



Summer Village of Island Lake

2026 Budget/Taxation
Report

Introduction

The Summer Village of Island Lake is required by the Municipal Government Act to prepare a capital budget and interim operating budget prior to December 31 of the year prior to the operating year.

Council's goal is to deliver the high service levels residents have come to expect while allocating funds to manage capital and infrastructure projects, operating costs, supply gain and inflation challenges. The budget also covers the costs of emergency and policing services, social services, recreation and much more.

As a taxpayer within the summer village, your tax dollars offset these costs and ensure that the municipality continues to offer a high standard of municipal services. You will find the detailed 2026 budget breakdown and historical comparisons within this report.

How is the budget developed?

The budget process starts with a multi-year plan to achieve the goals and priorities outlined by Council, ensuring that Council and administration are both aware of current and future fiscal impacts.

Around the fall of each year, the next year's budget is compiled and discussed with Council, giving Councillors the opportunity to address potential issues and ask questions on behalf of the community. Administration then makes changes to next year's budget as per Council's direction.

It's important to note that although formal discussion begin in the fall, Council and administration work throughout the year to make note of any pressing and incoming fiscal challenges.

There are multiple components needed to calculate a tax notice:

- 1) Revenue required for Municipal Operations
- 2) Revenue required for Province and other organization
- 3) Assessed value of a property

This report summarizes past data and offers in-depth information for 2026.

What do my tax dollars get me?

The following chart outlines the duties of the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments



Federal Government

- Airports
- Borders and Passports
- Broadcasting and Telecommunication
- Canada Child Benefit
- Charter of Human rights
- Employment Insurance
- Fisheries, oceans and national parks
- Income Tax
- International travel and support for Canadians Abroad
- Mortgages
- National RCMP
- National Defense and Veterans Affairs
- Postal Service
- Student Loans



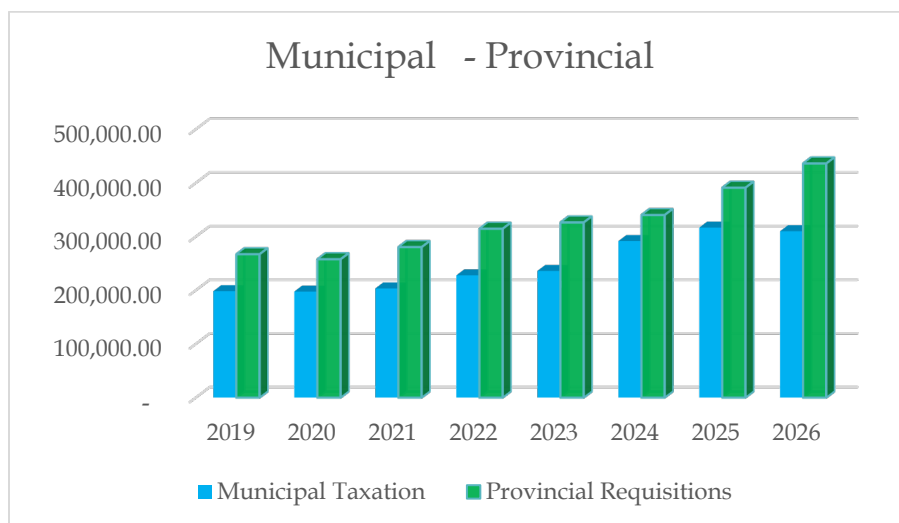
Provincial Government

- Employer and Employee Supports
- Family and Community Support Services (80% Provincial 20% Municipal)
- Highways
- Hospitals
- Housing
- Justice
- Landlord and Tenant Supports
- Property Tax (provincial portion)
- Safety Enforcement
- Schools
- Social Services
- Student Loans



