# **How Your Property Taxes are Calculated**

Municipal Property Taxes are based on two factors:

- The 2025 Operating Budget passed by Town Council
- Property Assessment values



# **How Your Municipal Taxes are Calculated:**

Your Property's Assessment Value

Rate 1000

Your Municipal Taxes

# **Alberta School Foundation Fund** and Senior Foundation

The Town of Redwater is required by Provincial legislation to collect education taxes and senior's foundation taxes on behalf of the Province of Alberta

These taxes are collected by every municipality and remitted directly to the Province of Alberta. The Town of Redwater has no control over establishing these tax rates.

All residential and non-residential property owners pay education taxes, including people without children and senior citizens. If, however, a senior is eligible for the Alberta Seniors' Benefit, a portion of the money received is intended to assist with payment of property taxes. Questions related to the Alberta's Senior's Benefit should be directed to the Government of Alberta at 1-877-644-9992.

For more information on Provincial Education Property taxes, please contact the Alberta Education Property Tax Information line at (780) 422-7125.



# **Understanding Your Assessment**

# Market Value-Based Assessment

Although it is largely assumed that an assessment should equal a recent sale price, this is not always the case.

- •The sale might not have occurred in the assessment year or the date on which the property was valued
- •The buyer or the seller may have been unduly motivated and therefore the price paid for the property might not be truly representative of the market value
- •The sale may have involved a trade or personal property

It is important to note that the sale price is amount agreed upon by both the purchaser and the seller on a specific property.

As part of the process for assessing property, assessors will perform various analysis techniques on ranges of sale prices within groups of similar properties over a period of time, and adjusted to reflect a specific point in time.

# Valuation and Condition Date

In Alberta there are two key legislated dates by which certain assessment processes must be completed:

# Valuation Date

The valuation date ensures that all properties in a municipality are valued as of the same date. The assessment you receive shows the estimated value of your property on July 1, 2024.

## Condition Date

The condition date is the date on which the condition of the property is recorded for property assessment purposes. Your property's assessment must reflect the condition of the property as of December 31, 2024.

# **Mortgage Company Payments**

If your mortgage payment includes property taxes, your mortgage company will receive a copy of the tax notice and you will receive the original. You are responsible for ensuring your taxes are paid, tax penalties will apply if your mortgage holder does not pay by June 30, 2025

# PAYMENT INFORMATION

# Property taxes are due on June 30, 2025

For payments made by mail, the Canada Post postmark is considered as the payment received date. The imprint of a commercial postage meter is not accepted as proof of the mailing date of your payment.

For telephone banking and internet banking payments, please be aware of your bank's policies regarding the effective date of payment. For property tax payments, confirm that your property tax roll account number is the one registered on your bank's bill payment menu.

# Payments can be made:

- By Mail
- At the Town Office by cash, cheque, or Interac debit

Monday thru Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Town Office is closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

After hours drop-off box available at front entrance (for cheques only)

- By credit card via PaySimply at paysimply.ca (please note a convenience fee will apply)
- Via Telephone or Internet banking through most major financial institutions

Please include the remittance portion with your payment Make cheques payable to:

# Town of Redwater

PO Box 397 Redwater, Alberta T0A 2W0

To obtain a copy of your receipt contact the Town Office at 780-942-3519 or email redwater@redwater.ca.







# **2025 Property Assessment** & Tax Information

If you are currently paying your property taxes by automatic bank withdrawal, you will be notified in writing of the change

PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

# TAX REBATE BYLAW 825

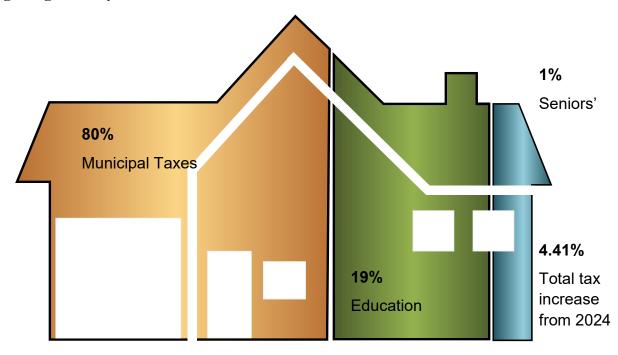
New residential construction may be eligible for the Municipal Property Tax Rebate. Please visit our website, www.redwater.ca, for details on how to apply.

4924 - 47 Street | Box 397 • Redwater, AB TOA 2W0 Phone: 780-942-3519 • Fax: 780-942-4321 www.redwater.ca

Tax Payment Deadline: June 30, 2025

# How your tax dollars work for you

Average Single Family Residence—Assessed value: \$225,200



# Average Annual \$2,242/ year \$186 / month \$6 / day

# Your tax dollars build our community through the following services:

- Arena & Curling Facilities
- Bylaw Services
- Community Beautification
- Community Cultural Centre
- Community & Family Programs
- Economic Development & Promotion
- Emergency & Disaster Recovery

- Family & Community Support Services
- Fire Response & Prevention
- Museum & Library Facilities
- Pool, Parks & Recreation Facilities
- Road & Sidewalk Maintenance
- Street Lights
- Street Sweeping and Snow Removal

# **Town of Redwater 2025 Budget**

# **Operating Budget**

Recognizing ongoing pressures related to inflation on maintaining and improving service levels in addition to Town programming, Town Council finalized the 2025 Budget to reflect a 4.41% budget increase over 2024.

# **Capital Budget**

Some exciting capital projects included in the 2025 budget for a total of \$2,849,278, majority of funding through Local Government Fiscal Framework Fund, Canada Community Building Fund, municipal taxation, Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program, and Town reserves:

- Bridge Rehabilitation
- Intersection Upgrade at Highway 38 & Ochre Park Rd.
- Pembina Place arena seating and fixed furnishings
- Watermain Rehabilitation/Replacements
- Annual sidewalk program
- 64th Street Overlay
- Pembina Place roof replacement
- 52 Ave Watermain Project (Phase 2)

# Detailed Budget Information is available on the Town website, <u>www.redwater.ca</u>.



# **Assessment Changes - 2025**

# **Assessments**

The assessment value amount that is on your notice is an estimate of the market value of your property as of July of 2024. The assessor gathers information on all properties types including lot size, building size, ages of buildings, number of bathrooms, amount of basement finish, renovations or upgrades, property sales, and, for commercial or multi-family property types, this may also include income and expense information (for tenant occupied/rental properties).

You are encouraged to talk to an assessor if you have concerns about the assessment as it relates to your property value in July of 2024. Please contact the Town Office who will put you in touch with an assessor.

Please also keep in mind that the assessor does not set the tax rates in the municipality, and therefore cannot answer questions about property taxation. Nor can they answer questions about the amount of services you receive. For tax rate questions, for questions about services, or for general inquiries please contact the Town Office.

# Tax Payment Deadline is June 30, 2025.

# **Tax Penalty Bylaw**

The following penalties apply in 2025 on any unpaid current taxes:

July 1st - 10%

After Dec 31st - 12% on all taxes, penalties, and applicable costs

