



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

In 2024, from the recent Business Breakfast Mixer that provided an opportunity for the many that turned out from the business community to connect to the newly introduced Storefront Refresh Grant that provides local commercial property owners and businesses up to \$1,000 for small storefront renovations, Economic Development and business support continues to be a priority for Town Council. That being said, our businesses are an integral part of the community and I want to encourage everyone to shop local.

The 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets have been approved by Council. I am pleased to say that Administration worked hard and were able to keep our Operating Budget at an increase of only 3.88%. With inflation as high as 8% in 2022, and approximately 3.5% in 2023 and 2024, respectfully, I know it was not an easy task to keep the increase below 4%. As you can see, inflation is the key driver of the increase.

The budget for 2024 includes an overall base tax increase to cover inflation and amortization for future capital improvements to ensure services levels are maintained at the current level. The increase is about \$2 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.

We believe that Onoway is the community of choice for urban living within a small-town atmosphere!

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Taxes Due on Sunday, June 30, 2024

The 2024 operating budget was passed with a 3.88% increase in municipal base tax dollars collected, of which 4.05% is towards amortization of town owned capital assets for capital replacement, (4.75%) towards expenses and 4.58% towards reserves. (The 2023 budget was passed with a 6.24% 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

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

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 2023. 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 soon, 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 **\$119,762,470**

Total Exempt Assessment* **\$ 38,254,240**

Total Municipal Assessment **\$158,016,710**

*Approximately 24% 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 **2024 Operating Budget** was passed with a **3.88% increase** in municipal tax dollars collected of which approximately **4.05%** is towards amortization of town owned capital assets for capital replacement. For the average residential home with an assessment value of \$188,000 in 2023 this results in approximately a **\$2/month or \$24/year increase for the general municipal portion.**

For reference, in 2023 the Town passed its Operating Budget with a 6.24% increase in municipal tax dollars collected.

2024 Capital Budget

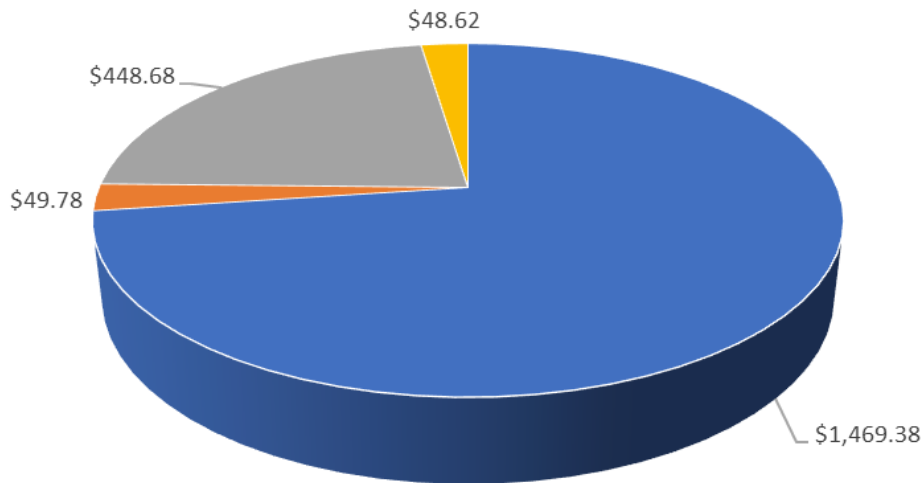
Projects include:

Council Chambers Relocation	\$61,700.00	(funded through grants)
Fire Department – Apron Replacement	\$23,000.00	(funded through grants)
Skid Steer Purchase	\$54,590.00	(funded through grants)
Sidewalk Replacement	\$31,660.50	(funded through grants)
Road & Utility Infrastructure	\$136,385.00	(funded through grants)
LSAC Trail North Guard Rail Replacement	\$19,846.17	(funded through grants)
Valve and Hydrant Replacement	\$57,894.00	(funded through grants)
Monitoring Wells	\$35,000.00	(funded through grants)
Storm Water Rehab	<u>\$23,869.60</u>	(funded through grants)
	\$443,945.27	

2024 Property Tax Levy Breakdown Based on \$188K Assessment Value

	\$	%
General Municipal	\$ 1,469.38	72.869%
Recreation Tax	\$ 49.78	2.469%
School	\$ 448.68	22.251%
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation	\$ 48.62	2.411%
Total	\$ 2,016.46	100%

2024 Property Tax Levy Breakdown Based on \$188K Assessment Value



■ General Municipal ■ Recreation Tax ■ School ■ Lac Ste. Anne Foundation

Municipal Operations Breakdown Based on Every \$1,000 General Municipal Levy
Excludes Water, Sewer & Waste

Administration	\$	374.75
Public Services (Road & Public Works)	\$	201.71
Requisitions (Alberta School Foundation Fund & Lac Ste Ann Foundation)	\$	150.03
General Government	\$	66.78
Enforcement Services	\$	62.22
Parks	\$	55.87
Fire Services	\$	48.54
EDC & Culture	\$	26.22
Planning	\$	6.94
Miscellaneous	\$	5.59
FCSS	\$	1.35
Total	\$	1,000.00

Municipal Operations Breakdown Based on every \$1,000 General Municipal Levy

