

2020 AMENDED PROPERTY TAXES

Property Tax Rates				
Tax Rate	2019	2020	Change	% Change
Residential	5.6233	5.6233	0.0000	0.00%
Utilities	43.1050	41.6173	-1.4877	(3.45%)
Major industry	27.1215	27.1215	0.0000	0.00%
Light industry	16.8112	16.8112	0.0000	0.00%
Business and other	17.5230	16.6469	-0.8761	(5.00%)
Rec/non-profit	6.5298	6.5298	0.0000	0.00%
Farm	6.3747	6.3747	0.0000	0.00%

Property Tax is levied per \$ 1,000 of assessed value.

Total Assessment Value 2019 vs 2020 ('000)				
Class	2019	2020	Change	% Change
Residential	1,229,877	1,196,306	(33,571)	(2.73%)
Utilities	1,710	1,879	170	9.94%
Major Industry	26,741	25,277	(1,464)	(5.47%)
Light Industry	19,003	19,469	466	2.45%
Commercial	462,693	487,697	25,004	5.40%
Recreational	723	768	45	6.22%
Farm	343	354	11	3.16%
Total	1,741,090	1,731,750	(9,340)	(4.76%)

This table shows the total value of property in Dawson Creek broken up by class and compares the value of property that was subject to property tax in 2019 to the 2020 assessed value provided by BC Assessment in March 2020, including any appeal adjustment up to November 2020.

Residential properties made up the majority of the decrease in the assessed value (\$31.5M) followed by the decrease for Major Industry (\$1.5M), which was offset by a significant increase in Commercial (\$25M). Non-Market Change (NMC), which is related to new inventory, contributed to \$10.2M increase.

	Residential			Commercial		
	# of Roll	total Municipal Taxes	average increase/decrease	# of Roll	total Municipal Taxes	average increase/decrease
Decrease in taxes	3,073	(338,682)	\$ (110)	475	(353,491)	\$ (744)
Increase less the \$100	1,221	40,725	\$ 33	191	2,634	\$ 14
Increase \$100-\$300	394	65,403	\$ 166	70	16,761	\$ 239
Increase \$300-\$1000	60	26,815	\$ 447	116	65,382	\$ 564
Increase over a \$1000 (*)	19	28,826	\$ 1,517	89	281,364	\$ 3,161
	4,767	(176,913)	\$ (37)	941	12,649	\$ 13

(*) majority related to the Non-Market Change increase by BC Assessment

Municipal Taxes on a Residential home that changed by the the average			
	2019	Average / Change	2020
Assessment	\$ 253,000	(\$12,000), (4.74%)	\$ 241,000
Tax Rate	5.6233		5.6233
Taxes	\$ 1,423		\$ 1,355
Flat Tax	\$ 300		\$ 300
Total Municipal Tax	\$ 1,723		\$ 1,655
Change from Last year		\$ (67) -3.9%	

2020 AMENDED BUDGET

Keeping taxes stable and affordable

Residential Property Tax Payment Change

- 64% of residents saw a decrease in property taxes.
- 26% of residents saw an increase in property taxes of less than \$100.
- 9% of residents saw an increase in property taxes between \$101 and \$300.

Commercial Property Tax Payment Change

- 51% of commercial properties saw a decrease in property tax.
- 20% of commercial properties saw an increase of less than \$100.
- 19% of commercial properties saw an increase in property taxes between \$101 and \$300.

Peace River Agreement Spending

	2019	2020
Capital	\$ 8.0M (52%)	\$ 8.9M (57%)
Operating	\$ 7.3M (48%)	\$ 6.6M (43%)
Total	\$ 15.3M	\$ 15.5M

Debt Reduction

Debt	2019	2020	Change
General	12,851,805	11,096,748	(1,755,057)
Water	5,015,834	4,167,470	(848,364)
Sewer	6,311,054	5,953,062	(357,992)
Total	24,178,693	21,217,280	(2,961,413)

See Council Report 20-230 re. 2020-2024 Amended Financial Plan for the explanation of the main variances between 2020 Amended and Original Budget.

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AMENDED BUDGET



COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

Dawson Creek will be a visionary community that works together for innovative social, cultural, economic and environmental vitality.

CORPORATE VISION STATEMENT

The Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek will be a forward looking, honest, respectful, fair, accessible and collaborative government that prides itself on responsive fiscal stewardship and holds the trust and confidence of the community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Corporate Mission of the City of Dawson Creek is to provide excellence in service and leadership that promotes a dynamic community within a healthy environment for all generations.

