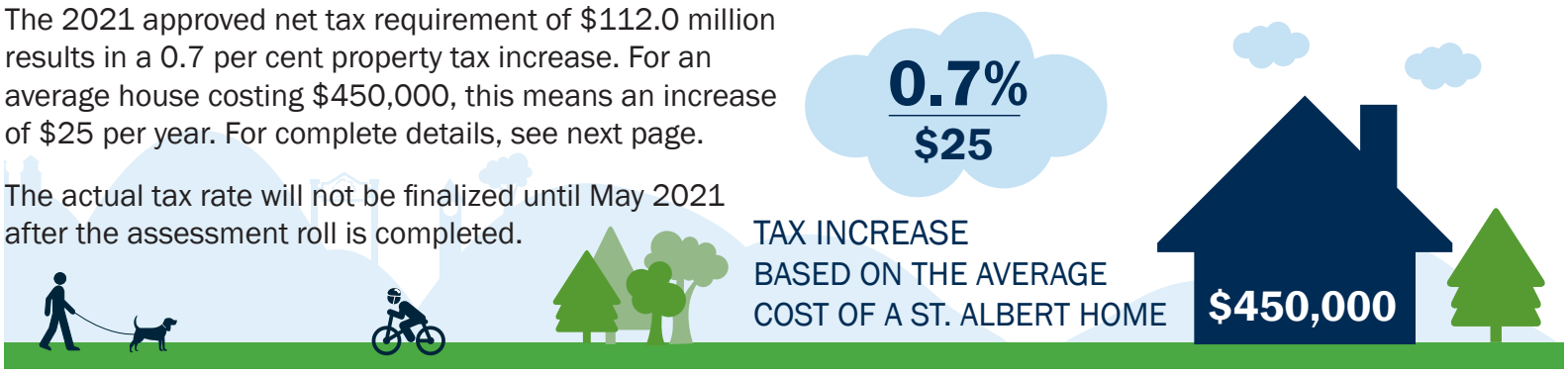
– Mayor Cathy Heron, on behalf of St. Albert City Council

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2021 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET

The 2021 approved net tax requirement of $112.0 million results in a 0.7 per cent property tax increase. For an average house costing $450,000, this means an increase of $25 per year. For complete details, see next page.

The actual tax rate will not be finalized until May 2021 after the assessment roll is completed.



2021 APPROVED TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

The City of St. Albert provides many programs and services to residents and businesses. The approved budget is built to maintain those services at Council approved service levels. Efforts are also made to continue to optimize service delivery to ensure community needs are met. The service categories are:

- Planning & Economic Development
- Public Works
- Transit Services
- Recreation & Parks
- General Government
- Outside Agencies
- Police Services
- Corporate Financing*
- Environmental Sustainability
- Fire Services
- Community & Social Development Services
- Engineering Services
- Culture Services

**Corporate Financing includes the portion of the tax levy used to support required debt payments, provides contributions to municipal capital reserves and projects and also includes common corporate revenues and expenses such as interest income, bank fees, and lease expenses.*

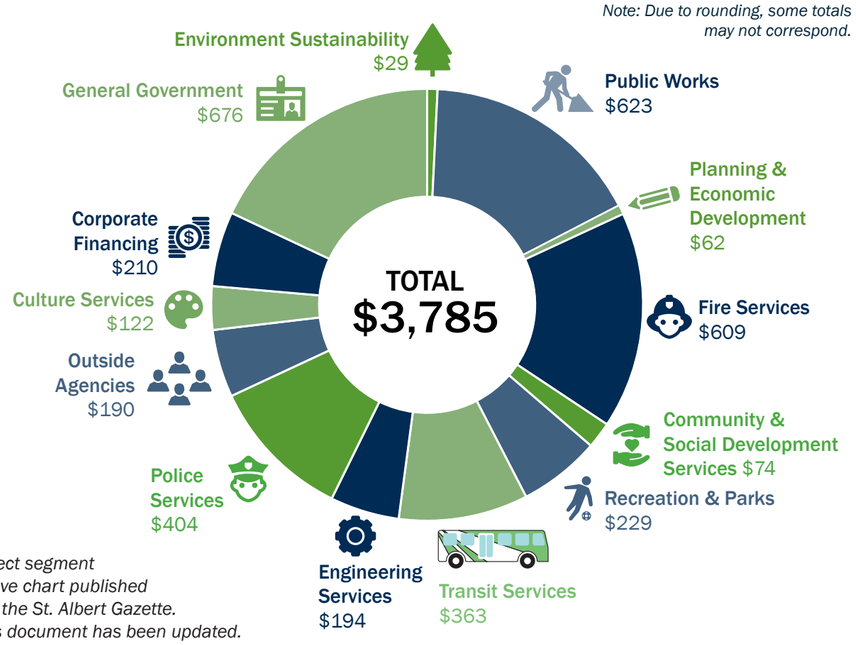
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2021 APPROVED DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS

