



2025 Budget Understanding the Budget and your tax Dollars

The Town of Dundurn is pleased to present the 2025 Annual Budget, which has been crafted to support our strategic priorities while maintaining current service levels. This budget ensures that the Town can continue to provide essential services, including facilities management, snow removal, utility services, and adherence to regulatory requirements, as we navigate growth and change within our community.

A significant focus of the 2025 budget is the implementation of a base tax system, which promotes a fair distribution of tax responsibilities across various property types. This approach contrasts with the previous minimum tax system, which could disproportionately impact lower-valued properties. The adoption of the base tax system aligns tax obligations more closely with property values, fostering equity among property owners.

Recent assessments indicate an average increase of 8% in residential property values. In response, we have adjusted the mill rate from 10.92 to 7.6 mills. This reduction ensures that revenue generation remains steady while alleviating the financial burden on property owners resulting from rising assessments. The transition to a base tax system, along with the mill rate adjustment, underscores our commitment to equitable taxation and responsible fiscal management.

Our planned capital purchases for 2025 are strategically designed to enhance service delivery and address the diverse needs of our community effectively. By investing in infrastructure and technology, we aim to create a sustainable and thriving environment for all residents. The total investment in the 2025 Capital Plan is projected at \$643K, focusing on community beautification, producing an engaging video to showcase the Town's unique features, sidewalk rehabilitation, asphalt replacement, extensive road repairs on Government Road, and the replacement of aging water meters, as well as essential equipment such as a town maintenance truck and backhoe. Additionally, we plan to repay long-term debt amounting to \$203K.

The budget process has been a collaborative effort among management to ensure alignment with the goals and objectives of the Council and the Strategic Plan. Draft budgets were presented at a public meeting to Council on March 25 and May 12, reflecting our commitment to transparency and community engagement.

The operations of the Town are divided into two primary business units: general operations and utilities. General operations, which encompass the services provided to residents, are primarily funded through property taxes. In contrast, utility operations derive their funding from rate charges to residents. The operating budget reflects a total surplus of \$12K, with an overall budget surplus of \$19K when considering operating and capital revenues and expenses.

The 2025 Annual Budget for the Town of Dundurn is designed to ensure that we can continue to provide quality services to our residents while investing in the future of our community. We are committed to fostering an environment that supports growth, equity, and sustainability for all.



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Pursuant to The Municipalities Act, council shall adopt an operating and capital budget for each financial year. No council may authorize a tax levy without having adopted the annual operating and capital budget for the year. As Saskatchewan municipalities are not permitted to budget for an operating deficit, the 2025 Annual Budget is a balanced budget with a surplus. A balanced budget is defined as a financial plan that stipulates total expected revenues are equal to total planned expenditures or spending. After much planning and deliberation council is presented with a proposed annual budget. Once approved, the budget for the fiscal year is enacted by council and administration may make expenditures which are included in the operating or capital budget. Council must ensure that the municipality raises the required revenue to pay for the cost of services provided.

Priorities that shape our budget include:

- Operating Costs
- Capital projects
- Infrastructure maintenance programs – service level
- Planning for growth
- Financial commitments to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the residents. Examples of these include fire services and RCMP services.

How is Dundurn Funded?

The Town of Dundurn collects most of its revenue through Property Taxes and Utility fees, however other revenue streams also help fund the infrastructure, programs, and services offered by the Town.

Another significant source of revenue is Government Grant funding. There was a 7% increase in revenue sharing from the Saskatchewan Government in 2025. These grants are used for capital projects as well as general operations. Revenues from Fees & Services include things like recreation fees, garbage and recycling program fees, facility rentals and many others.

