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# YOUR RURAL TAX NOTICE



BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ministry of Finance

## 2023 PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

issued under the Taxation (Rural Area) Act

**DUE DATE: July 4, 2023**

eTaxBC Enrolment Code:

May 12, 2023

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PROPERTY OWNER #1 NAME  
PROPERTY OWNER#2 NAME  
555 SMITH STREET  
CRANBROOK, BC V1C 3H8

Jurisdiction: 764	
Roll Number: 000000.400	
Folio Number: 76400000.400	
Account Number: RPT-0000-0000	
Letter Id:	L-00000000
Property Address:	555 SMITH STREET CRANBROOK, BC V1C 3H8
PID:	000-000-000
Legal Description	
LOT 00, PLAN NEP0000, DISTRICT LOT XXXX KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT	

Regional districts in BC do not directly tax properties.

Instead, regional districts requisition the Provincial Surveyor of Taxes (for rural electoral areas) and their member municipalities to tax on behalf of the regional district in order to meet annual revenue needs.

This is why rural residents pay their property taxes to the Province, not the RDEK.

Your RDEK taxes make up only a portion of your overall tax notice. This is a quick guide to illustrate which portions relate to the Provincial services and which portions relate to the local (RDEK) services.

**TO AVOID LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES, claim your 2023 Home Owner Grant by July 4, 2023**  
Apply online at [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or by phone, toll free 1 888 355-2700

	Class	Land Value	Improvements	Rate	No Grant A	Reg Grant B	Add'l Grant C	
<b>Provincial Services</b>								
1	School	01	178,000	366,000	1.59210	866.10	866.10	
2	Less: Home Owner Grant				0.00	(770.00)	(866.10)	
	Net School				866.10	96.10	0.00	
3	Provincial Rural Tax	01	178,000	366,000	0.34000	184.96	184.96	
4	Police Tax	01	178,000	366,000	0.11390	61.96	61.96	
<b>Local Services</b>								
5	<b>Local Services</b>							
a	AREA C EAST KOOTENAY	01	178,000	366,000	0.77541	421.82	421.82	
b	CRANBROOK FIRE PROT	01	178,000	366,000	0.79495	432.45	432.45	
c	KOOTENAY EAST HOSP	01	178,000	366,000	0.31132	169.36	169.36	
	BC ASSESSMENT	01	178,000	366,000	0.03360	18.28	18.28	
	MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY	01	178,000	366,000	0.00020	0.11	0.11	
<b>Parcel Tax</b>								
	PARCEL TAX (such as mosquito control, CV Local Conservation Fund, water parcel tax)							
7	Residual Home Owner Grant				0.00	0.00	(178.90)	
8	<b>TOTAL 2023 PROPERTY TAXES</b>					<b>2,155.04</b>	<b>1,385.04</b>	<b>1,110.04</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>					<b>2,155.04</b>	<b>1,385.04</b>	<b>1,110.04</b>	

## LEGEND

- 1. Provincial School Tax** - Provincial School Tax
- 2. Less: Homeowner grant** - the homeowner grant amount that reduces school tax
- 3. Provincial Rural Tax** - funds provincial services including maintenance and snow removal for all roads outside incorporated municipalities
- 4. Provincial Police Tax** - all rural property owners pay the Police Tax
- 5. LOCAL SERVICES - This is where you can find your RDEK taxes (highlighted in yellow)**
  - a RDEK Shared Services** - This is the line item for shared RDEK services that everyone within your area receives including General Administration, Electoral Area Administration, Building Inspection, Planning, Libraries, Parks, Economic Development, Solid Waste, Weed Control, Emergency Programs and 9-1-1
  - b Local Service** - this line item is for local services that are only charged to properties within that Service Area (such as Cranbrook Rural Fire Protection. Not everyone in Area C has fire protection, so only those in the Cranbrook Rural Fire Protection Area will see this line item on their tax notice). Taxation is based on assessment for Local Services.
  - c Kootenay East Regional Hospital District** - the Hospital District has a larger boundary than the RDEK and contributes up to 40% capital funding for Interior Health facilities in the region for equipment and facility construction and renovation
- 6. LOCAL PARCEL TAX** - A type of tax that spreads the cost of a service equally between taxpayers based on a tax per parcel of land (such as the Wasa Ta Ta Creek Skookumchuck Mosquito Control Service and Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund). Often used for water & sewer services as well.
- 7. Residual Home Owner Grant** - The remaining Homeowner Grant available to be applied to other taxes after it has been applied to the School Tax
- 8. Total Property Taxes** - the total net tax payable for the current year

