



**2022 Ratepayer's Meeting  
Elbow Civic Centre  
October 25, 2022  
7:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order**

Colleen Hoppenreys, Mayor

**2. Welcome/Mayor's Address**

Colleen Hoppenreys, Mayor

**3. Reports**

- Brian Ford – Infrastructure/SMR Statement
- Tyler Gifford – Fire Department

**4. Asset Management Video**

**5. Line 19 Multi-Purpose Facility Presentation**

Project Manager Jocelyn Veikle & Councillor Joanne Brochu

**6. Old Buildings Update – Russ Stevenson**

**7. Questions and Discussion from the Floor**

**8. Adjournment**

**DRINKS AND COOKIES!!!**



# VILLAGE OF ELBOW

## 2022 Taxes, Fees and Budget Highlights

### TAXES

There are two parts to your property taxes: education property taxes which are set by the province and municipal property taxes which are set by Council.

Council develops the Village's capital and operating budget for the year by balancing all of the expenditures needed to operate the Village, with the revenue coming in from user fees (utility bills, landfill fees, rental fees, etc.) and grants. Council weighs the needs vs. the wants of the Village, level of service, what can be cut, what efficiencies can be made and what can be done to increase revenues. The difference between the projected expenses and revenues is then covered by the property taxes.

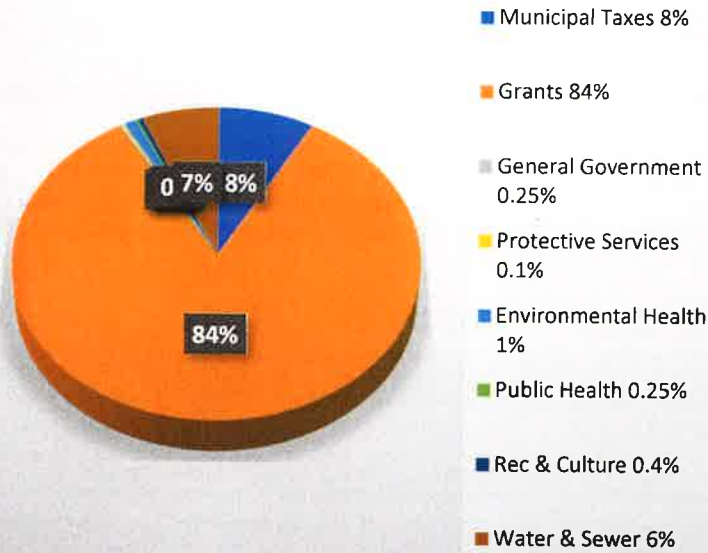
The Village of Elbow's taxable assessment increased slightly in 2022 which translates to a property tax revenue increase of \$7,168. There was a decrease in the Provincial Revenue Sharing Grant (down \$3,076), the Canada Community-Building Fund grant (was gas tax) (down \$20,236.85). As elsewhere, the Village has seen substantial increases in power, energy, fuel, supplies, etc. All of this combined, including the building of the Multiplex, Council passed a balanced budget. By legislation, a municipality is not able to have a deficit budget.

Year	Mill Rate	Residential Mill Rate Factor	Commercial Mill Rate Factor	Base Tax
2022	4.75	1	2.25	900
2021	4.75	1	2.25	900
2020	4.75	1	2.25	780
2019	4.75	1	2.25	780
2018	4.75	1	2.25	780
2017	4.22	1	2.25	730
2016	4.22	1	2.25	730
2015	4.22	1	2.25	730
2014	4.22	1	2.25	730
2013	4.22	1	2.25	685
2012	11.92	1	1	685
2011	11.92	1	1	685

How to calculate your property taxes in simple steps:

1. Taxable Assessment x Mill Rate/  
1000 = Initial Levy
2. (Initial Levy x Mill Rate Factor) +  
Base Tax = Municipal Property Tax
3. Taxable Assessment x Education  
Mill Rate/1000 = Education  
Property Tax