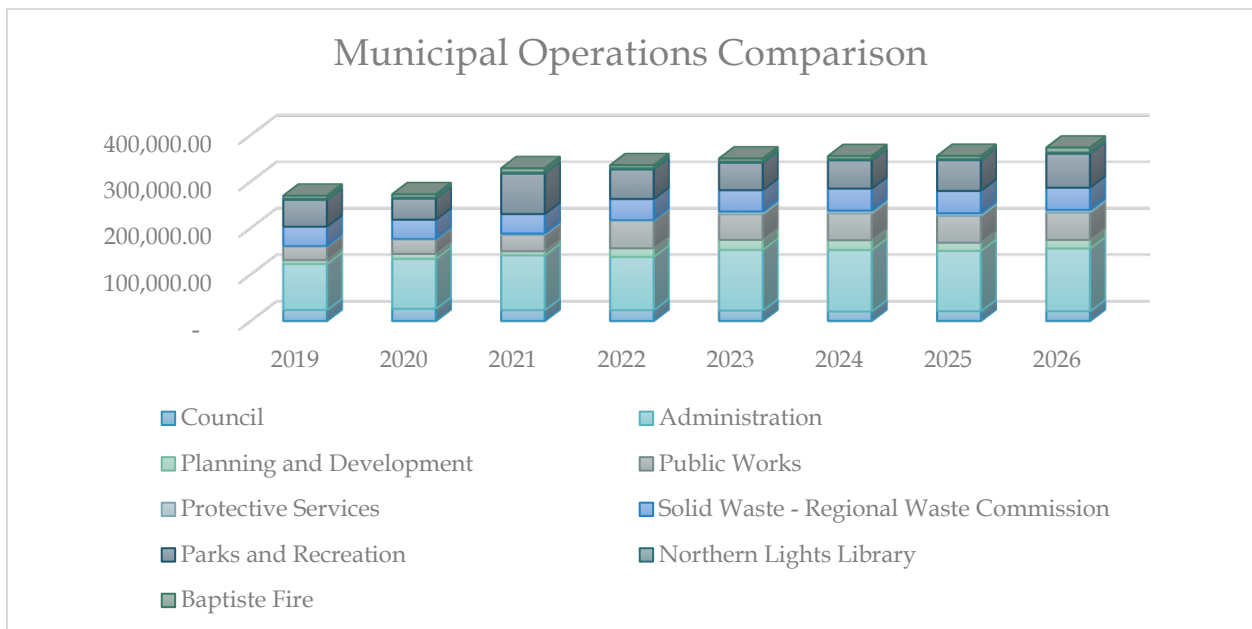
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- Development
- Family and Community Support Services (20% Municipal / 80% Provincial)
- Municipal Bylaw
- Local Road Maintenance and Improvement
- Parks Trails and Playgrounds
- Property Tax
- Protective Services
- Recreation
- Senior's supportive housing (Greater North Seniors Foundation)
- Social Services
- Waste Collection



Historical Municipal Operations Comparison

Council works to keep the Municipal budget steady, but inflation, supply chain challenges, and inconsistent grant revenues from provincial and federal governments require yearly adjustments and can affect tax requirements.