# THE 2025 RDEK BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



## A CLOSER LOOK AT REVENUE

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Property Taxes	\$ 28,149,580	\$25,824,947
Parcel Taxes	\$ 1,794,767	\$1,743,412
Grants in Lieu	\$ 916,684	\$ 1,090,479
Fees & Charges	\$ 6,427,406	\$ 6,333,647
Prov. Grants	\$ 7,151,470	\$12,889,264
Other Grants/Transfers	\$ 9,669,999	\$ 9,231,430
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,109,906</b>	<b>\$57,113,179</b>



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

- Fairmont Flood & Debris Flow Mitigation - Cold Spring Creek Completion (98.9% grant funded)
- Fernie Pathway (pending grant funding) and Jaffray Trail (100% grant funded)
- Wycliffe Park Campground Completion (80% grant funded)
- Hosmer Fire - New Fire Hall Phase 1 (100% grant funded)
- Columbia Valley Landfill Phase 1 Progressive Closure
- Fire Engine Replacement Deposits - Panorama, Hosmer, Baynes Lake Fire Departments
- Edgewater Connectivity Project - Phase 1 (100% grant funded)
- Elko Fire Hall Extension (100% grant funded)

## THE BIG PICTURE

Overall in 2025, the shared services included in the budget, will result in an average tax increase of \$24 on the average residential property valued at \$596,000.



## 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 2025, RDEK jurisdictions saw a range of assessment changes compared to 2024- from an increase of 3.3% for the City of Fernie and 3.6% for Electoral Area G, to an increase of 26.2% for the District of Sparwood. Municipal assessments increased on average 8.5% and Electoral Area assessments increased 6.0%. Assessments for the RDEK as a whole increased 7.4%, which is less than the assessment increase in 2024.

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

The highlights in each of these sections relate to the “RDEK” portion of your tax notice (NOT the full notice) and are based on the average residential assessment of \$596,000.



A typical residential taxpayer\* in Electoral Area A will pay **\$397** for RDEK taxes on the shared services, which is an **increase of \$42**.



A typical residential taxpayer\* in Electoral Area B will pay **\$470** for RDEK taxes on the shared services, which is an **increase of \$43**.

## Area A Budget Highlights:

- **Electoral Area A Elk Valley Tax Sharing Projects:**
  - Access Guardian Contribution (2025 – 2029) \$27,000 to \$40,000
  - Contributing \$1 million in 2025 and \$1.5 million in 2026 to the New Hosmer Fire Hall, if the project advances;
  - Area A Parks \$87,657 for Fernie Valley Pathway engineering.
  - Fernie Fire Hall construction funding may increase from \$450,000 to \$1.4 million (pending further information).
- **Hosmer Fire Service** - \$16 / avg residential property increase, including \$70,000 for grant funded equipment and a \$200,000 deposit for fire engine replacement, with the remaining \$590,000 due upon delivery in 2026.
- **New Hosmer Fire Hall** - Funding of \$2.5 million in the 2025 budget and \$1.5 million in the 2026 budget ready if the project proceeds (\$2.5 million from EV Mine Tax Sharing and \$1.5 million from Community Works Fund).
- **Area A Septage** - tax decrease of \$124 / avg residential property to help offset Area A Parks tax increase by the same amount.
- **Area A Flood Control** - No taxation in 2025 for Area A Flood = \$11 / avg residential property as 2024 was a negative tax. Budget includes Hill Road/Morrissey offsetting, Vanlerberg Rd flood protection investigation, beaver management, and completion of Hosmer Ck/ Mine Ck flood assessments in 2025 (100% grant funded).
- **Fernie Rural Fire** - \$32 / avg residential property increase for Fernie Rural Fire for 4% increase in fire service contract cost and \$16,500 decrease to equipment reserves. Contract renewal negotiations begin in 2025.
- **Upper Elk Valley Fire** - \$105 / avg residential property increase with contract negotiations ongoing.
- **Area A Parks** - net taxation increase of \$12 / avg residential property with offset of negative taxation in Area A Septage contributed to reserve for development and operations of Morrissey River Access and Fernie Trail.
- **Discretionary Grants in Aid** - \$7 / avg residential property increase to resume \$20,000 taxation for DGIA funds in 2025.
- **Library Grants** - a \$5 increase due to increases in the library grants.

