

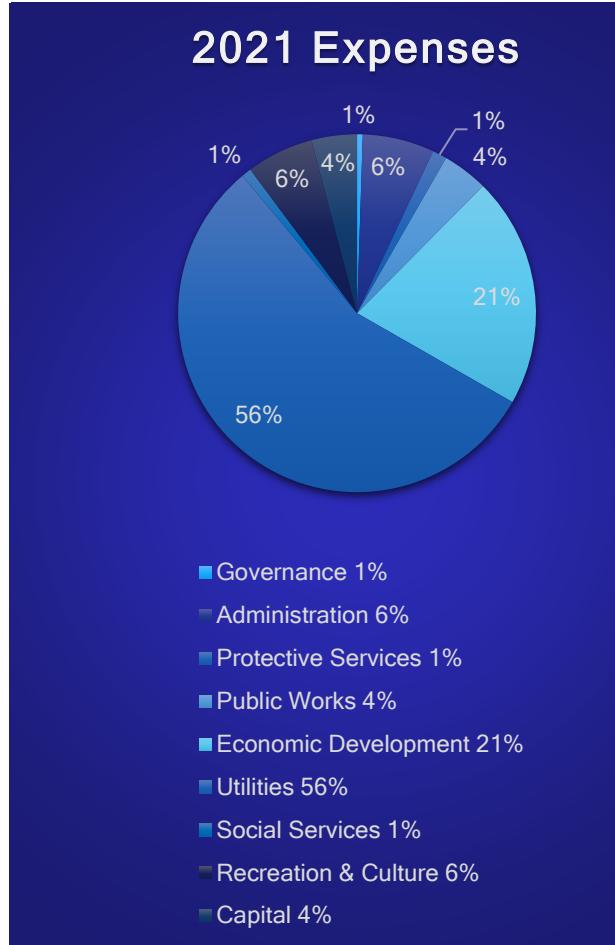
## Capital Plan

A multi-year capital plan was prepared by town council to address long-term infrastructure needs in Bassano. Changes were made to capital priorities in late 2020 because of a shift in grants and other government funds. The capital plan is still informed by the Infrastructure Master Plan as prepared by MPE Engineering for the town.

Major infrastructure projects are planned as follows:

1. Bassano Wastewater Upgrades and Irrigation Project (sewage lagoon upgrade) - construction is underway with substantial completion by December 31, 2021.
2. Above ground and below ground infrastructure project - planning is underway to find innovative ways to maximize available grant funds and to upgrade undersized and severely deteriorated infrastructure throughout town. This includes but is not limited to sidewalks, curbs and gutters, sewer lines, water lines, manholes, storm drains and systems, cc valves, main valves, and pavement. Upper levels of governments advised that infrastructure grants will be reduced significantly because of the pandemic. This means the town will have to pay for a larger portion of infrastructure upgrades in the future. Council has met on several occasions to discuss innovative ways to move forward. This analysis will be prioritized as we work through the lagoon upgrade. Public consultation will follow.

A detailed copy of the town's strategic plan can be viewed at [www.bassano.ca](http://www.bassano.ca) or picked up at the town office.



The chart above reflects the total percentage of resources applied per department in 2021. This includes government grants, department transfers, capital projects, and general operating expenses. As you can see, Utilities and Economic Development incur the most costs this year and that is due to capital projects such as the lagoon upgrade, FAB Village Square, Recreation and Leisure Master Plan, LUB Modernization project and more. In some instances, projects will only proceed this year if grants are received such as the ones that were applied for the FAB Village Square project.

For more information on local taxation, review the mentioned plans on the website at [www.bassano.ca](http://www.bassano.ca). Keep up to date by attending regular council meetings or review the council agenda online. We look forward to the implementation of these strategies to serve the citizens of Bassano.

