

TOWN OF PILOT BUTTE 2026 Budget Highlights



Utility & Sewer Rates will remain unchanged

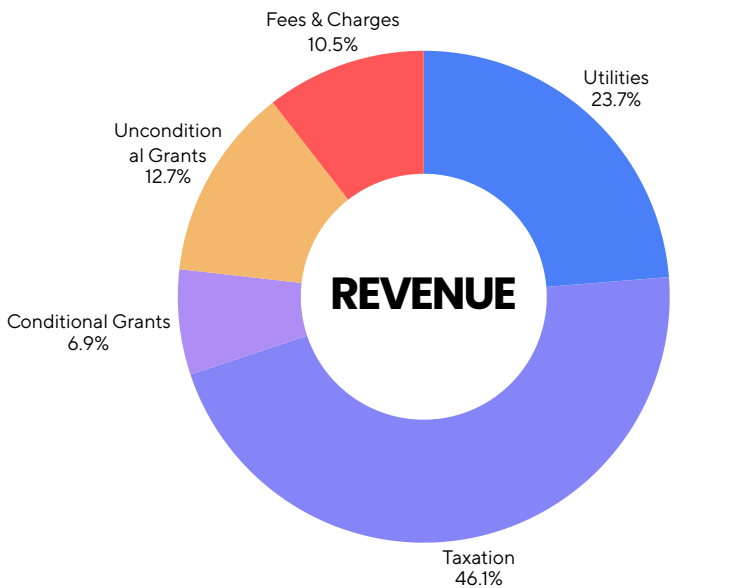
Current Water & Sewer Rates

Residential Water Rate :

Base Rate of \$52.00 up to 14.00 cubic meters

Residential Sewer Rate :

\$40.00



The 2026 Budget Revenue is set at \$8,456,120

Operating Budget:

The Town's annual financial plan that outlines the expected revenues and expenses required to deliver day-to-day services.

Capital Budget:

The portion of the financial plan dedicated to long-term investments in infrastructure and major assets. 2026 includes \$1,500,000 for road infrastructure renewal.

The 2026 Budget Expenditure is set at \$8,452,335

Municipal Property Tax Impact

Base Rate :

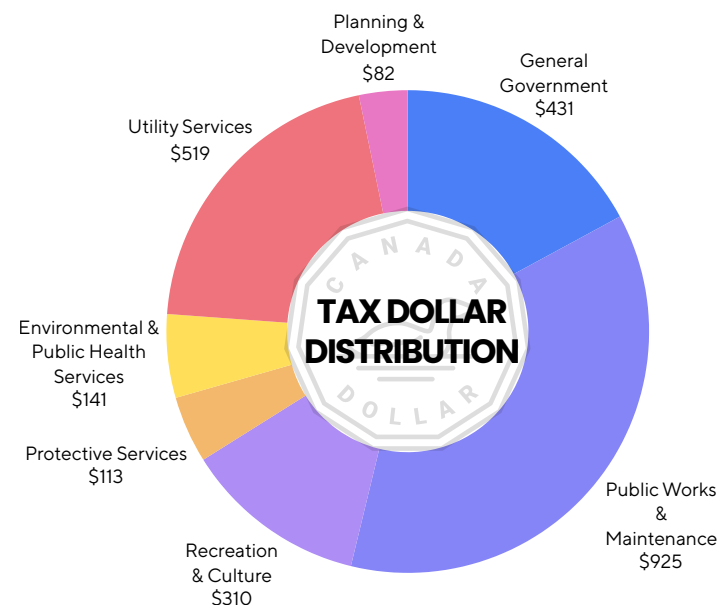
Increase by \$75, from \$200 to \$275.

Mill Rate:

2.0% mill rate increase from 5.31 to 5.4162

Discount Rate:

The discount rate will be maintained at 8% available until June 30th, with no further discounts.



*Based on a residential property with an assessed value of \$400,000 = municipal taxes of \$2,521

**This does not include the education tax portion

Taxes and budgeting play a vital role in funding the services and infrastructure that support our community. The Town is committed to a fair tax system, responsible financial management, and finding efficiencies to maximize taxpayer value.