## Highlights:

- **Jaffray Fire Service** - \$87 / avg residential property increase to fund inflationary operating costs and equipment reserves and upgrade the diesel exhaust system in fire bays. An additional \$76,000 has been allocated for grant funded equipment upgrade.
- **Baynes Lake Fire Service** - No change to taxes. Budget includes grant funded equipment \$79,000, a \$200,000 deposit for fire engine replacement (remaining \$541,000 due upon delivery in 2026), receiving 50% funding from the Community Works Fund, continuation of improvements to the Baynes Lake dry hydrant.
- **Elko Fire Service** - \$56 / avg residential property increase to fund inflationary operating costs. The budget includes \$81,000 grant funded equipment, construction of new bay and washrooms in 2025. In addition, there is a \$300,000 project to construct additional truck bay and add washroom/laundry room (100% funded from Community Works Fund).
- **Area B Parks** - \$6 / avg residential property increase for inflationary costs for all parks.
  - Silver Spring Public Access – RDEK is working with a private landowner to operate a developed parking area and outhouse.
  - The RDEK continues to work with Tourism Fernie on the Elko River access boat launch and parking
  - We are working with South Country Trails and Recreation Association (SCTRA) for the Jaffray Trail (a paved trail between Rosen Lake Road and West Jaffray) with RDEK costs of \$8,600.
  - \$908,125 for construction of the Jaffray Trail (pending funding).
- **Elko Water** - \$129 average frontage tax increase in 2025 to fund operating, maintenance and reserve costs. The last frontage tax increase was 2007. \$8 increase in 2024. \$8 per month user fee increase. The solar panels are operational and are anticipated to reduce electricity consumption by 19%, resulting in potential \$4,000/yr savings.
- **Area B Economic Development** - No change in taxes. \$145,000 available for grants/consulting costs or project costs for South Country Aquifer/Elko Sinkhole project, with \$3,000 grant awarded to CLEAR Society each year 2025-2027
- **Library Grants** - a \$5 increase due to increases in the library grants.

\* Based on the average \$596,000 residential assessment

# ELECTORAL AREA HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

Area



A typical residential taxpayer\* in Electoral Area C will pay **\$474** for RDEK taxes on the shared services, which is an **increase** of \$47 over last year.

## Highlights:

- **Area C Parks** - tax increase of \$3 / avg residential property related to additional operational costs of Moyie Lake Access. Funding from BC Hydro to be used for dock removal.
- **Moyie Water** - No change to Parcel tax for Moyie Water 2006 debt, which matures in spring 2026. No change to frontage tax. There will be user fee increases of \$8 per month. We will be utilizing \$15,000 from reserves in 2025 to fund a well pump installation and water main condition assessment. Contributions to fund depleted Operating Reserve to begin in 2025.
- **Cranbrook Rural Fire Protection** - Increase of \$14 / avg residential property to fund increased contracted fire services costs.
- **Cranbrook Public Library** - \$0.35 / avg residential property increase for Cranbrook Public Library Service to fund 20% share of 2025 operational budget.
- **Area C Economic Development** - \$8 increase / avg residential property.

Area



A typical residential taxpayer\* in Electoral Area E will pay **\$460** for RDEK taxes on the shared services, which is an **increase** of \$41 over last year.

## Highlights:

- **Wasa / Ta Ta Creek / Skookumchuck Mosquito Control Service** - \$13,000 overall decrease, which works out to a \$20 parcel tax decrease due to a reduced mosquito activity in 2024.
- **Lazy Lake Water Level Control** - \$7.50 parcel tax increase. Carry forward of \$3,011 deficit resulting from time dedicated to initial phases of elector assent process in 2024 that did not receive community support.
- **Wasa Recreation Contribution Service** - Increase of \$8 per parcel, bringing the parcel tax to \$40. Grants to recipient Wasa organizations is increasing 2% in each year of the financial plan including \$20,808 in 2025. There is an additional grant payment of \$10,000 in each year 2025 and 2026 to assist with Wasa Community Hall Fire Smart Project (80% funding from Columbia Basin Trust).
- **Electoral Area E Parks** - No change in taxation. Staff is working with Greenways, funded by a CBT grant, for the planning and cost estimation for repaving of the 6.5km loop trail in Wasa.