Economic Development

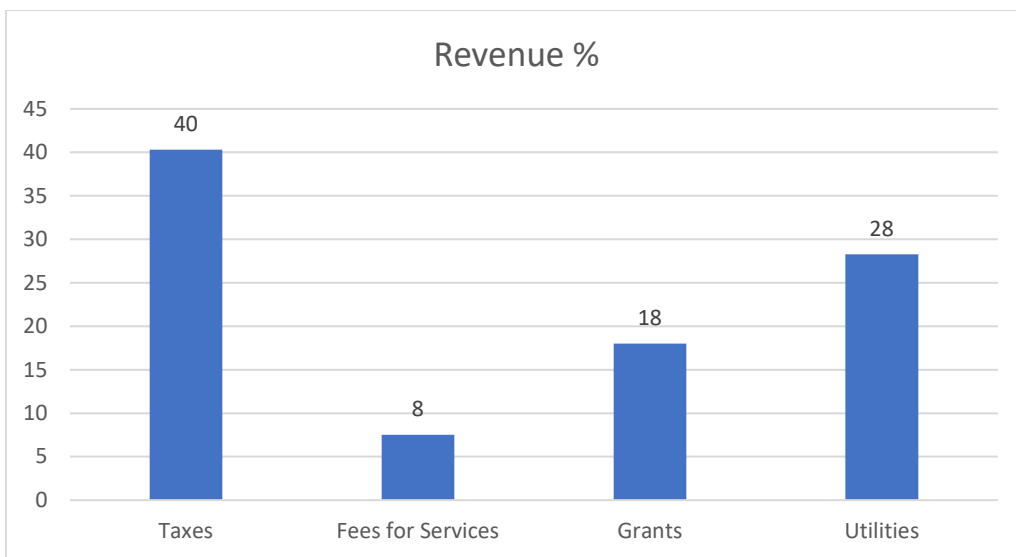
The Town of Dundurn is again focusing on growth initiatives providing for additional housing in the Sunshine Meadows development. The Town is excited to see continued new housing projects beginning in 2025.

The Town is also excited to host Canada Day celebrations.

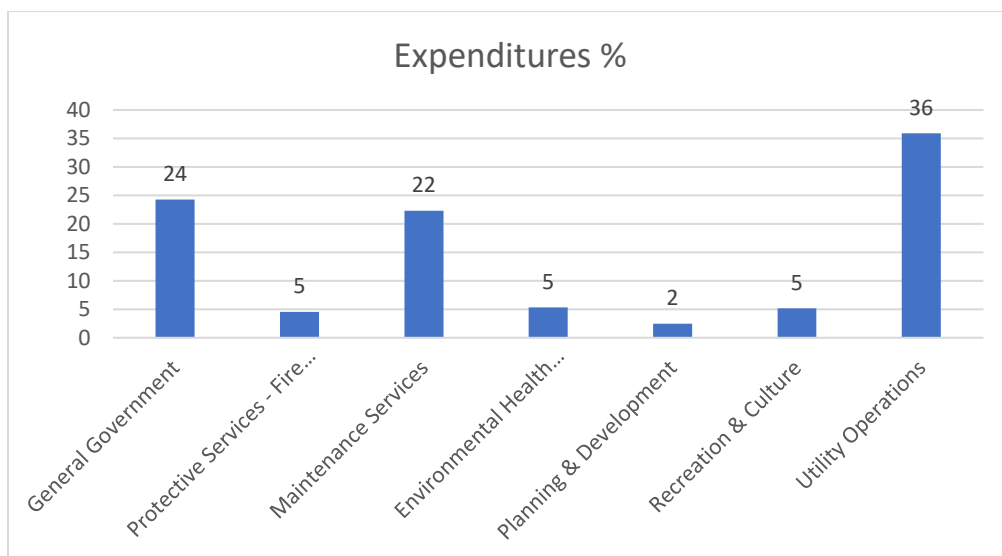
The Town continues to build regional relationships with the RM of Dundurn, the Resort Village of Shields and the Resort Village of Thode. We look forward to future successes by working together.

Your 2025 Tax Dollar

Have you ever wondered how each tax dollar is spent?



Each dollar is put into essential infrastructure and service needs for the residents and businesses in Dundurn. For more detailed information please visit the Dundurn website for the full budget details.



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Budget at a Glance

Tax Revenue

\$725,066

Grant Revenue

\$324,098

Utility Revenue

\$508,580

Fees & Charges Other

\$240,968

Operating Expenses

\$1,145,362

Utility Expenses

\$641,335

Debt Repayment

\$203,764

2025 Uniform Mill Rate: 7.6

- 3% decrease from 2024

2025 Base Tax

- Change to base tax from minimum tax in 2024

2025 Capital Projects

- Infrastructure:
 - Sidewalk Replacement
 - Chipseal – Government Road
 - Asphalt replacement
 - Water Meter replacement
- Fleet Management
 - Replace town maintenance truck
 - Replace Backhoe
- Facilities & Parks
 - Spray Park Gazebo
 - LED lighting for entrance sign
 - Canada Day Celebrations

For full budget information please visit the Town of Dundurn website