Where will the Money Come From (Amended)

	\$
General Municipal Taxes	17,457,804
Peace River Agreement	15,450,311
Fees and charges	11,217,616
Collections for other Govt	7,517,427
Other (gaming, franchise, misc. grants)	8,744,473
2020 Reserve for carry forward projects	2,540,825
Total 2020 Available Funding	\$ 62,928,456

Where Will the Money Go

Operations

Protective Services	\$ 9,237,786
Recreational and Cultural	7,355,625
Transportation Services	6,767,985
General Administration	4,675,216
Debt Services	3,699,673
Water Services	3,102,280
Environmental Development	1,281,967
Sewer Services	1,345,342
Environmental Waste Services	1,047,061
Cemetery Services	216,769

Total Operating expenses \$38,729,704

Capital Projects Current year	\$10,445,250
Capital Projects Prior year carry	2,540,825

Total Capital Expenses \$12,986,075

Remittance to other Govt (PRRD, School, Hospital) \$ 7,517,427

Total Expenditures \$59,233,206

Current Year Savings to Reserves \$ 3,695,250

Total Operational and Capital \$62,928,456

2020 Amended Year End Accumulated Surplus & Reserves

Operating Funds

- General	3,056,382
- Water	1,363,902
- Sewer	2,931,140
Total Operating Funds	7,351,424

Capital

- General and Flood Mitigation	7,560,217
- Water	2,299,744
- Sewer	4,293,819
Total Capital Reserves	14,153,780

Other Reserves

Restricted General Reserve	4,316,635
Statutory Reserves	817,658
Total Other Reserves	5,134,293

Total Accumulated Surplus before

Tangible Capital Assets Investments 26,639,497

City of Dawson Creek

2020 New Capital Projects

Detailed Capital Projects and Sources of Funding

Project Description		2020 Amended Budget
Airport	Airport - Line Painting Machine	35,000
	ATB HVAC Improvements	100,000
	De-icing Equipment	300,000
	Hangar Doors and Floors	100,000
	ACAP Culvert Replacement	297,731
Total Airport		832,731
Facilities	Memorial Arena Building Upgrades (BAS & HVAC)	345,000
	Exhibition Grounds Demo - Phase II	150,000
	Kin Arena Washrooms Upgrade	160,000
	Memorial/Kin/Curing Rink Bldg. Upgrades	100,000
	Cemetery Upgrades	23,000
	Fire Hall Exterior Pump Room Door	20,000
	EEC - Equipment Replacement	406,794
	Curling Rink Upgrades	135,000
	KBAC Pool/Mechanical Upgrades	209,789
	City Hall Building Upgrades	90,000
	KPAC - HVAC Upgrades	70,000
	Project Manager (split 30%)	26,700
	Total Facilities	
Paving & Sidewalks	17th St. Multipath Reining Wall	35,000
	15th St Rehabilitation	3,675,488
	Roadworks Geotechnical Investigation	35,000
Total Paving & Sidewalks		3,745,488
	Drainage - 15th Street	1,049,481
Total Drainage		1,049,481
Total General New Projects		7,363,983
Water	Roadworks water related	242,921
	WTP Access Road	297,661
	Report - Upgrading Parkhill Reservoir & Bearhole	19,725
	Project Manager (split)	31,150
	ADS 3 Inlet Replacement	60,000
	Watersales Assessment Report	310,000
	Flood Modelling	30,000
	Water Meter Replacement Program	250,000
	Water Valve Replacement	225,000
Total Water Projects		1,466,457
Sewer	10th St Sanitary Main Ext. -110 to 112 Ave	245,000
	107 Ave Main Ext - Lane East of 10th St to 9th St	190,000
	Dredge Lagoons Anaerobic & Aerobic Cells	247,000
	Sani-Dump Decommissioning & Replace Disk	95,000
	Trucked Waste Facility Floor Sealing	50,000
	Outfall Structure Improvement	65,000
	Lagoons Assessment	100,000
	Project Manager Salary	31,150
Total Sewer Projects		1,023,150
Equip. Pool	Fleet Replacement	591,660
Total EP Projects		591,660
Total New Projects		10,445,250

2020 COVID RELIEF PLAN

On April 27, 2020 Council approved several COVID Relief Plans to support the residents and business in the City of Dawson Creek during this time of uncertainties.

a) Tax reduction strategy

Zero % increase in Mill Rates as compared to the original budget, and an additional 5% reduction in the Commercial mill rate.

b) Waiving of the late payment penalty on taxes

Class 1 - Residential, Class 2 Utilities, and Class 9 Farm

the standard 10% penalty issued for taxes unpaid as of July 2nd, was reduced to five installments of 2% each from August to December.

Class 4 Major Industry, Class 5 Light Industry, Class 6 Business and Class 8 Recreation

Further to what the province announced, Council agreed that rather than imposing an immediate 10% penalty on October 1st, the City split the penalties as 6% of taxes unpaid as of October 1st, 2% as of November 1st; and 2% as of December 1st.

c) Reduction of the Sewer and Garbage collection fees

Reduce the variable rate for sewer by 16.8% and reducing the sewer fixed infrastructure charge by 25%. The garbage curbside pickup was reduced by 30% and was funded through the Waste Reserve for \$204K.