Area



A typical residential taxpayer\* in Electoral Area F will pay **\$627** for RDEK taxes on the shared services, which is an **increase** of \$33 over last year.

## Highlights:

- **Fairmont Flood & Landslide Service** - No change to taxation. Completion of \$13.6 million Cold Spring Creek mitigation project in 2025 (98.9% grant funded). Community share of \$150,000 paid in 2024, short-term borrowing not required. 2025 budget includes, estimated \$47,000 interest for cash flow financing on \$2 million of grant funding held until final inspections and reporting is complete and \$30,000 for non-eligible expenses.
- **Windermere Fire Service** - \$34 / avg residential property increase to fund increasing costs of operations, increased interest rate on debenture and increasing reserve contributions. The budget includes \$100,000 in grant funded equipment and \$85,000 for replacement of duty officer vehicle funded from equipment reserves.
- **Fairmont Fire Service & Columbia Ridge Fire Service** - Increase of \$19/ avg residential property to fund rising operational costs. The budget includes \$102,000 in grant funded equipment, \$115,000 vehicle exhaust system improvement (to be funded by building reserves and Community Works Fund grant).
- **Panorama Fire Service** - \$16 average residential property increase for Panorama Fire Service to fund increasing costs of operations. Budget includes grant funded equipment of \$102,000 and a \$250,000 deposit for a fire engine replacement (with remaining \$520,000 due upon delivery in 2027), receiving 50% funding from Community Works Fund. \$23,000 in new taxation from the service area expansion (used to increase equipment reserve contribution).

Area F Highlights continued on next page »

# ELECTORAL AREA **HIGHLIGHTS** CONTINUED

## Area F Highlights (continued):

- **Invermere Rural Fire Service** - An increase of \$75 / avg residential property to fund additional wages for contract negotiations, inflationary pressures, and increasing reserve contributions for large apparatus between 2026 and 2032.
- **Wilmer / Toby Benches Fire** - An increase of \$44 / avg residential property for Wilmer/Toby Benches to fund additional wages for contract negotiations, inflationary pressures, and increasing reserve contributions for large apparatus between 2026 and 2032.
- **Windermere Water Service** - No change to taxation in 2025. Staff time and engineering costs for \$1.35 million of water main replacement to take place in 2026. 2020 debenture renews in October 2025 with an estimated renewal rate of 3.3% (original rate was 0.91%).
- **Timber Ridge Water** - No change in taxation. This service will no longer exist once debt is paid off in 2026. Operating costs are all included in Eastside Water Service.
- **Holland Creek Water** - \$25 parcel tax increase to fund inflationary operating costs and increased bulk water charges. \$45,000 for infrastructure and capacity master plan, funded by Growing Communities Fund grant. \$10,683 to complete water meter replacement in 2025, funded from capital reserve. Contributions to capital reserve range between \$25,000 – \$26,000 per year.
- **Rushmere Water** - \$114 parcel tax increase to fund inflationary costs and lower surplus from 2024. There will be a user fee increase of \$10 per month. Reserve Fund contributions reduced to \$8,000 in 2025 and resume to \$17,500 in 2026 for asset management. \$30,000 for infrastructure and capacity master plan in 2026, funded by Growing Communities Fund grant. Debenture renewal in fall 2025 with estimated interest rate of 3.59% (previous rate was 1.28%). Increase in debenture interest payment estimated to result in \$467 parcel tax increase in 2026. RDEK staff will meet with the Utility Advisory Committee to discuss new information regarding the commutation opportunity.
- **East Side Lake Windermere Water** - No taxation at this time. There will be a \$3.50 per month base rate increase for residential accounts and similar % increase for other account classes in 2025. There will also be a consumption rate increase of \$0.13/m<sup>3</sup> for residential users each year 2025. The increases are required to fund inflationary costs for staffing and operations, increased maintenance costs, and contributions to reserves for asset management. \$100,000 for engineering for the 940 reservoir expansion project, with construction planned for 2026 (budget of \$2.54 million) with funding from reserves, grants and DCC's.
- **Holland Creek Sewer** - \$38 parcel tax increase to fund inflationary operating costs and increased bulk sewer charges. Residential fee increases of \$0.50 per month in 2025. Utilizing \$14,500 of the Operating Reserve for maintenance equipment to minimize taxation increase in 2025 and \$45,000 from the Capital Reserve for a lift station pump. \$45,000 for infrastructure and capacity master plan, funded by Growing Communities Fund grant. Contributions to the Capital Reserve range from \$29,500 to \$37,500 for asset management.
- **Baltac Sewer** - No tax increase in 2025 with expected increases starting in 2026. \$15,000 contribution per year in 2025 and 2025 to the operating reserve to allow for phase-in of the expected interest rate increase when the debenture renews in 2026. Contributions of \$30,000 per year for asset management.

