

The 2020 Budget highlights Council's goals and objectives to support growth, while addressing immediate priorities, and continue to invest in key services and infrastructure that will build our Town for the future.

2020 will be a challenging year from a financial perspective for all municipalities in Alberta due to the impact of the recently released provincial budget resulting in decreased funding for the Town.

Highlights of the 2020 Budget:

- Supporting Strategic Plan 2019-2022.
- No service reduction and maintain current service level and increase in some areas for ratepayers.
- Analysis in the 2020 budget indicates that the Town has the lowest utility rates in comparison with the other municipalities in the Lamont area. An increase of 1.3%, which is the same as inflation rate, was included within the 2020 Budget.
- The provincially mandated policing cost is budgeted at \$39,670 (15% - cost recovery option).

The 2020 Budget aligns operational and capital expenses to focus on services of value, while committing resources to infrastructure improvements and projects that will provide the foundation for economic growth.

INFRASTRUCTURE

As part of the 2020 Budget, Council has allocated funding to the following:

- Road and Watermain Improvements (47th Avenue to 50th Avenue)
- Council matched the \$13,500 raised by the Parks and Recreation Committee for a Bike Park to enhance family-friendly recreation.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Council identified how the Town handles bylaw enforcement matters in the community and identified a strong need for improvements. The community must position itself for growth and improving bylaw enforcement services is one more step towards realizing Council's forward-thinking vision.

STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Council has allocated additional funding in the evaluation of the current condition of the Town's major capital assets and preparation of the operational plans accordingly in order to continually explore opportunities to support local economic development in the future.

Focus on Current Key Services

- Campbell Neighbourhood Improvements (CCTV work)
- Back Lane Repairs
- Recreation Centre Repairs and Enhancements
- Asset Condition Assessment
- Additional resource to support Public Works and Recreation Department

