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1 **What Is The 2026 Municipal Budget?**

The 2026 municipal budget outlines how the Town of Crossfield will fund essential services such as public safety, infrastructure maintenance, administration, and long-term financial planning to support a growing community.

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What Is The 2026 Budget Focused On?

The 2026 Budget focuses on investments in key areas based on resident feedback, investing in infrastructure, and planning responsibly for future growth while remaining financially sustainable.

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What Are The Key Priorities In This Year's Budget

The budget aligns with four Council priorities:

- Reliable infrastructure
- Responsible financial planning
- Managed community growth
- A safe and connected community

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4 What Is The Municipal Property Tax Increase For 2026?

The 2026 budget includes a **6.69% municipal property tax revenue adjustment**, which consists of:

- 0.55% Inflation
- 1.43% Asset Management
- 1.97% Service Level Adjustments
- 2.74% Dedicated to Policing Services

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1.97% Service Level Adjustments:

- Increased snow clearing
- Additional parks and open spaces to maintain
- Additional Bylaw Officer

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How Much Will This Cost The Average Homeowner?

For an average residential property valued at **\$492,300**, the municipal tax impact is approximately:

- \$140 per year, or
- \$11.65 per month.

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6 Why Are Policing Costs Increasing?

Policing costs are set through the RCMP funding model and are largely outside the Town's control. Like many municipalities across Alberta, Crossfield is experiencing rising policing costs. The Town has addressed this transparently by identifying a dedicated portion of the tax adjustment for policing while protecting other municipal services.

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7 **Are There Any Service Cuts In The 2026 Budget?**

No. The 2026 budget expanded select service levels while addressing cost pressures and planning responsibly for the future.

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Why Does My Tax Bill Include Other Charges?

Your property tax bill includes requisitions for:

- Education (Province of Alberta)
- Rocky View Foundation (Seniors Housing)

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- The **provincial education tax**, set by the Province, is expected to increase by about **\$154 per year** for the average home.
- The **Rocky View Foundation Seniors' lodging requisition** is expected to decrease slightly, by about **\$4 per year**.

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9 Why Does The Town Transfer Funds To Reserves?

Reserve funding helps the Town:

- Plan for future infrastructure and operational needs
- Reduce financial risk
- Maintain stable services over time
- Avoid sudden tax increases in future years

Strong reserves are a key part of responsible financial management.

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What Major Investments Are Included in 2026?

The Town is investing in:

- **Infrastructure Renewal** (roads, utilities, facilities)
 - Laut Ave. Reconstruction & Deep Utilities
- **Equipment and Fleet Replacement**
 - Street Sweeper
- **Recreation and Community Amenities**
 - Bicycle Pump Track
 - Cemetery Expansion
 - Arena Dressing Room Shower & Accessibility Improvements
- **Long-Term Capital Planning**
 - Water/Wastewater Capacity Upgrades
 - Land-Use Bylaw

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11 **How Does This Budget Support Crossfield's Future?**

The 2026 budget reflects continued improvements in long-term financial planning, transparency, and infrastructure coordination. It ensures growth is supported in a measured and sustainable way, while maintaining quality services residents rely on.

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The full 2026 Budget Book will be available on the Town's website, with key highlights shared through the Town's social media channels.

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