## 2022 Budgeted Revenue \$ 7,311,534.41



Municipal Taxes: municipal property tax levy less abatements, early payment discounts plus penalties

Grants: Federal and Provincial grants, recreation grants (ICIP, RM), Multiplex Naming Rights, Grants in Lieu of Taxes (SaskPower, RCMP, SaskTel)

General Government: fees and charges

Protective Services: fire fees (partnership with RM's)

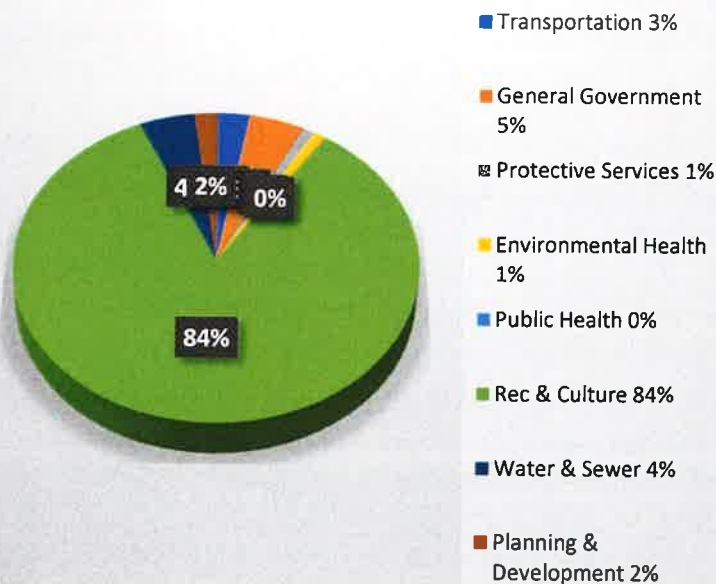
Environmental Health: landfill fees, garbage and recycle fees

Public Health: cemetery, building permits

Rec & Culture: Civic Centre, Library, Museum, Rink, Tufts Bay Campground, sportsgrounds

Water & Sewer: water & sewer billing, lagoon fees, infrastructure fees

## 2022 Budgeted Expenditures \$7,311,133.13



Transportation: gravel, snow removal, equipment, wages, street lights, utilities, etc.

General Government: audit, legal, assessment, website, wages, insurance, bank charges, office equip., postage, etc.

Protective Services: RCMP levy, fire department, emo first responders, etc.

Environmental Health: landfill, recycling, garbage, wages

Public Health: cemetery, housing authority

Rec & Culture: Civic Centre, Library, Museum, Tufts Bay Campground, Rink, parks, orchard, cleaning, Multiplex

Water & Sewer: water treatment plant, lagoon, lifts stations, water & sewer mains, meters, curb stops, utilities, fire hydrants, wages, etc.

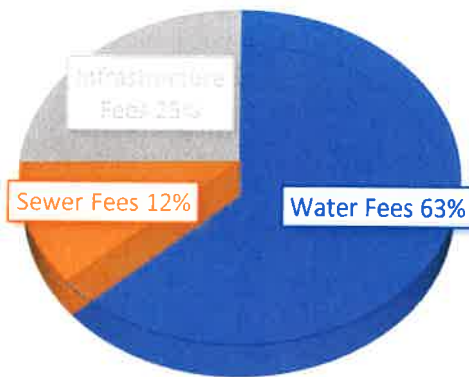
Planning & Development: building inspector, industrial subdivision servicing, street lights

## UTILITY (WATER & SEWER) RATES

Utility bills are sent out quarterly (March, June, September, December). Many adjustments were made this year and we appreciate your patience. We are collecting an inventory of water meter pictures to ensure they are being read correctly. Water rates increased in April 2022 as per the SaskWater schedule and the Loraas rates increased by 10%. The sewer and infrastructure rates have remained the same since set in 2020.

The budgeted expense to operate the Village's water and sewer system in 2022 is \$352,600.

