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2019-2023

**Financial Plan Summary
as adopted March 8, 2019**

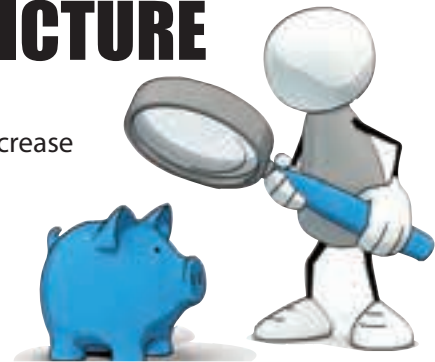
A CLOSER **LOOK** AT REVENUE

	2019	2018
Property Taxes	\$18,280,711	\$17,805,938
Parcel Taxes	\$1,424,602	\$1,381,102
Grants in Lieu	\$874,727	\$819,227
Fees & Charges	\$3,870,746	\$3,543,458
Prov. Grants	\$4,590,639	\$6,419,812
Other Grants/Transfers	\$7,468,030	\$9,609,636

**THIS DOCUMENT
REFLECTS NUMBERS IN
THE **ADOPTED**
FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL
PLAN.**

THE **BIG** PICTURE

Overall in 2019 there is a 3.0% increase in total taxes collected; however, the 1.3% increase in new assessment will lessen the overall impact for our shared services.



**2019 Capital Budget:
\$9,138,801**

Some of the larger capital projects in the coming year include:

- Windermere Water - Connect to water treatment plant & upgrade distribution system
- Area A Flood Control - Hill Road Dike project
- Area B Septage - Construction of septage ponds
- Edgewater Water - Completion of Lake Baptiste Dam Upgrade
- Fairmont Flood & Debris Control - Completion of Phase 2
- Columbia Valley Rural Fire & Rescue Service - Fire engine for Edgewater Fire, water tenders for Fairmont Fire and Windermere Fire
- Computer servers and IT upgrades

HOW ASSESSMENT VALUES FACTOR IN

Changes in the total tax collected are only one factor affecting tax increases or decreases. The change in total assessed value for a municipality or electoral area in relation to the average change in assessment are another factor.

In 2019, RDEK jurisdictions saw a wide range of assessment changes - from a decrease of 1.2% for the District of Elkford to an increase of 26.4% for the Village of Canal Flats. Overall, municipal assessments increased on average 7.0% and Electoral Area assessments increased 4.1%. Assessments for the RDEK as a whole increased 5.7%.

Jurisdictions (and individual properties) with larger-than-average assessment increases will attract a larger proportion of the tax requisition, while those with lower assessment increases will benefit from a reduced share.



ELECTORAL AREA HIGHLIGHTS

AREA A

The average residential taxpayer in Electoral Area A will notice a **7.7% DECREASE** in their taxes this year.

Highlights:

- The tax decrease works out to approximately -\$19 on the average \$335,000 residential assessment
- The \$1.1 million Hill Road Dike Project received \$750,000 in funding from the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, 2018 Structural Flood Mitigation funding stream
- 1.3% tax increase for Hosmer Fire Service Area
- \$100,000 for the Fernie Memorial Arena upgrade to be paid from the Area A portion of Elk Valley Mine Tax Sharing
- \$1 million (over 3 years) for a potential highway upgrade/ intersection project at Hosmer funded by the Area A portion of Elk Valley Mine Tax Sharing
- Area A Parks has a surplus returned to taxpayers through a negative tax
- Area A Flood Control taxation has been increased from \$375,000 to \$450,000; however, 100% of the increase is offset by a negative tax in the Area A Septage Service



AREA C

The average residential taxpayer in Electoral Area C will notice a **0.1% INCREASE** in their taxes this year.

Highlights:

- No tax increase
- The 10-year agreement with the City of Cranbrook locks in the fire service contract increases at 3.75% each year
- 3.1% taxation increase for the Cranbrook Public Library due to an increase in the contribution to the library service
- Increases in the amount of funding allotted to Electoral Area C Discretionary Grants in Aid
- Funding for the economic development service

AREA B

The average residential taxpayer in Electoral Area B will notice a **2.2% INCREASE** in their taxes this year.

Highlights:

- The tax increase works out to approximately \$6 on the average \$335,000 residential assessment
- Safety enhancements are planned at Rosen Lake Dam (pending partial grant funding)
- RDEK will make application for tenure from the Province to create Waldo Cove Park. If approved, park development will start in 2020.
- Increase in Elko Water user fees for operational and maintenance costs (change comes into effect in October)
- 4.2% tax increase in Jaffray Fire service
- 2.5% tax increase in Baynes Lake Fire Service, including improvements to the hall to re-side and upgrade insulation
- 9.4% tax increase in Elko Fire Service
- The South Country Departments are sharing costs to build a second wildfire Sprinkler Protection Unit
- Potential future expansion of South Country intersection lighting



AREA E

The average residential taxpayer in Electoral Area E will notice a **4.9% DECREASE** in their taxes this year.

