



TOWN OF
**DIAMOND
VALLEY**

**2026 Operating Budget
Draft 2 Presented
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2026 Operating Budget – Budget Highlights

- Property tax revenue requirement increase of 4.2% (down from 21% projected in Budget #1)
- Transfer to reserves of \$697,204, with \$35,000 being put into the Pool Reserve
- Land Use Bylaw cost is distributed between 2026 & 2027
- Water and Wastewater will be managed by Aquatera and is reflected in the contracted services amount
- Organizational restructuring has reduced staffing by 20%. This has significantly reduced tax increases and capacity, resulting in reduced service levels for 2026

2026 Operating Budget – Service Level Impacts

Facilities & Operations

- Closing of the Turner Valley side campground. Town will seek non-profit management options.
- No transit service (Sheep River shuttles are being sold to Westwinds)
- Reduction in snow clearing
- Reduction in arena staff which may cause reduced backup coverage
- Closing of the Turner Valley side outdoor rink since there are 3 other rinks (option for community group to continue operations)
- Christmas tree curbside collection will be changed to a central drop off location

Communications & Events

- Communications reduced to only essential Town related information
- Cancellation of Canada Day fireworks (reallocating funds to pool reserve)
- Special event applications requiring assistance from Civic Operations may be reduced dependent on staffing resources
- Fewer Community programs, events and outreach



2026 Operating Budget – Reducing Tax Revenue

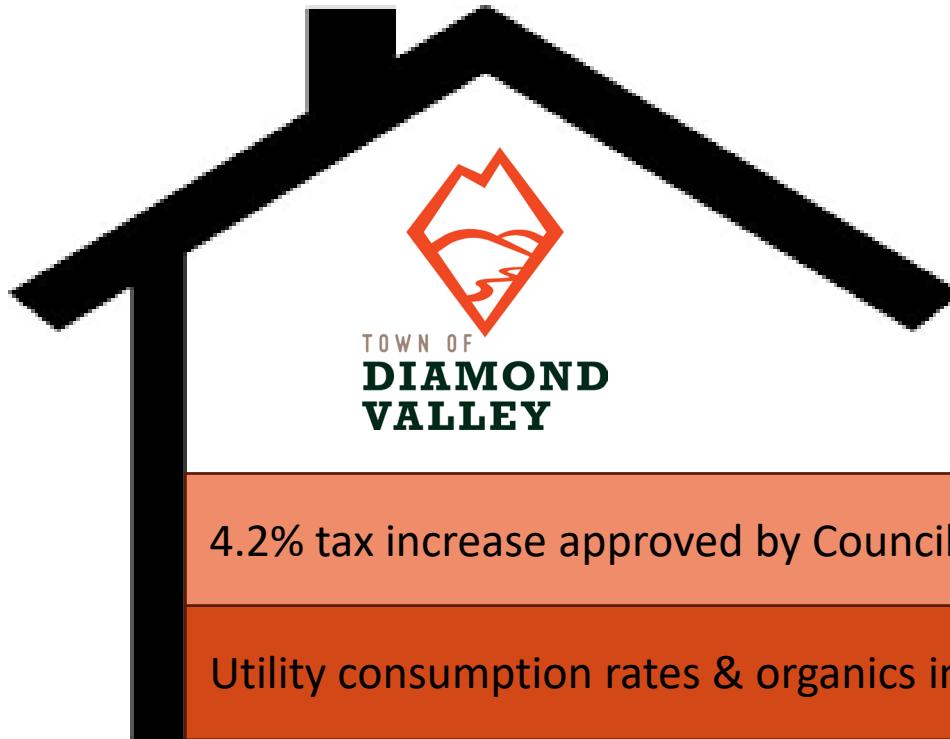
- ❖ Waste rates at full cost recovery
- ❖ Water and wastewater moving towards full cost recovery
- ❖ Both services are based on usage which removes or reduces the tax revenue required.

2026 RATE CHANGES

	2025	2026	Year Over Year
Water	\$2.87/m ³	\$3.28/m ³	\$0.41/m ³
Wastewater	\$3.02/m ³	\$3.58/m ³	\$0.56/m ³
Organics	\$16.45	\$18.00	\$1.55
Total			\$0.97/m ³ +\$1.55



Budget Impact



2026 Budget Average Impact for Residential Property Owners

(Property assessed at \$590,000)

+ \$11.52*

+ \$12.90**

\$24.42/month

* Municipal tax increase only. Provincial tax requisitions TBD.
4.2% increase is approximate since split between residential
and non-residential property tax has not been finalized.

** Utility increase is based on bi-monthly usage of 25m³ plus
\$1.55 bi-monthly increase for organics.

2026 Tax Breakdown

- 2025 Municipal Taxes
\$3,289.58
- 4.2% tax increase is reflected in the total 2026 Municipal Taxes
- Individual breakdowns vary based on adjusted budget allocations for 2026

2026 MUNICIPAL TAXES

TOWN OF DIAMOND VALLEY
PROPERTY ASSESSED AT APPROX \$590,000

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

RCMP	348.19
Emergency Services	228.67
Municipal Enforcement	154.70

INFRASTRUCTURE

Common Services	117.84
Roads & Snow Removal	607.89
Civic Services(water/sewer/waste)	162.12
Planning & Development	250.76

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FCSS	8.33
Economic Development	1.15
Foothills Cemetery	30.38
Special Events	13.78

RECREATION & CULTURE

Parks/Pathways/Facilities	310.89
Dr. Lander Memorial Pool	63.45
Arenas (Oilfields & Scott Seaman SR)	170.48
Sheep River Library	131.76

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

Legislative Services (Council)	146.03
Administration / Healthy & Safety / IT	630.91
Special Projects	50.41

\$3,427.74



**This concludes the 2nd Draft of the 2026
Operating Budget**