Area



**A typical residential taxpayer\* in Electoral Area G will pay \$623 for RDEK taxes on the shared services, which is an increase of \$49 over last year.**

## Highlights:

- **Edgewater Fire Service** - No increase to average residential property. Budget includes grant funded equipment of \$102,000, \$50,000 replacement of compressor for self-contained breathing apparatus funded by the equipment reserve. \$32,000 in new taxation from service area boundary expansion will be used to increase equipment reserve contribution.
- **Wilmer/Toby Benches Fire** - \$44 average residential property increase to fund additional wages for contract negotiations, inflationary pressures and increasing reserve contributions for large apparatus replacements between 2026 and 2032.
- **Radium Resort/Dry Gulch Fire Service** - Estimated \$20 average residential property increase to fund increase in fire service contract (Village of Radium Hot Springs) and increased contributions to reserve for future large apparatus replacements.
- **Brownsville Fire Service** - Estimated \$14 average residential property increase to fund increase in fire service contract (Village of Radium Hot Springs) and increased contributions to reserve for future large apparatus replacements.

[Area G Highlights continued on next page »](#)

*\* Based on the average \$596,000 residential assessment*

# ELECTORAL AREA HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

## Area G Highlights (continued):

- **Edgewater Sewer** - \$10 parcel tax increase to fund inflationary maintenance and operating costs. We are utilizing funds from the operating reserve to recover unexpected maintenance costs in 2024 and rebuilding operating reserves (\$9,000 per year 2025 – 2029). Capital reserve contributions range from \$21,000 to \$119,000 over the Five-Year plan. Controls and SCADA upgrade, funded from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program as part of the Edgewater Broadband project. User fee increase of \$6.00 per month for residential and similar percentage base increases for non-residential in 2025.
- **Edgewater Water** - \$26 parcel tax increase to fund wage adjustment, inflationary operating costs and portion of operating deficit in 2024. Controls and SCADA upgrade, funded from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program as part of the Edgewater Broadband project. \$500,000 capital project in 2026, utilizing funding from the Growing Communities Fund. Project will be determined upon completion of utility masterplan in 2025. User fee increases of \$3 per month plus consumption increase of \$0.10/m<sup>3</sup> in 2025. \$110,000 from the Capital Reserve for fund Lake Baptist Dam legal costs and \$40,000 from the Operating Reserve for Dam inundation assessment. Contributions to the Capital Reserve of \$96,000 to \$235,000 over the five-year plan for asset management.
- **Spur Valley Water** - No parcel tax increase for Spur Valley. There will be user fee increases of \$8 per month plus a \$0.20/m<sup>3</sup> consumption increase in 2024 and \$8 per month in 2025 to fund inflationary costs. Contributions to capital reserve ranging from \$23,000 to \$40,000 over the five-year plan. Larger contributions will be required in the future to meet the rising cost of infrastructure replacement.
- **Discretionary Grant in Aid Funds** - \$4 tax increase / avg residential property required to maintain average level for Discretionary Grant in Aid funding.
- **Edgewater Recreation** - \$34 tax increase / avg residential property to fund 2024 operating deficit, increased operating costs and Building Reserve contribution. Post office demolition (late 2025/2026) estimated at \$48,000 to be repaid over four years plus interest. Elector assent costs will be charged to the new Edgewater Post Office Service, if it receives elector approval. Elector assent costs will not be charged to Edgewater Recreation if the new service does not receive elector approval.
- **Area G Economic Development Service** - \$10 average residential property increase to fund 2024 deficit for salaries and costs related to the Broadband Project.

