

2019 INTERIM BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Town Council approved the Interim Budget for 2019 during the December 19, 2018, Regular Meeting of Council. Focusing on community priorities and attracting investment by supporting the growth of the local economy, the Interim Budget represents responsible management of Town resources that will increase service levels and provide relief for residents and businesses who continue to feel the effects of the economic downturn.

PRIORITIES

- **Economic Development**
 - Creating a business friendly environment that encourages the development of new and innovative concepts
 - Attracting investment by exploring emerging business developments, including the hemp industry, bio-fuel and solar energy
 - Seeking opportunities that facilitate growth, diversify the local economy and increase economic resilience

- **Services and Service Levels**
 - Increasing curbside collection services with the addition of weekly recycling pickup
 - Aligning services with the needs and expectations of residents
 - ✓ Snow removal, park and greenspace maintenance
 - Promoting a positive customer service experience through the development of an 'open for business' culture

- **Asset Management and Sustainability**
 - The Town of Drayton Valley is partnering with neighboring municipalities to capitalize on a structured and sustainable asset management program that supports current demands and anticipates future growth and needs of the Town such as;
 - Recreation
 - ✓ Dedicated funds have been allocated to the replacement of Park Valley Pool
 - ✓ Review of outdoor recreational facilities (sports fields, playgrounds, pickleball courts etc.)
 - Roads and underground infrastructure
 - ✓ Dedication to pavement management (potholes and patch paving)
 - ✓ Water Plant Raw Water Pump Station Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) Approach
 - ✓ 62 Street (RR75) from 56 Avenue to the Town Boundary
 - ✓ 50th Avenue and 43 Street improvements (road and storm water management)
 - ✓ Improvements to sidewalks and trail systems as per an independent study conducted in 2018
 - ✓ Twinning the South Sanitary Trunk line
 - A new approach to managing curbside collection will ensure sustainable funding for future asset needs enable the town to increase service levels. The implementation of a user based utility fee for curbside collection of \$19.00/month will commence March 1, 2019
 - Innovative concepts are being explored in 2019 regarding waste management

- **Operational**
 - Enhancing operational practices with a rigorous strategy in pursuit of grant funding

TAXATION ROLL BACK

- A roll back in taxes will mean that the average homeowner and business owner will not see an increase to the municipal portion of their tax bill.
- The final decision will be made in the spring following a review of the provincial budget, Brazeau Foundation's requisition, the Alberta School Foundation Fund requisition, and the establishment of Brazeau County's tax rates.

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