For an average house valued at $450,000, the homeowner will see a $3,785 property tax bill which is an increase of $25 for 2021. The distribution of tax dollars to various service categories is illustrated to the right.

Excludes Provincial Education Levy, Homeland Housing Levy and utility charges.

Note: Due to rounding, some totals may not correspond.



Please note: there was an incorrect segment denoting Public Works in the above chart published in the January 27, 2021 issue of the St. Albert Gazette. The Public Works segment in this document has been updated.

The 0.7% approved property tax increase includes optimizing services and advancing priorities. Highlights include:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
- Infrastructure capital funding strategy (RMR)
- Supporting corporate priorities to encourage investment

FIRE SERVICES
- Emergency Services personnel

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
- Social Housing Coordinator

2021 APPROVED MUNICIPAL CAPITAL BUDGET

The Capital Budget provides for investments in infrastructure and capital assets such as constructing, buying or maintaining assets including roads, sidewalks, buildings, vehicles, equipment and land. This portion of the budget is important for critical maintenance of existing infrastructure and the future growth of our city.

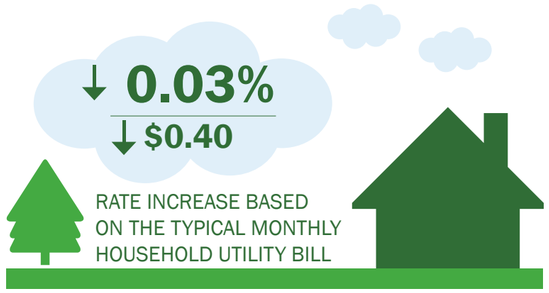
For 2021, the municipal capital plan investment by asset category is illustrated below:

Civic Facilities	Historical/Cultural	Land & Land Improvements	Master Plan, Studies & Other	
$11.8M	$0.0M	$3.3M	$1.6M	
Mobile & Other Equipment	Parks & Trails	Roads & Other Engineered Structures	TOTAL $61.8M	
$4.5M	$6.0M	$34.6M	47 projects	

UTILITY BUDGET

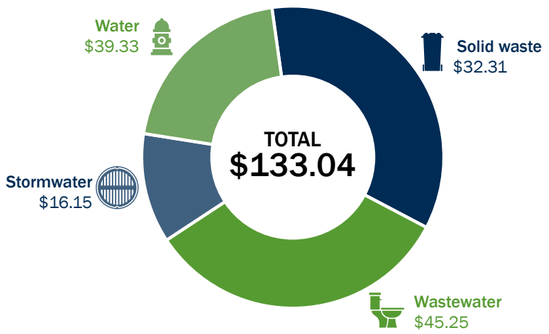
2021 APPROVED UTILITY RATE

The Utility Rate funds the operating and capital costs for water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste programs that support St. Albert's ability to provide clean, safe drinking water to its residents, as well as protect the natural environment through wastewater treatment, stormwater and solid waste management.



2021 APPROVED DISTRIBUTION OF UTILITY BILL

The typical monthly bill for 2021 is $133.04, a 0.03% decrease from the prior year. The allocations of monthly rates are as follows:



For 2021, the utility capital plan investment by asset category is illustrated below:

Water Infrastructure	Wastewater Infrastructure	Stormwater Infrastructure	Solid Waste Infrastructure	TOTAL $19.6M
$3.2M	$2.2M	$14.2M	$0	12 projects

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