



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

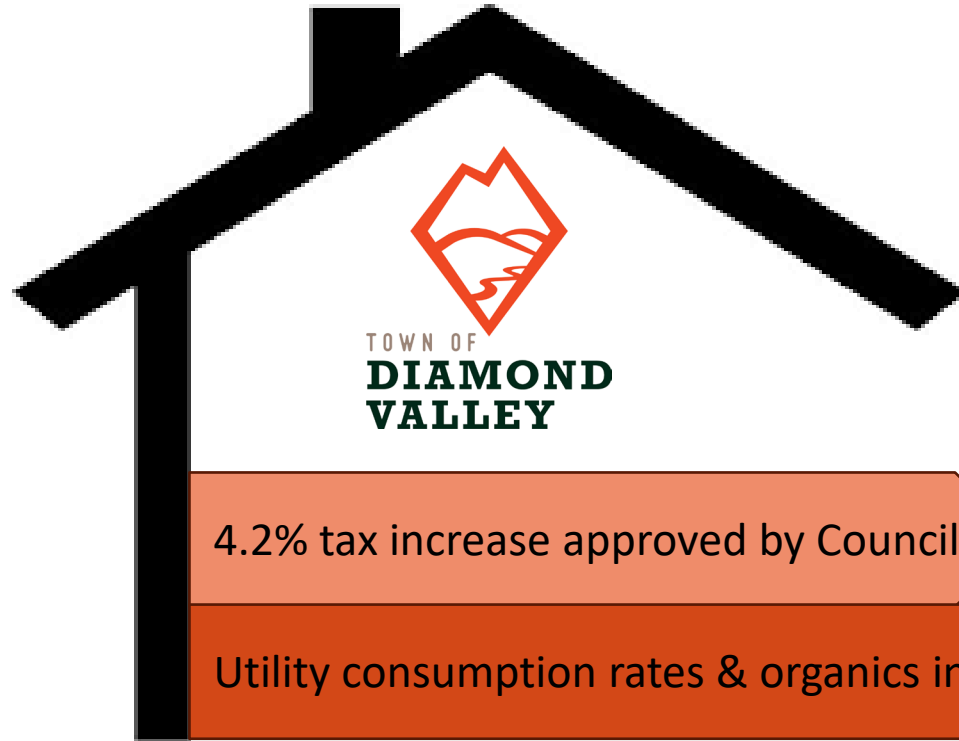
- ❖ Waste rates at full cost recovery
- ❖ Water and wastewater moving towards full cost recovery
- ❖ Both services are based on usage which removes or reduces the tax revenue required.

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



A stylized graphic in the background consisting of thick, dark green lines forming a mountain range and a winding river. The mountains are on the right side, and the river flows from the bottom right towards the center. The overall color palette is shades of green.

This concludes the 2nd Draft of the 2026
Operating Budget

