

Town of Vauxhall – General Property Tax Information

Every year the Town of Vauxhall passes a budget which projects the funds required to operate each year. Revenues are raised through user fees and grants, but the majority of funding comes from municipal taxation. The Town collects municipal property taxes in order to provide services like road maintenance which includes services like snow clearing, street sweeping, recreation and programs, emergency services, parks and green space maintenance as well as general operational costs of all Town owned facilities and any debts or debenture repayments.

The Town also along with other municipalities, are required under the Municipal Government Act, to collect various requisitions and submit them to the various partners.

- The Government of Alberta determines the budget and amount of the education tax, each municipality in Alberta will pay. For 2026, the requisition is \$379,815.07. This increase contributes to equitable funding for K-12 education in Vauxhall. Your share is based on the assessment value of your property and the education property tax rate.
- Police funding for municipalities in Alberta is primarily governed by the Police Funding Model (PFM), which requires rural and small urban municipalities to pay a direct share of the costs for RCMP provincial policing services. This model was introduced to make policing costs more transparent and to redistribute costs from the province to local taxpayers, often requiring municipalities to increase local property taxes to cover these invoices. Under the cost-share model, municipalities will cover a portion of frontline policing costs. Vauxhall's portion of these costs is \$90,197.37
- Other requisitions we collect and submit are for the Chinook Arch Regional Library, Vauxhall Public Library, Taber & District Housing, Family & Community Support Services, and Oldman River Regional Services Commission. These requisitions are included in the Municipal tax levy.

Property taxes are levied based on the value of the property as determined by the property assessment process. Property taxes are not a fee for service, but a way of distributing the cost for local government services and programs fairly throughout the municipality.

What is a “mill rate”?

A mill rate is the % used to allocate property taxes to each taxable property based on the assessed value of that property. It is determined by the amount of revenue required for the Town (based on budgeted expenses) divided by the total taxable assessment.

Minimum Tax – Under the provincial legislation, Alberta municipalities can adopt a minimum tax as one of their tax policies. This allows municipalities to establish a minimum amount of tax with respect to any property. Minimum tax can only be applied to municipal taxes.

Special Taxes - Division 5 **Special Tax Section 382** (1) Each Council may pass a special tax bylaw to raise revenue to pay for a specific service or purpose by imposing one or more special taxes. The Special Tax Bylaw 1018-26 will impose a \$6.15 per frontage foot to all properties, to a maximum of 300ft per property.

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