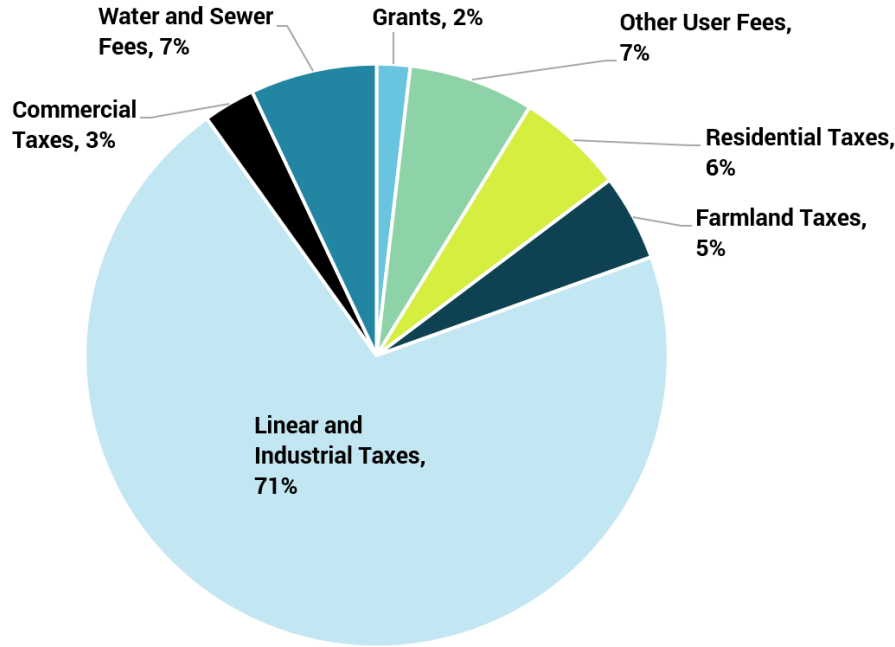


WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

The 2020 budget consists of income from these sources:



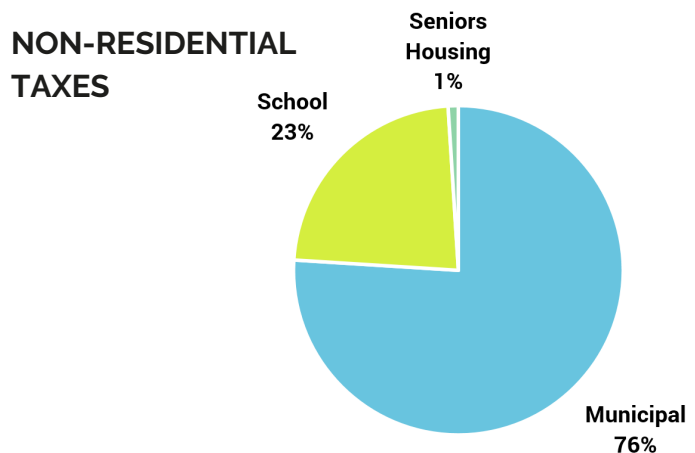
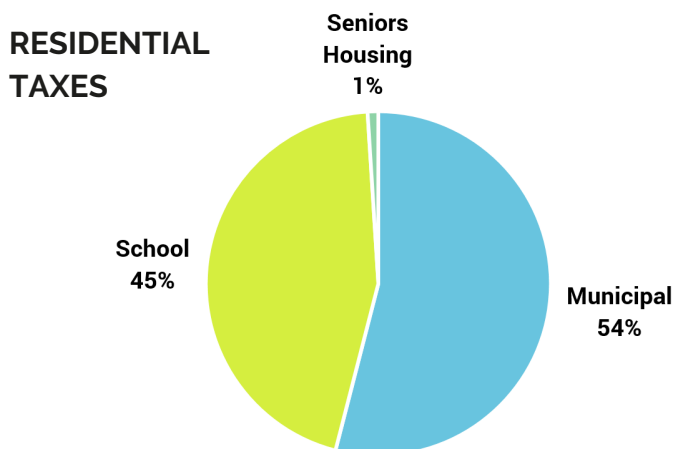
WHERE DOES THE MUNICIPAL PORTION GO?

Expenses in the budget are distributed to different departments as follows:

	ROAD NETWORK	55%
	WATER & WASTE MANAGEMENT	13%
	ADMINISTRATION	9%
	PROTECTIVE SERVICES	7%
	AG SERVICES & PARKS	7%
	COMMUNITY GRANTS	4%
	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	3%
	COUNCIL & LEGISLATIVE SERVICES	2%

WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?

Your tax notice includes taxes paid to the County, and funds that are collected on behalf of the Alberta Government to support the provincial school system.



For the average residential home, the County receives 54% of the total tax bill. The province receives 45%.

THE AVERAGE INCREASE

You may notice a change in your taxes for 2020. Some of the change is a result of an increase or decrease in the assessment value of your property.

Additional changes are a result of the rates set by the County and the provincial government.

- For an average hamlet home with \$100,000 in assessment, there is an increase of approximately \$13 per year; \$9 of which is County and \$4 of which is provincial school support.
- For an average acreage with \$300,000 in assessment, there is an increase of approximately \$39 per year; \$26 of which is County, and \$13 of which is provincial school support.

THE PROVINCIAL PINCH

Cuts made by the Government of Alberta have resulted in a reduction of 7% of total County revenues, a loss of grant funding, and additional costs to be paid for by the municipality.

The County has worked diligently to manage spending so the provincial pinch has a minimal impact on ratepayers. Provincial budget impacts include:

- \$1.9 million reduction of tax revenues collected from shallow gas producers, as a result of provincial policy decisions.
- 25% reduction in provincial grants over the next five years amounting to a loss of \$500,000 over a three-year period.
- Addition of Provincial policing costs, \$160,000 in 2020 to \$480,000 in 2023.

2020 KEY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

- \$2.2 million for bridge rehabilitations and replacements.
- \$5.2 million to secure a multi-year supply of gravel at favourable costs.
- \$2.4 million for equipment necessary to maintain roads, water systems, protective services, and parks.
- Initial steps towards upgrading our emergency communications systems.

WHAT DO YOU GET FOR YOUR TAX DOLLARS?

- 2,424 km of maintained roads
- 898 km of water mains
- 213 bridges and culverts
- 16 cemeteries maintained
- Support to arenas, playgrounds and other recreational areas
- Family and Child Support Services
- Funding to local communities within Kneehill County

A stylized map of Kneehill County, colored in shades of blue and green, with a dark blue box containing the text "COUNTY FACTS".

COUNTY FACTS

- Population 5,001
- 9,065 land parcels
 - 2,172 improved parcels
 - 725 serviced with water and/or sewer
- 40+ small businesses
- 27 Subdivisions in 2019
- 51 Developments in 2019

If you have questions regarding your assessment, please review the back of your tax notice and contact tax@kneehillcounty.com or call 403-443-5541 to discuss further.