## 2022 WATER & SEWER CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET \$352,600



Water Fees \$222,100

Sewer Fees \$41,500

Infrastructure Fees \$89,000

\*This year we are planning for the servicing of the east side of the Industrial Subdivision Area (14 lots). The actual service install will take place in 2023.

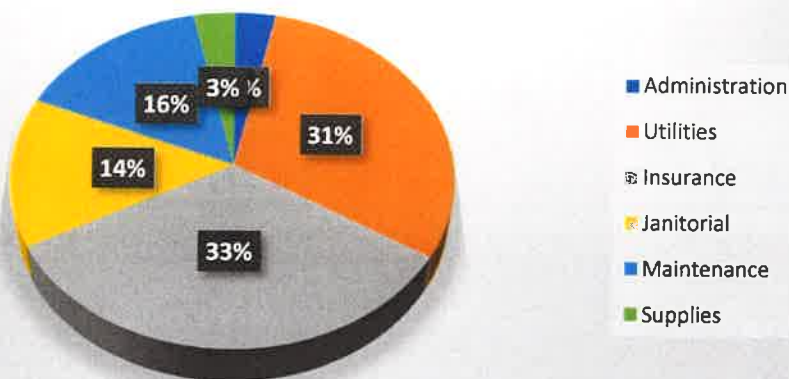
Quarterly Rates:	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Water (minimum 3000 gallons)	none	21.25	24.92	29.90	35.88	43.06
Water (over minimum)	\$1.51/1000 gallons	\$5.28/1000 gallons	\$6.20/1000 gallons	\$7.45/1000 gallons	\$8.94/1000 gallons	\$10.73/1000 gallons
Sewer	10	10	10	12	12	12
Water Infrastructure	10	10	10	12	12	12
Sewer Infrastructure	12	12	12	12	12	12
Recycling & Garbage	23.50	24.20	24.92	24.92	24.92	27.41

## RECREATION

Recreation facilities are incredibly important for a healthy, vibrant community. Recreation and community centres provide opportunities for residents to be active and interact with others. They are common-ground areas that are focused on inclusivity, while fostering a culture of health and well-being. It is for this reason that recreation facilities are key to the development of a healthy community.

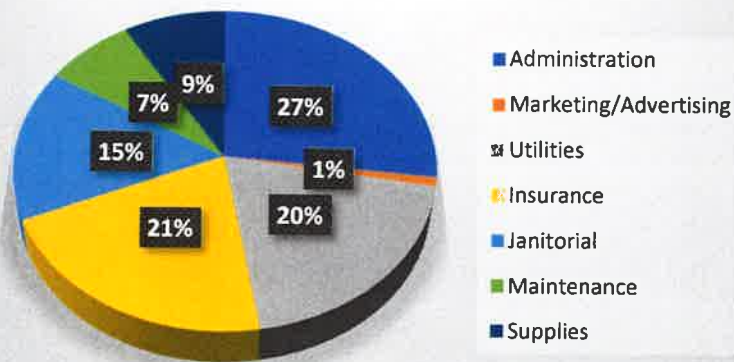
Recreation is a valuable investment for our community and we are thankful for those that have come before us and worked hard to fundraise, build and support the recreational opportunities we have in Elbow.

### 2022 Civic Centre Rink Library Operating Budgets \$46,252



In 2021, the total operating budget for the Civic Center, Rink, and Library was \$44,752. Income for the buildings was \$14,791 resulting in a deficit of \$29,961.

### 2023 Proposed Harbor Golf Community Center Proposed Operating Budget



The proposed Harbor Golf Community Center income is \$64,000. Expenses area projected to be \$92,820. The projected deficit is approximately \$28,800.

The Village is responsible for other buildings and infrastructure throughout the community that are often not thought about as a cost to the ratepayer. Just like recreation, these too are vital to a healthy and vibrant community: Museum, Sod House, Wellness Clinic, Fire Hall, Shop, Sportsgrounds, Street Lights, Parks and Playgrounds, Water Treatment Plant, Sewage Lift Stations, Landfill, Lagoon, & Cemetery.

