

2019 BUDGET OVERVIEW

This year's budget highlights Council's strategic objectives to leverage opportunities that support economic expansion and diversification, enhance services to residents and create a welcoming community.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- **MUNICIPAL TAX RELIEF and SAVINGS**

- Municipal Taxes have been reduced by 10% for residential and commercial properties
- The average homeowner and business owner should not see an increase in their municipal taxes
- Penalty fees on taxes have been reduced to 3% for the remainder of 2019 to provide residents and business owners further relief

- **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- Funding has been allocated for additional RCMP members for the Town of Drayton Valley.

- **ECONOMIC EXPANSION**

- **Open for Business**
Creating a business friendly environment by effecting changes to Bylaws which will support the needs of new and existing businesses and make Drayton Valley an attractive and sustainable place to do business.
Increasing turn-around times on Development Permits and general inquiries
- **Exploring Emerging Business Opportunities**
Trailblazing emerging business opportunities.
The hemp and cannabis industries provide business attraction and investment opportunities in the community.
- **Zero Fees Pilot Program**
This innovative concept aims to diversify the local economy by providing access to training, education and upskilling in Drayton Valley to keep local students in the community and to attract students and families to the area to pursue post-secondary educational opportunities.

- **FOCUS ON KEY SERVICES**

- **Waste Collection**
 - A new service provider was brought on due to ongoing concerns with pickup and customer service
 - Recycling collection was increased to weekly pickup
- **Winter Maintenance**
 - Snow removal and sanding operations have been increased to provide greater mobility for pedestrians and motorists in the community
 - New products (beet juice) were tested on town roads to assist with improved snow cover melt and removal
- **General Maintenance**
 - Street Sweeping
 - Pothole and Crack Filling
 - Line Painting and Crosswalks
 - Grass Cutting
 - Community Beautification
 - Ditch Maintenance
- **Recreation Fee Assistance Program**
 - Provided in an effort to ensure everyone has equal opportunities to participate or take advantage of town run programs and services
- **Continuation of provincial funding at ECDC**
Provides families access to affordable and quality child care

Pulling
Together

- **2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

- ✓ Meier Avenue Cured in Place Project (CIPP) to upgrade the sewer infrastructure in the area
- ✓ 50 Avenue & 43 Street road improvements
Improvements include low impact and sustainable design initiatives
- ✓ South side sanitary trunk line twinning
This will address overloaded infrastructure and allow for future growth and development
- ✓ 62 Street (RR75) from 56 Avenue to the Town Boundary
Improvements will enhance the road structure and geometry
- ✓ High lift pump station
This will allow the Centre for Water Intelligence Water Treatment Plant to produce at full capacity and allow for future growth
- ✓ Exploring innovative and sustainable waste management solutions
- ✓ Rehabilitation of existing sidewalks and trails
Ensures that the sidewalk and trail systems are maintained and safe for residents and visitors to enjoy
- ✓ Aquatic Facility Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)
Once completed, this will provide Council and Administration with sustainable options to move forward with the development and construction of a new pool