



# The Rochon Wave

## Hello Spring! It's Budget Season!

SV OF ROCHON SANDS COUNCIL AND STAFF

### Budget Overview:

The 2021-year end Operating Budget for Summer Village of Rochon Sands reflected the following changes that included addressing the loss of Assessment revenue, the Municipal Policing Requisition, increased costs in requisitions. The Pandemic Restrictions on travel for the year provided the municipality with increased park attendance of 16% over the previous year. A list of some of the changes that were completed during the 2021 year as follows:

- 1st quarter transition of New Shared CAO Contract and village office with SV of White Sands.
- Assessments saw a decrease of 5% over the previous year
- Municipal Policing Requisition
- 2021 Municipal Dock Replacement
- Tennis Courts/Garbage/Security Lighting Upgrade
- Sanding Truck Repair
- Municipal Office Renovation, technology, and software upgrades
- Campground Office Upgrade
- Pandemic Restrictions
- No Canada Day Grants
- Provincial Campground Policy Rates increased for 2022
- Office Hours moved from 2 days to 4 days a week
- Bank Fee Reduction in Balance on Municipal Operating Account
- Municipal Policing Requisition Payment, Year 1 term of Five years

The 2021-year end Operating Budget shows that the Municipality for the year ending maintained a surplus overall as follows:

- \$28,156.78 to municipality general revenue
- \$84,318.62 to Provincial Parks Reserve

### Newsletter Highlights

#### 2022 BUDGET

FROM THE STETTLER RCMP DETACHMENT

TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN

#### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

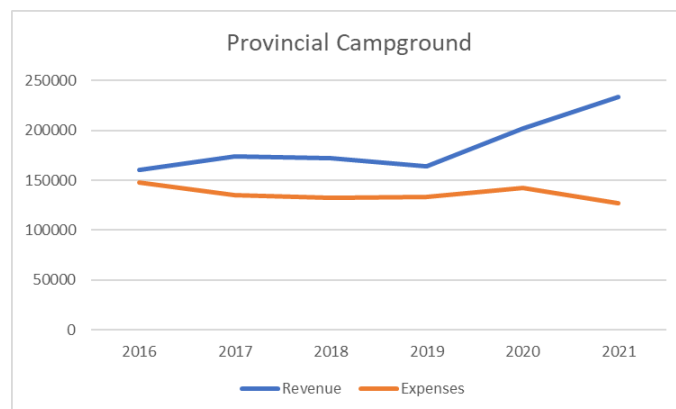
- MAY 10, 2022
- JUNE 14, 2022
- JULY 12, 2022

THEY ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND A ZOOM LINK IS FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.

## Declaration of Mailing of 2022 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices For Summer Village of Rochon Sands

THE 2022 COMBINED ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES FOR THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF ROCHON SANDS HAVE BEEN DEEMED MAILED TO ALL RESIDENTS RECORDED ON THE TAX ROLL AS OF MAY 16, 2022. TAXES DUE DATE IS 4:00 PM ON JUNE 30, 2022, PENALTIES WILL BE APPLIED FOR OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS AS PRESCRIBED BY BYLAW #256-21 AFTER THE JUNE 30, 2022 DEADLINE.

