



Town of Onoway

TAX NEWSLETTER

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PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

If you wish to pay your municipal taxes in monthly installments, please contact the Town Office to enroll in the PAT Plan.

PRE-AUTHORIZED UTILITY PAYMENTS

If you wish to pay utility bills through automatic withdrawal from your bank account, please contact the office to enroll.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LENARD KWASNY

We, in Onoway are fortunate to have the best Alberta has to offer. As the "Hub of the Highways" we continue to enjoy our small town living while being close to services that are not available within our community. Our businesses are an integral part of our community and I want to encourage everyone to shop local. That being said, Council has re-activated the Economic Development & Tourism Committee and has made Economic Development and business support a priority. This committee will be planning in 2023 along with introduction to business and development opportunities in 2023. This is an opportunity to plan sustainable growth in Onoway.

2023 Budget addressed rising inflation and third-party service costs. While increasing costs are difficult to manage Council understands that these costs affect not only local government but businesses and residents as well. The budget for 2023 includes a tax increase to cover inflation and amortization for capital improvements to ensure services levels are maintained at the current level. The increase is about \$4 per month for the average taxpayer. We believe that the Town of Onoway will continue to provide value for the amount that taxpayers invest in our community. Council and staff are looking at ways to be more efficient, including collaborating with neighbouring municipalities to develop cost-saving strategies that will maintain a low tax rate increase for the future.

We believe that Onoway will continue to grow sustainably and be the community of choice for urban living within a small town atmosphere!

Taxes Due on Friday, June 30, 2023

The 2023 operating budget was passed with a 6.24% increase in municipal tax dollars collected, of which 4.30% is towards amortization of town owned capital assets for capital replacement and 1.94% towards expenses and reserves. (The 2022 budget was passed with a 3.8% increase)

TAX PENALTY APPLICATION DATES

July	01	10% Current Levy	October	01	2% Current Levy
August	01	2% Current Levy	November	01	2% Current Levy
September	01	2% Current Levy	December	01	2% Current Levy

January 01 15% All Outstanding Taxes

Note: penalties do not apply to property owners enrolled in the preauthorized tax payment plan.

Council Meetings

WED. May 24, 2023*
(*note day/date change)
June 8, 2023
June 22, 2023

Meetings start at 9:30 A.M. and are held at the Town Office. Any date or time change will be posted on the website. Meetings are open to the public; if you want to address Council you must make an appointment through the Town Office by noon Monday, the **week prior to the meeting.**

Feel free to contact Council with any comments or concerns!

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ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The assessment value amount that is on your notice is an estimate of the market value of your property as of July 2022. The assessment complaint process is governed by the Municipal Government Act.

If you have concerns regarding the assessed value of your property, you should contact our assessor to try to resolve the issue. The primary objective is to give the complainant and the assessor the maximum opportunity to come to an agreement and so avoid an official complaint, and its costs.

On the back of your tax notice, you will find more information, including the contact information for our assessor. Please keep in mind that the assessor does not set the Town tax rates and therefore cannot answer questions about property taxation. Nor can they address questions about Town services, etc.

For tax rate questions, or questions about services, or for general inquiries, please contact our office.

TAX AND UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS

We have several options to pay taxes and utilities. These options include:

1. Pay online through your banking institution.
2. In person at the Town Office with cash, cheque or debit.
3. Place a cheque and bottom of your bill in the Town Office front door slot.
4. Pay by e-transfer to info@onoway.ca
5. Mail payment to Town of Onoway, Box 540, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED! Pay using an option called OPTIONPAY. You can follow a link on our website to make payments on your tax and utility accounts. Please note that OPTIONPAY does have an added cost to the payor, however the payor will be notified of the cost prior to finalizing their transaction.

MAILING ADDRESS: If your mailing address is incorrect or if you will be moving in the near future, please advise Alberta Land Titles who, in turn, informs the Town Office. By provincial law, the Town of Onoway & Alberta Land Titles must use the mailing address you list on your Title. Please note that failure to receive a tax notice is not sufficient reason for late payment and penalties will be applied.

Total Taxable Assessment	\$119,049,070
Total Exempt Assessment*	\$ 38,645,300
Total Municipal Assessment	\$157,694,370

*Approximately 25% of the Town's assessment are exempt from taxation: schools, churches, arena, curling rink, halls, provincial or federal buildings like Alberta Health Services, seniors facilities like Chateau, Beaupre and Seeley Manor.)