### **RECREATION ELBOW**

This fall, we've added a part-time roll to our Village of Elbow staff. Jocelyn Martens will be taking on the role of Recreation & Community Development Manager. She has scope of work that includes managing and promoting the rentals in our new building, supporting and enhancing our recreation programs, looking for funding/grant opportunities for our community, economic development, and promoting tourism in our Village. If you'd like to be in touch with her, her email is [recreationelbow@gmail.com](mailto:recreationelbow@gmail.com).

### **DONOR TREE**

We're so grateful for the many community members that have made a donation to our fund. We will be recognizing the donors of our project on a "Donor Tree" in the lobby of the Harbor Golf Community Center. Each donor will have their name on a leaf.

Platinum Sponsors: \$10,000+

Gold Sponsors: \$5,000 - \$9,999

Silver Sponsors: \$1,000 - \$4,999

Bronze Sponsors: \$500 - \$999

Donations are being accepted by the Village of Elbow office – cash, cheque or e-transfer to [elbow2@sasktel.net](mailto:elbow2@sasktel.net). Cheques to be made out to the Village of Elbow – charitable donation receipts will be issued.

thank you!



## Appendix 2: Defensive Fire Department Assessment

The assessment process includes a review of the community and its hazards, its firefighting needs, and current assessment of the organization and capability of the department.

It should take approximately 24 working hours. It includes:

Looking at documents;

Inspecting apparatus and equipment; and

And observing practical evolutions.

DEFENSIVE SERVICE LEVEL: GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY				
	Non-compliant	Compliance Pending	Fully-compliant	NA
1) Does the governing body have a fire department establishment bylaw?				
2) Is that bylaw current, and does it reflect all services being provided by the fire department?				
3) Are the fire protection district boundaries clearly defined?				
4) Are the different service boundaries defined? Note: This applies where services are contracted to First Nation lands; Regional District specified areas, Industrial sites, etc. It is not intended to refer to areas served under Mutual Aid agreements.				
5) Does the governing body have a contract fire protection area?				
(a) The documents are current				
(b) The documents are specific to the service provided				
(c) Contract area maps are in place				
6) There are written agreement(s) with:				
(a) The Ministry of Forests and Range				
→ Has it been duly authorized by your governing body?				
(b) Emergency Health Services regarding First Response				
→ Has it been duly authorized by your governing body?				
(c) Other fire service-related agreement(s). List: e.g., Agreements for inspections, investigations, rescue services, etc.				
→ Has it (they) been duly authorized by your governing body?				
7) Are there written Mutual Aid agreements in place?				
If yes, are the following covered:				

DEFENSIVE SERVICE LEVEL: GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY				
	Non-compliant	Compliance Pending	Fully-compliant	NA
→ chain of command				
→ common terminology				
→ inter-department training				
→ inter-departmental communications				
→ maps				
→ they are current				
→ they are outlined in your Operational Guidelines				
→ if yes, provide OG#				
→ they have been duly authorized by your governing body				
8) If there are written Automatic Aid agreements in place, do they satisfy all the points addressed in question 6 above.				

DEFENSIVE SERVICE LEVEL: ADMINISTRATION				
	Non-compliant	Compliance Pending	Fully-compliant	NA
1) Are the following types of records available for inspection?				
a) Apparatus maintenance, including inspection and repair				
b) List of apparatus				
c) Maintenance records including annual pump tests				
d) Driver training records				
e) Drivers abstract and license				
f) Vehicle pre-trip inspection				
g) Vehicle post trip inspection (back in service inspections and/or call logs acceptable)				
h) Weekly air brake checks				
i) Overweight permits (if required)				
j) Practice (training) attendance				
k) Equipment maintenance (including SCBA, turnout gear, ropes, gas testing equipment, PASS alarms				
l) Hose testing				
m) Ladder testing				
n) Fire prevention and inspections				
o) Personnel including:				
→ work performance				
→ discipline				
→ WCB (work related incidents)				