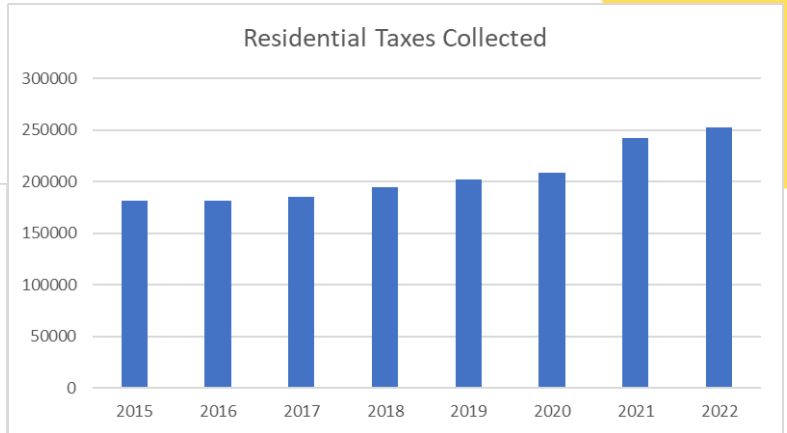
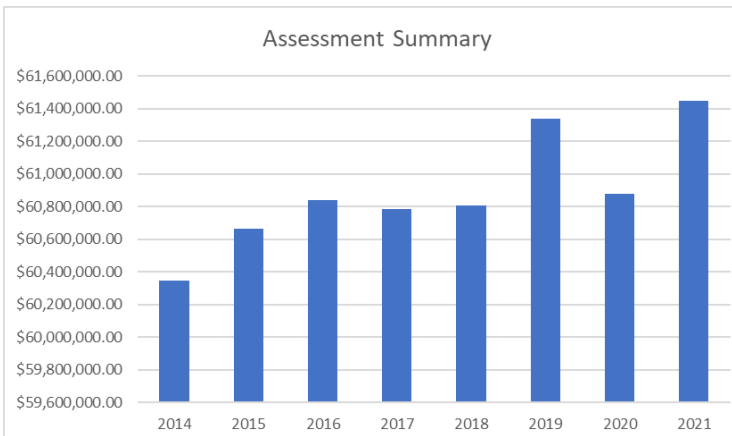
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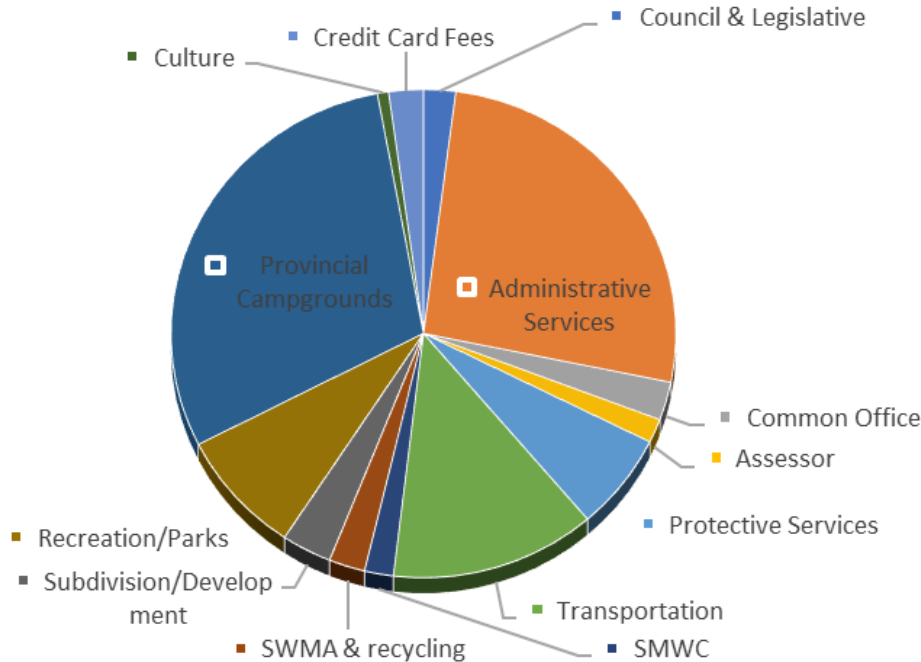
The RBC GIC investment account contains \$354,257, which contains the following: \$204,235 of MSI and CCBC (FGT formally) \$43,292.45 of unused grant funding. The 2021 MSI grant funding received was \$107,024, which covered the following projects:

- Bayview Street Speed Control (speed bumps), MSI
- Emergency Property Address Signs (Installation), MSI
- Office Renovation, MSI
- Computer Upgrades and Software, MOST
- Conceptual Water Servicing Study, MSI
- Conceptual Trails Plan, MSI, CBFF (Formerly Federal Gas Tax)
- Campground Office Renovation, Provincial Park Reserve: \$17,000, \$27,916 remaining in 2020 Provincial Park Reserves.

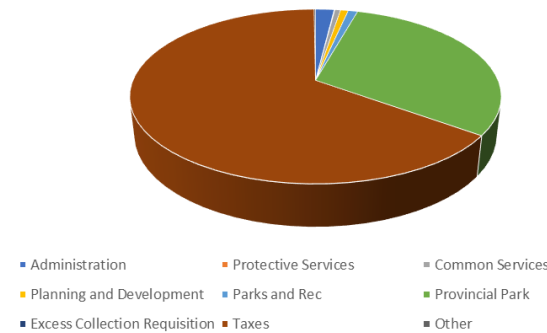
The Summer Village is in good financial standing and it meets the Municipal Government Act, which states that a municipality cannot pass an annual budget with deficit balance.