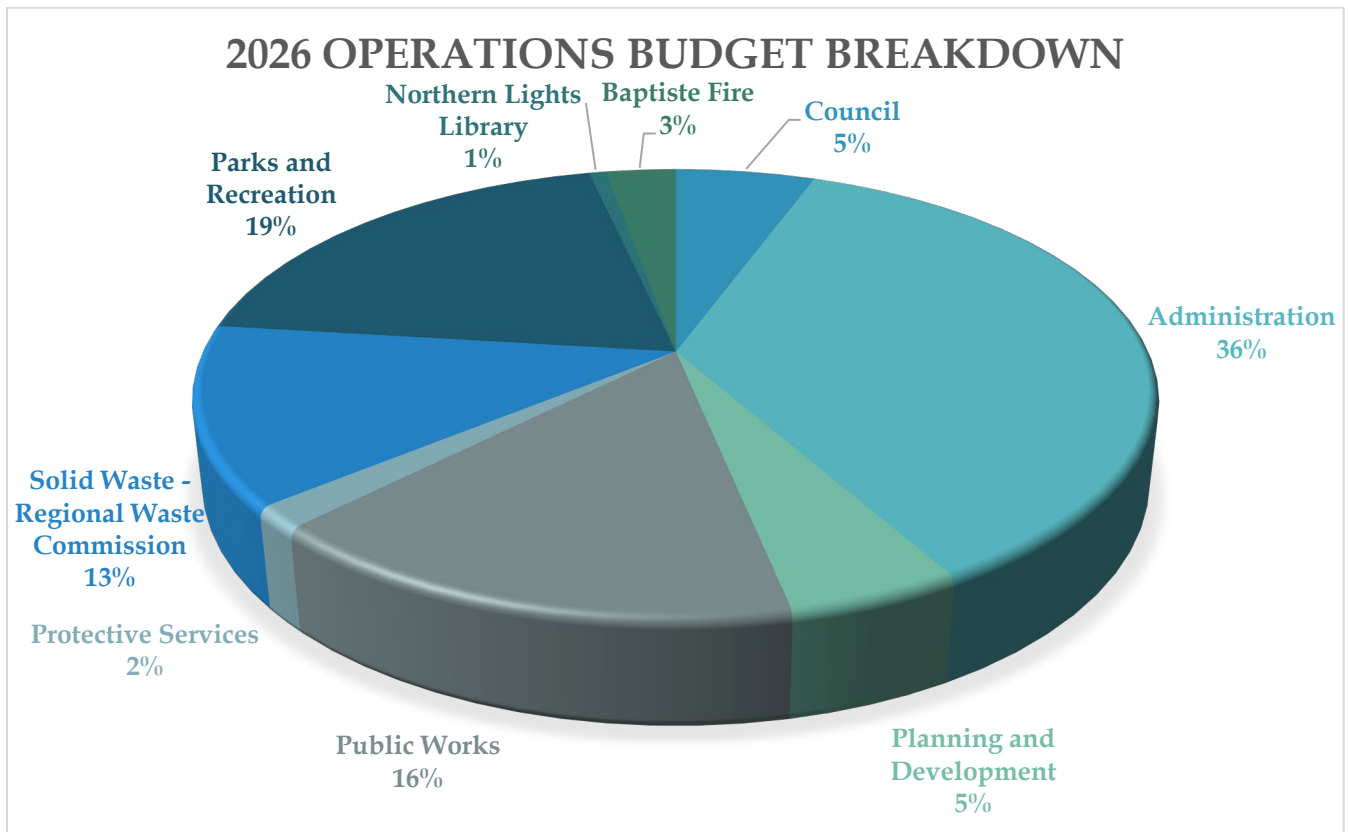
2026 Budget

Revenue

Taxation _____	309,950.87
Operating Grants _____	31,675.00
Other Revenue _____	<u>31,356.34</u>
Total Revenue _____	372,982.21