**OVERALL IN 2025, RESIDENTS  
WILL NOTICE AN AVERAGE  
INCREASE OF \$43 IN THE  
ELECTORAL AREAS FOR  
SHARED SERVICES**

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## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Along with increased dispatch and E-Comm costs totaling \$32,000 in 2025, the RDEK has added an additional \$45,000 to the E-Comm budget (20%) to prepare for implementation of NG911.

The three subregional emergency program services will be amalgamated into one regional service in 2025. In preparation for this change, the reserves were refunded to each subregional service in 2024. Taxation in 2025 reflects the actual cost of the service, with no use of reserve funds.

The 2025 budget includes contributions to reserves as the RDEK continues to prepare for the construction of a new RDEK office building to address the shortage of working space at the Cranbrook office. Municipal property owners will contribute 29% and Electoral Area property owners will contribute 71% of the new building cost in recognition that the Electoral Areas have a greater number of services provided by the RDEK.

# MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS

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## CENTRAL (Cranbrook/Kimberley)

Residents of Cranbrook and Kimberley receive a number of services from the RDEK, including E-911, Emergency Program, Solid Waste, Recycling, Planning, Regional Invasive Plant Pgm, Regional Parks. The municipalities collect the taxes on our behalf for these services.

Here is the total the average municipal residence\* will pay for in 2025 for all RDEK services:

**KIMBERLEY - \$272\* (\$16 INCREASE)**

**CRANBROOK - \$263\* (\$18 INCREASE)**

The increases are related to higher contract and inflationary costs for Central Solid Waste, costs related to the Central Emergency Program, and the implementation of the NG911 system upgrade.

## COLUMBIA VALLEY (Invermere, Radium, Canal Flats)

Residents of Invermere, Canal Flats and Radium receive a number of services from the RDEK, including E-911, Emergency Program, Solid Waste, Recycling, Planning, CV Recreation, Regional Invasive Plant Program, Regional Parks, and CV Broadband (Invermere and Radium only). The municipalities collect the taxes on our behalf for these services.

Here is the total the average municipal residence\* will pay for in 2025 for all RDEK services:

**CANAL FLATS - \$462\* (\$8 INCREASE)**

**INVERMERE - \$456\* (\$13 INCREASE)**

**RADIUM - \$477\* (\$16 INCREASE)**

Increases are related to higher contract and inflationary costs for Columbia Valley Solid Waste, costs related to the Columbia Valley Emergency Program, the implementation of the NG911 system upgrade, and Columbia Valley Economic Development. There is a slight decrease this year in Columbia Valley Broadband.

## ELK VALLEY (Elkford, Fernie, Sparwood)

Residents of Fernie, Elkford and Sparwood receive a wide range of services from the RDEK, including E-911, Emergency Program, Solid Waste, Recycling, Planning, Regional Invasive Plant Program, Elk Valley Airport, Elk Valley Victim's Assistance, Regional Parks. The municipalities collect the taxes on our behalf for these services.

Here is the total the average municipal residence\* will pay for in 2025 for all RDEK services:

**FERNIE - \$317\* (\$6 INCREASE)**

**ELKFORD - \$336\* (\$22 INCREASE)**

**SPARWOOD - \$325\* (\$3 INCREASE)**

The increases are related to increased higher contract and inflationary costs for Elk Valley Solid Waste, increased library grants, the implementation of the NG911 system upgrade, Elk Valley Transit, and Elk Valley Airport Service.

## KOOTENAY EAST REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT

The Kootenay East Regional Hospital District (KERHD) provides up to 40 percent capital funding for acute care facilities in the region for equipment and facility construction and renovation.

The Board has adopted the 2025 budget. The budget includes a tax increase of \$30 / average residential property (assessed at \$519,000 in 2024).

The 2025 budget includes funds to build reserves for future large capital projects. Planned capital projects include:

- New Oncology/Renal project at East Kootenay Regional Hospital.
- New FW Green Home in Cranbrook
- CT scanners at East Kootenay Regional Hospital and Golden Hospital.
- Golden and Elk Valley Hospital Primary Care expansion
- Elkford Health Centre Primary Care - Phase 1

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