**2022 Expenses**

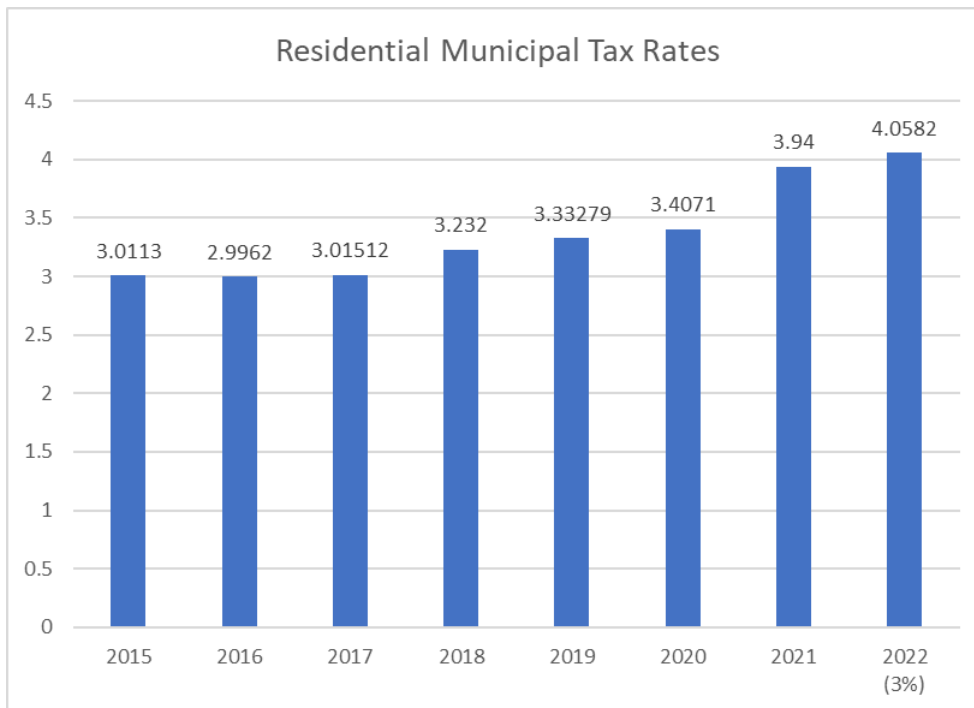


**2022 Draft Operating Revenue**



Council has approved the 2022 Operating Budget at the April 12, 2022, Regular Council Meeting and there will be a 3% change in the Municipal Mill Rate, which is reflect in the bottom charts below:

Assessment	2021 Tax Rate	2022 Tax Rate	Annual	Monthly
\$200,000.00	\$788.00	\$811.64	\$23.64	\$1.97
\$250,000.00	\$985.00	\$1,014.55	\$29.55	\$2.46
\$300,000.00	\$1,182.00	\$1,217.46	\$35.46	\$2.96
\$350,000.00	\$1,379.00	\$1,420.37	\$41.37	\$3.45
\$400,000.00	\$1,576.00	\$1,623.28	\$47.28	\$3.94
\$450,000.00	\$1,773.00	\$1,826.19	\$53.19	\$4.43
\$500,000.00	\$1,970.00	\$2,029.10	\$59.10	\$4.93
\$600,000.00	\$2,364.00	\$2,434.92	\$70.92	\$5.91
\$700,000.00	\$2,758.00	\$2,840.74	\$82.74	\$6.89
\$800,000.00	\$3,152.00	\$3,246.56	\$94.56	\$7.88



## A Little Note from S/Sgt. Holliday's presentation:

The Stettler RCMP detachment will be making more rounds, especially on their boat, in the coming months. Also, if you have any concerns with suspicious activity, traffic concerns, etc. (and non-emergent) please call **403.742.3381**. Of course, if it is an emergency, dial 911. There is a Neighbourhood Watch Facebook group. Please click here to [visit](#).

# Spring Has Sprung! Watch for....

## Events

Community events are ever evolving in our community. Please follow the following links to keep in the know.

- [What's Up at Rochon Sands Facebook Group](#)
- [Rochon Sands Hall Society](#)
- [Buffalo Lake Nature Club](#)
- [Alberta Trail Heritage](#)

- During the first and second weekends in May, there will be many volunteers out long highway ditches, including Highway 835.
- The Summer Village of Rochon Sands does have a bylaw for village nuisances. Bylaw 206 10 regulates unsightly and untidy premises. Please review the bylaw in regards to controlling noxious weeds, grass, trees, shrubs, etc. All of your grass clippings, shrubs, tree cuttings, etc. can be put in the green wagon at the village shop. Please do not put any plastic bags in the wagon.
- Please be advised that all dog must be on a leash at all times, cannot be at any public or provincial park beaches, cleaned up after, etc. Please review Bylaw 213 12 for further information.