Expenses

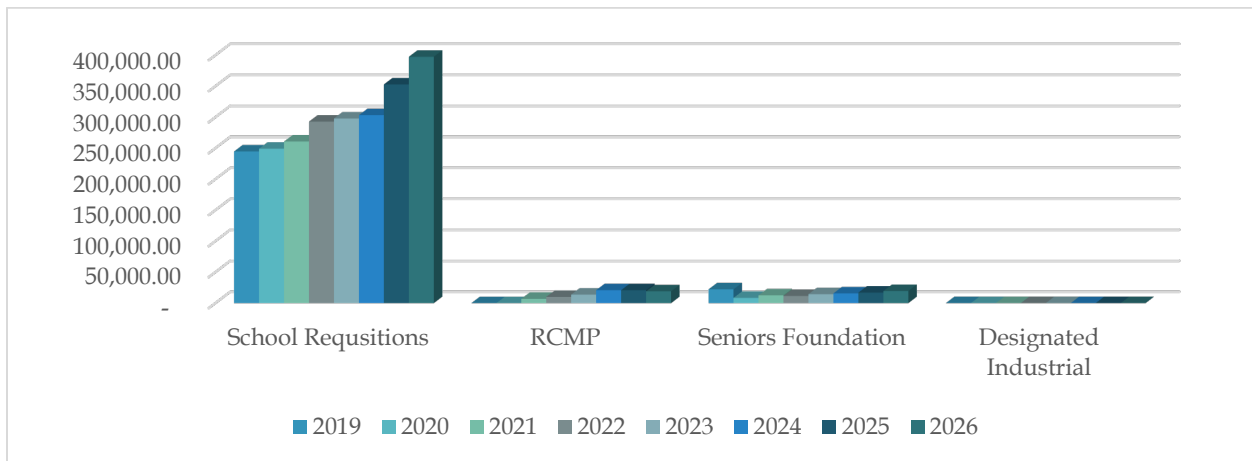
Council _____	20,900.00
Administration _____	135,032.72
Planning and Development _____	18,500.00
Public Works _____	58,500.00
Protective Services _____	6,000.00
Solid Waste _____	48,000.00
Parks and Recreation _____	73,000.00
Northern Lights Library _____	2,530.80
Baptiste Fire _____	<u>10,518.69</u>
Total Expense _____	372,982.21



Requisitions

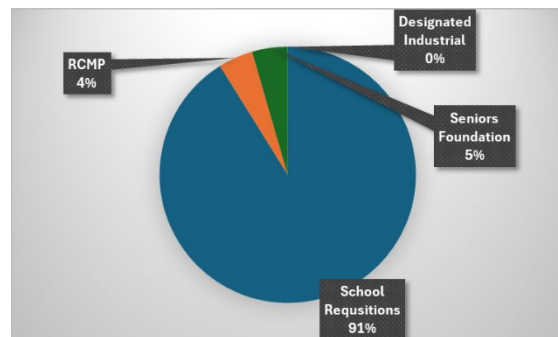
Requisitions are taxes collected on behalf of other organizations. Historically, these included School, Seniors Foundation, Designated Industrial. Bill 28 proposes showing the Provincial Policing Funding as a requisition. The Summer Village of Island Lake will show Provincial Police funding as a separate line on the 2026 Tax Bill.

The following graph shows the increase in requisition since 2019:



2026 Requisition

Designated Industrial	38.98
Greater North Seniors	19,534.24
School Residential	393,978.78
School Non-residential	3,503.43
Provincial Policing	19,091.00
Total requisition	436,146.43



Assessment

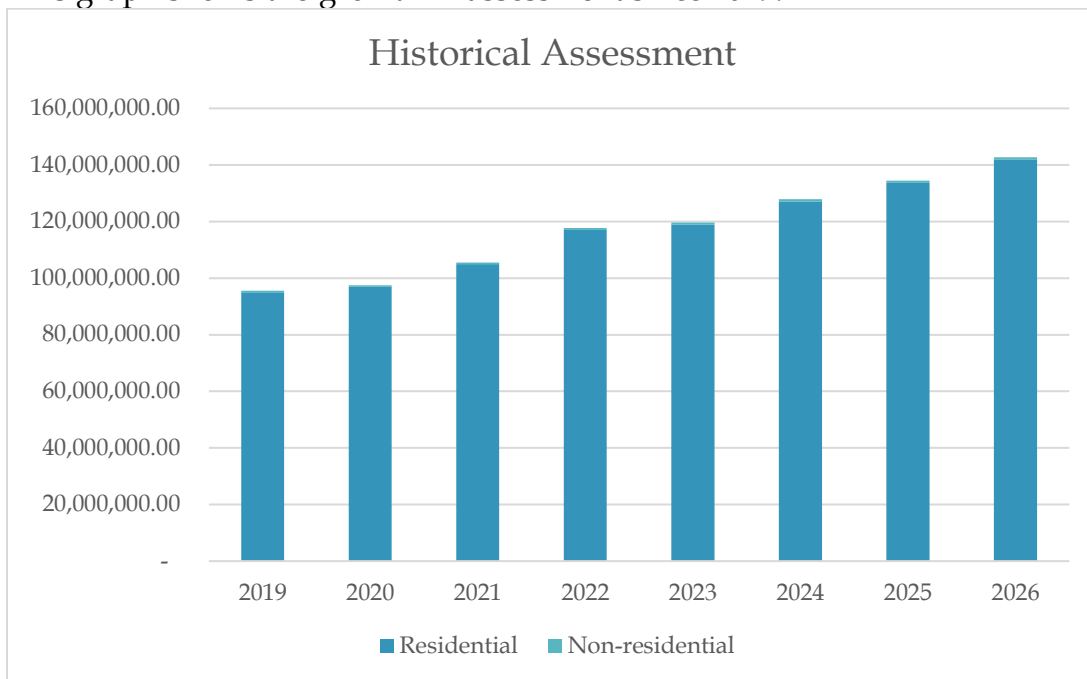
Property assessment is the method used to distribute the tax burden among property owners in a municipality.