The base tax supports capital infrastructure and essential services, enabling the Town to build, maintain, and invest in assets that support future growth and long-term economic sustainability.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES AS ALIGNED WITH THE COMMUNITY STRAT PLAN

GOAL 1: PROVIDING A SAFE, HEALTHY, VIBRANT, & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY



- Accessible washrooms in the Community Centre over 2 years
- Address residential drainage concerns over 3 years

GOAL 2: SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DIVERSITY AND GROWTH FOR THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS



- Annexation of land from the RM of Edenwold
- Investing in future growth of the community by allocating funds to reserves

GOAL 3: CREATING AND SUSTAINING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, PARKS, AND NATURAL SPACES



- Develop an additional athletic field to meet the overwhelming need of the Community's youth
- Repair the entrance to the Library
- Repair the Monument on the Butte Hill
- Invest in the Ball Diamonds - much needed infield repair
- Upgrades to the berm and roadways at the Lagoon over two years
- Road Construction and Repairs- renewal of roadway assets

GOAL 4: FOSTERING AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT CORPORATION



Create a new position, Asset Management Clerk, within the Public Works department to incorporate GIS data and address conditions of the Town's assets in accordance with Municipal Legislation to continue receiving grant opportunities.

2026 KEY INVESTMENTS



Accessible washroom in the Community Centre
\$32,000



Road infrastructure repairs & maintenance
\$1,500,000



Develop an additional athletic field
\$60,000



Residential drainage improvements
\$100,000

2026 PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Base Tax & Mill Rate Increase

The Town of Pilot Butte increased the mill rate by 2%, from 5.31 to 5.4162, and the base tax by \$75, from \$200 to \$275, to help ensure sustainable funding for essential municipal services and future infrastructure needs. A mill rate is the rate used to calculate property taxes based on a property's assessed value. It is set annually to generate the revenue required to fund municipal services and operations. A base tax is applied equally to all properties, recognizing that services such as roads, fire protection, and community infrastructure benefit all residents regardless of property value. These adjustments allow the Town to maintain service levels, address rising operational and capital costs, and continue investing in infrastructure to support community growth and long-term financial stability.

Discount Period Change

The Town of Pilot Butte has updated the early payment discount structure for the municipal portion of property taxes, moving from two discount periods to a single discount period. **Payments made on or before June 30 will receive an 8% discount (applicable on the municipal portion only), while payments made after June 30 will no longer qualify for a discount.** The extended, multi-period discount was originally introduced during COVID-19 to provide financial relief to residents. This change reflects a return to a more streamlined and sustainable approach while still offering a meaningful incentive for early payment.

Road Infrastructure Repairs & Maintenance Investment

A major capital project in 2026 focuses on road infrastructure repairs and maintenance. In 2025, the Town completed a comprehensive Asset Management review to assess road conditions and establish a prioritized plan for maintenance and upgrades. Based on this assessment, 5th Avenue has been identified as a high-priority corridor and is scheduled for revitalization from just before Lafarge to 5th Street, completing the high priority sections of this road. Additional road repairs are also planned for Hillside Gate.

Investing in road infrastructure benefits all residents by improving safety, accessibility, and the overall condition of the community. The increase to the base tax, which is applied equally to all properties, helps fund these essential upgrades. To further reduce the immediate financial impact on residents, the Town will also utilize a loan to support project costs while maintaining long-term financial sustainability.



PROPERTY TAX GENERAL INFORMATION

Property Tax Overview

The property tax year is from January 1st – December 31st of the current year.

Property Assessment is completed in spring, with assessment notices sent to applicable residents.

Property Assessment values are utilized for calculating property taxes, with property tax notices sent to residents by the end of May. The equation for calculating municipal property taxes is:

Assessed Value x 0.80 x Mill Rate X Mill Rate Factor / 1000 + Base Tax = Municipal Portion of Taxes

Discounts and Deadlines

The deadline to pay property taxes for the current year is December 31st. Any outstanding amounts after December 31st are considered arrears and are subject to a compound interest rate of 1.5% per month. An 8% discount on the municipal portion of property taxes paid is available until June 30th (the discounted amount is noted on the bottom left side of your tax notice).

Payment Options

There are multiple ways to pay your property taxes:

- Online banking by adding your property taxes as a bill payment
- Cash, cheque or debit at the Town Office - 222 Diamond Place
- Credit Card at the Town Office or online through Option Pay (subject to Option Pay fees)

Property tax payments may be made in increments or as full lump sum payments. The Town does not currently offer a Tax Installment Payment Program (TIPP), however residents are welcome to schedule reoccurring bill payments through their online banking to accumulate a credit on their property tax account.



Did you know?

Residents can receive their property tax (and utility!) notices by e-notice, which provides an email notification and secure online portal to view current and past notices (as of your registration date) as well as current balances!

Visit the Town website to learn more about e-Notices and the Customer Portal, and how to register: pilotbutte.ca/customer-portal