Highlights:

- The tax decrease works out to approximately -\$16 on the average \$335,000 residential assessment
- Projects will start in 2019 at St. Mary Lake Park
- 21% overall tax decrease for Area E parks with less improvements planned for 2019
- 1% increase in the Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck Mosquito Control Parcel Tax (was decreased a total of 17.5% between 2016 and 2018)
- Further improvements to Cherry Creek Falls Regional Park (fire safety, general safety, toilets)

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR AREA F & G HIGHLIGHTS
AND THE MUNICIPAL BREAKDOWN**

ELECTORAL AREA HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

AREA F

The average residential taxpayer in Electoral Area F will notice a **5.6% INCREASE** in their taxes this year.

Highlights:

- The tax increase works out to approximately \$19 on the average \$335,000 residential assessment
- Completion of Fairmont Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Project in 2019
- 12% parcel tax increase for Holland Creek water for bulk water costs
- Timber Ridge taxation will be for existing debt only until 2026 as operations are now part of the East Side Lake Windermere Water Service
- 6.2% decrease in Rushmere parcel tax
- 11.8% increase in Holland Creek Sewer parcel tax
- First full year of operating revenue and expenses under the RDEK for the East Side Lake Windermere Water Service
- 2019 parcel tax estimated at \$81 for Windermere Water. \$3 million borrowing in the spring with an anticipated reduced term to 20 years and lower interest rates. Windermere Water full parcel tax of \$223 expected in 2021
- 2.9% parcel tax increase for Baltac Sewer
- No increase for Panorama Fire Service - due to increased contributions to the future equipment reserve. The fire hall debenture was renewed at a lower rate, keeping 2019 tax increases stable
- Water tender replacements for Fairmont and Windermere Fire

AREA G

The average residential taxpayer in Electoral Area G will notice a **3.7% INCREASE** in their taxes this year.

Highlights:

- The tax increase works out to approximately \$12 on the average \$335,000 residential assessment
- Fire engine replacement for Edgewater Fire
- Completion of Lake Baptiste Dam upgrade project
- 5.9% increase for the Edgewater Recreation Service

OVERALL IN 2019, RESIDENTS WILL NOTICE AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 1.7% IN THE ELECTORAL AREAS FOR SHARED SERVICES

MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS

CENTRAL (Cranbrook/ Kimberley)

There have been increases in solid waste and emergency programs in the Central Subregion. An 18% increase in assessed values has resulted in an overall average increase for the RDEK portion of Kimberley residents' tax bills, while Cranbrook's has seen a slight decrease.

3.5% INCREASE - KIMBERLEY (\$7*)

2.0% DECREASE - CRANBROOK (-\$4*)

RDEK Services Cranbrook/Kimberley participate in (not limited to):
911, Emergency Pgms, Solid Waste & Recycling, Planning, Invasive Plant Pgm, Regional Parks, General Admin

ELK VALLEY (Elkford, Fernie, Spwd)

The inclusion of the mine properties in the solid waste service boundary has contributed to an overall average decrease in the RDEK portion of residential tax bills for Elk Valley Municipalities. A 12% increase in assessed values in Fernie has contributed to a smaller overall average decrease there.

0.4% DECREASE - FERNIE (-\$1*)

15.4% DECREASE - SPARWOOD (-\$30*)

22.4% DECREASE - ELKFORD (-\$41*)

RDEK Services EV municipalities participate in:
911, Emerg Pgms, Solid Waste/Recycling, Planning, Invasive Plant Pgm, Regional Parks, Transit, Airport, Victims Services

COLUMBIA VALLEY (Invermere, Radium, Canal Flats)

Increases in solid waste, transit, emerg. programs, and recreation (incl. the Markin MacPhail Westside Legacy Trail) have resulted in an overall average increase for the RDEK portion of Invermere, Radium and Canal Flats residents' tax bills. A 30% increase in assessed values in Canal Flats has contributed to the increases there.

18.3% INCREASE - CANAL FLATS (\$39*)

4.6% INCREASE - INVERMERE (\$11*)

1.9% INCREASE - RADIUM (\$5*)

RDEK Services CV municipalities participate in: 911, Emerg Pgms, Solid Waste/Recycling, Planning, Invasive Plant Pgm, Regional Parks, Transit, Broadband (Inv/Radium only), General Admin

** Based on the average \$335,000 residential assessment*

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