There are two levels of property assessment in Alberta. Designated Industrial Property assessments, provided by the provincial government with municipal assessors assess all other property types.

All property assessments are prepared annually. It is recommended that property owners first contact the assessor if they believe their assessment is unfair or inaccurate. If the assessor and the property owner cannot come to an agreement, the property owner may begin the formal complaint process.

The Summer Village of Island Lake uses Municipal Assessment Services for annual assessments.

This graph shows the growth in assessment since 2019:

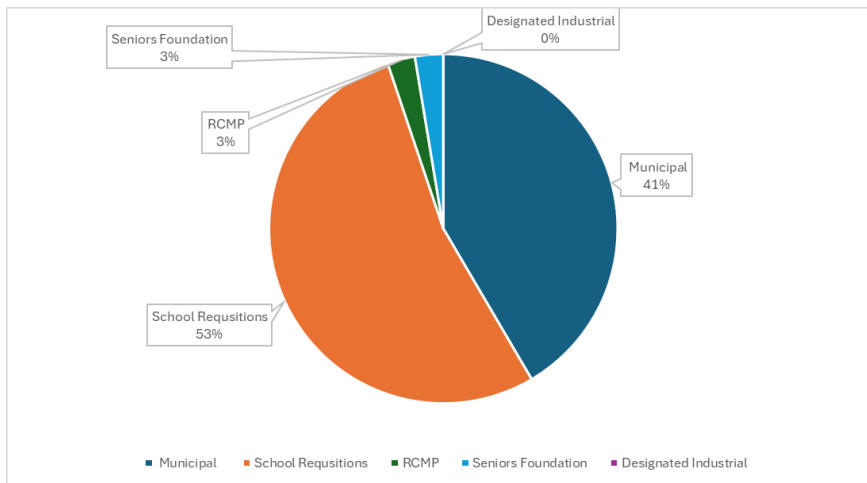


Tax Notice

Each tax notice includes the following amounts:

- 1) Municipal tax funding required
- 2) Provincial education funding
- 3) Greater North Seniors funding
- 4) Designated Industrial Tax
- 5) Provincial Policing Costs

The 2026 tax notice breakdown is shown in the chart below:



Property taxes are calculated by multiplying the assessed value of a property by the tax rate, often expressed as:

$$\text{Property Value} = \text{Assessed Value} \times \text{Tax Rate}$$

Here is a simple comparison for a Tax Bill Comparison from 2025

2025 Tax Bill			2026 Tax Bill		
	300,000.00			300,000.00	
Municipal	612.60	0.001998	Municipal	554.29	0.001847629
Municipal Minimum	127.40		Municipal Minimum	185.71	
Greater North Seniors	38.06	0.000127	Greater North Seniors	41.05	0.000136833
School Foundation	784.90	0.002616	School Foundation	833.12	0.00277706
			Policing	40.11	0.000133716
	1,562.96			1,654.28	

If you would like to discuss your tax bill, please contact the Summer Village Administration office at 780-237-2204. We are happy to assist you with any questions you may have.