# 2021 PROPERTY TAX SUMMARY

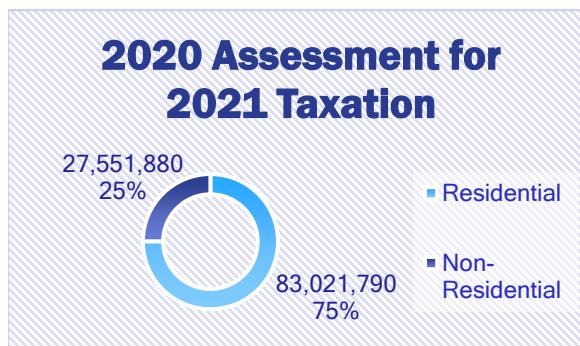
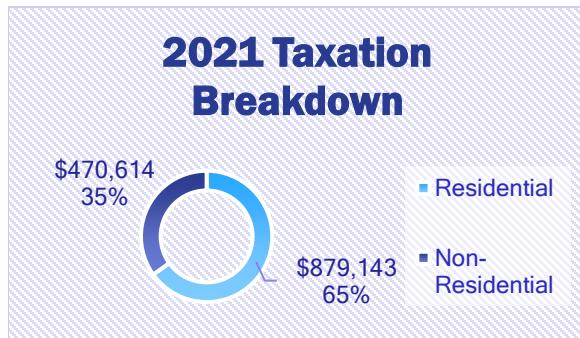


# 2021 Municipal taxation

The town will collect \$1,349,752 in taxation in 2021 as per Tax Rate Bylaw 917/21. *Revenue collection remains unchanged from 2019, taxation was held.*

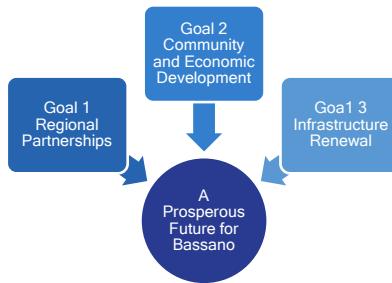
Of the \$1.349M collected, \$465,926 is allocated towards capital reserves for future infrastructure projects and asset repair/replacement.

Changes in property taxes are impacted by a property's assessed value. In 2021, the overall municipal assessment decreased to reflect a 5.67% increase in the residential mill rate to 10.5893 from 10.021 and a 0.08% increase to the non-residential mill rate 17.067 to 17.081 although taxes collected have remained the same since 2019.



## Operations Plan

**Part 1:** The strategic plan is the main budget influencer as it outlines priorities of the town. Council allocates resources within the municipal budget to ensure administration can implement the defined priorities each year. Three overarching goals make up the plan.



Strategic plan priorities for 2021 include the items listed below.

#### Goal 1: Regional Partnerships

- ✓ Implementation of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (Town and County) related to shared recreation agreements and the establishment a regional emergency services committee.

#### Goal 2: Community and Economic Development

- ✓ Prepare design and engineering standards to simplify the development permit process.
- ✓ Modernize the Land Use Bylaw.
- ✓ Complete a concept design for the Business Innovation District as part of the Land Use Bylaw modernization project.
- ✓ Implementation of the Beautify Bassano Initiative.
- ✓ Continue to work towards achieving the FAB Village Square project.
- ✓ Finalize the economic enrichment strategy and prepare for implementation.
- ✓ Develop a Recreation & Leisure Master Plan and begin implementation.
- ✓ Begin working with user groups to update recreation and culture operating agreements.
- ✓ Establish recreation and leisure supports.
- ✓ Continue to implement the Beautify Bassano Initiative.

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- ✓ Focus on support/enforcement of >10 unsightly properties.

#### Goal 3: Infrastructure Renewal

- ✓ Tender, award, and construct the Bassano Wastewater and Irrigation project (lagoon).
- ✓ Develop an innovative approach to address the next major infrastructure upgrades project.
- ✓ Complete respective site assessments to address the former Stiles building at 413-2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Prepare a tender to complete a hazardous abatement and demolition if required.

**Part 2:** In addition to the strategic priorities, there are many operational tasks to be completed. Some of which are highlighted below:

- ✓ Facilitate the 2021 municipal election.
- ✓ Support the community to manage the pandemic and government restrictions.
- ✓ Wall mount boiler upgrades at the Joint Use Facility.
- ✓ Design and complete a fire alarm system upgrade at the Joint Use Facility.
- ✓ Complete the lot consolidation and road alignment project south of the tracks.
- ✓ Engage in local economic development and beautification strategies to include the Blade Sign promotion on main street, provide details for tourism activities.
- ✓ Update operational policies.
- ✓ Restructure FCSS to provide structured policies that align with current day standards.
- ✓ Provide prompt development supports to investors.
- ✓ Assist volunteer with project planning and provide guidance.

The projects outline above, and the information contained within this brochure helps to explain how and where tax dollars are spent. Additional details are provided in the form of public notices and in the bi-monthly newsletter.