The **2023 Operating Budget** was passed with a **6.24% increase** in municipal tax dollars collected of which approximately **4.30%** is towards amortization of town owned capital assets for capital replacement. For the average residential home with an assessment value of \$188,000 in 2022 this results in approximately a **\$4/month increase or \$48/year for the general municipal portion.**

For reference, in 2022 the Town passed its Operating Budget with a 3.8% increase in municipal tax dollars collected.

2023 Capital Budget

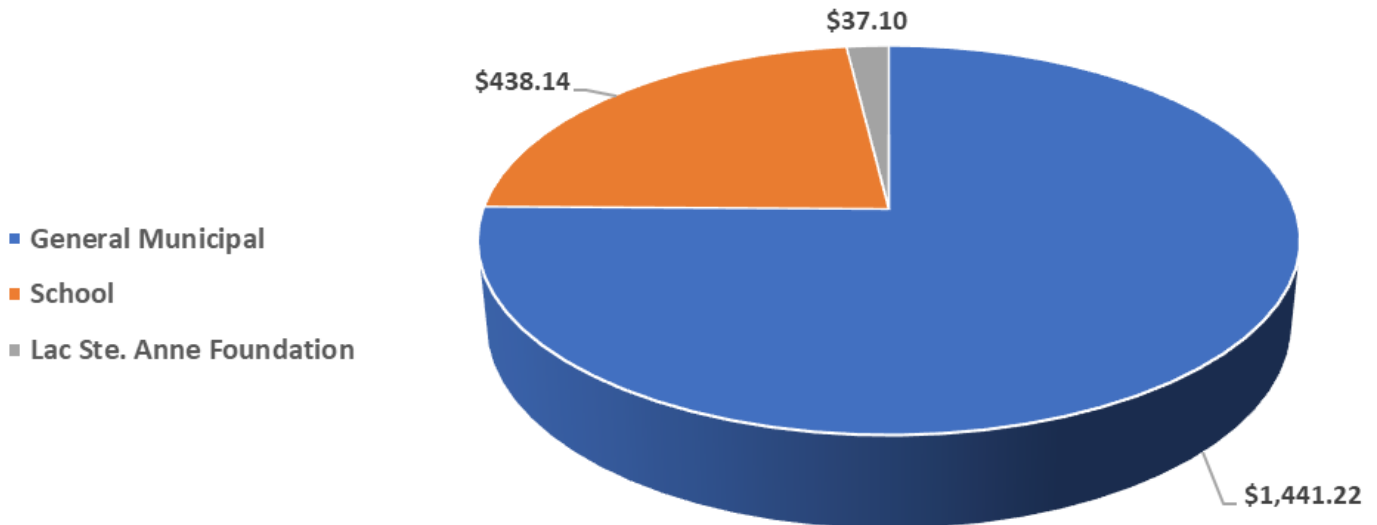
Projects include:

Administration Office Renovation	\$ 20,000.00	(funded through grants)
Asset Management	\$ 25,360.00	(funded through grants)
Road Repairs	\$ 30,000.00	(funded through grants)
Valve and Hydrant Replacement	\$ 85,000.00	(funded through grants)
WTP and Lift Station Mechanical Upgrades	\$ 40,000.00	(funded through grants)
Storm Water Rehab	<u>\$ 67,000.00</u>	(funded through grants and operational budget)
	\$267,360.00	

2023 Property Tax Levy Breakdown Based on \$188K Assessment Value

	\$	%
General Municipal	\$ 1,441.22	75%
School	\$ 438.14	23%
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation	\$ 37.10	2%
Total	\$ 1,916.45	100%

2023 Property Tax Breakdown Based on \$188K Assessment Value



Municipal Operations Breakdown Based on Every \$1,000 General Municipal Levy (Updated)	
Administration	\$ 371.44
Public Services	\$ 218.36
Requisitions	\$ 150.94
General Government	\$ 70.05
Parks and Recreation	\$ 67.03
Fire Services	\$ 43.61
Enforcement Services	\$ 40.92
EDC & Culture	\$ 20.55
Planning	\$ 7.10
Miscellaneous	\$ 6.88
FCSS	\$ 3.13
Total	\$ 1,000.00