Please click the following link to the [municipal bylaws](#).

**Something to strongly consider!**

## Tax Installment Payment Plan Option

Paying your taxes in monthly installments is a great way to help your budget! It can come straight from your bank account too since the Summer Village has that capability now and does not need to go on a credit card anymore!

Contact the municipal office for more information! Current TIPPS members, please watch out for a letter from the municipality about your options!

## Recreational Amenities

- Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts
- Playgrounds
- Provincial Park
- Watercraft sports
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Disc-Golf

## Follow up from Buffalo Lake South Shore Water Quality Committee:

As you are aware the beaches of Rochon Sands and Rochon Sands Provincial Parks were closed over the August Long weekend in 2020 due to Human Fecal Matter being detected above safe levels. The committee (Buffalo Lake South Shore Water Quality committee) was struck last year following this finding with concerned community members wanting to play a proactive role maintaining the quality of the water in the lake to ensure years of continued enjoyment for visitors and residents to this area. Please note the following is a recap of activities to date:

We organized a presentation by Lesley Desjardin from Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association On June 2nd. The presentation provided an overview of the main contributing factors resulting in human fecal matter in the lake water. 1. Leaking septic and holding tanks. 2. Septic Systems installed in Water table. 3. Greywater directly discharging into lake or water table. Lesley spoke about the results experienced around other lakes in Alberta where proper regulations were not initiated before the resulting Blue Algae problem became prevalent requiring the closure of beaches for swimming and water activities.

Lesley contributed that in her experience over a number of years the communities with the best outcomes were included in early education and community engagement to increase homeowner/property owner accountability. The next step will be related to the Regulatory Authority, to support responsible enactment. It is recognized that the SVRS council has been working on this bylaw which has gone to 1st reading but has been held for the time being while further engagement with other municipalities and counties can address some issues related to consistency of practice given the number of municipalities and counties that are surrounding Buffalo Lake.

Lesley provided that current regulation that are expected in Alberta:

1. Alberta Private Sewage System Standard of Practice and Handbook (2015)
  - a. AB sewage Regulation
  - b. AB Permit regulation
  - c. Safety Codes Act
2. Alberta Public Health Act

The committee embarked on lake water specimen collection to be sent to environmental health for testing. Collection took place once a week from July 7 – Sept 1 inclusive. The lake water samples were taken from 3 consistent spots in the Provincial Park swimming area and 3 spots in the Rochon Sands Bay area. Although some of the results from AHS Environmental Microbiology Testing were inconclusive, it was noted that the fecal matter increased throughout the summer. The highest count of fecal matter was 1082 cce per 100 mls, that specimen count was slightly less that what results in “REPORTING” by environmental health (greater than 1280 cce per 100 mls). The range was from 0 at beginning of summer to 1082 cce per 100 mls. At the highest peak of the study.

We had several learnings throughout the summer and plan to address these next summer when we commence a 2nd year of specimen collection through this volunteer committee. We were able to provide information to people enjoying the lake during the time of our collection. There was a clear positive response from many of those we encountered as to their feedback response regarding collecting and testing water. Numerous people had questions related to legislation related to maintaining a good quality of water in the lake.

Recommendations:

1. It will be of value to conduct specimen collection next year to submit for testing.
2. Continue to address the importance of follow through with Bylaw, perhaps take a leadership role instead of a wait and see role with other municipalities.
3. Engage community with education related to waste water management possibly in collaboration with Onsite Wastewater Management Association
4. Utilize social media to address learning gaps and engage the community members.

Respectfully submitted by Laurene Black on Behalf of Buffalo Lake South Shore Water Quality Management Committee

# Piers, Wharves, Docks, Mooring, and Boatlifts Policy AD 1.25

At the May 10th Regular Council Meeting, Council passed the above policy. To have a boatlift on the shorelines in Rochon Sands, you need to apply to the Alberta Government for a "Temporary Field Authorization (TFA)" application for them to say "yes" or "no" where to put your dock, boatlift, etc. The municipality is NOT approving your application to approve where to put your boat lift. We are only giving you consent to cross the MR/ER land.

To apply for the letter to cross the MR/ER land for your TFA application, please do the following:

- Read and follow all of the policy and procedures in it.
- Send your TFA application, the Summer Village application, and the processing fee of \$25.00 to the Summer Village. You can send the applications via email and call the office for payment methods.

When we receive all of the above, we will issue the letter of the temporary crossing of the MR and ER land. Please provide an email that we can send it to.

Any questions, please call the office.

Please click [here](#) to go to the current policy and Summer Village's application.