

# TAX FACTS 2015

## How does the Municipality determine how much to collect in taxes?

Each year, the Municipality establishes an operating budget based on Council's Strategic Priorities and the needs of the organization. Budget discussions are open and transparent, with public engagement opportunities for residents. Once the budget is approved by Mayor and Council, Administration sets tax rates based on the total assessed value of residential and commercial properties in Jasper.

### **Municipal tax for 2015 is \$6,855,349.**

Of this amount, \$623,205 is paid to Parks Canada for land rent, which represents 9% of your total property tax bill.

The Municipality is also required by law to collect the Alberta Education Tax (school tax) and the Evergreens Foundation requisition for seniors' housing in our region. These requisitions are part of your municipal tax bill.

### **Alberta Education Tax**

2015 \$3,641,290

2014 \$3,669,332

### **Evergreens Foundation Requisition**

2015 \$308,466

2014 \$167,256

The increase in the Evergreens Foundation requisition is to fund the renovation and expansion of seniors' lodges in the region. For more information, visit the Foundation's website at [evergreensfoundation.com](http://evergreensfoundation.com) or phone 780-865-5444.

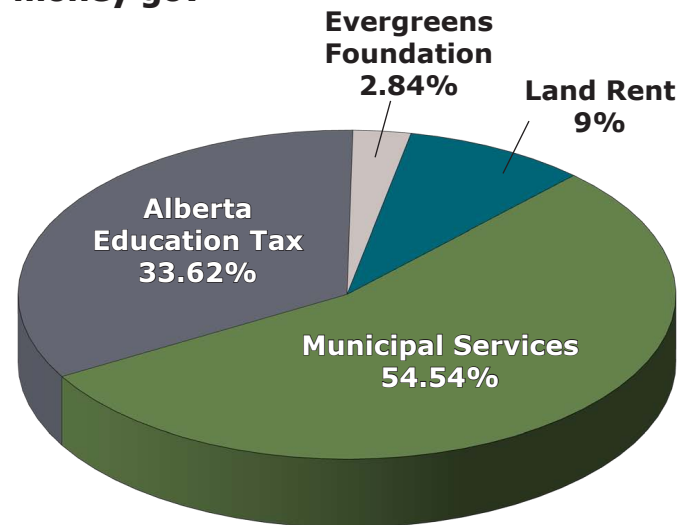
## What is my property assessment?

Assessed property values were mailed to each property owner on March 5, 2015. Your assessed property value is used to determine your property taxes.

## How are assessments calculated?

Each year, Alberta municipalities are required by provincial law to establish assessment values for taxation purposes. The 2015 Municipality of

## Where does my property tax money go?



Jasper assessment was undertaken by Accurate Assessment Consultants Ltd. An Assessment Open House was held on April 14, 2015 and the deadline for assessment appeals was May 4, 2015.

## When are my taxes due?

Taxes are due no later than midnight on July 15, 2015. Beginning July 16, 2015, unpaid taxes are subject to penalty.

## How do I pay my taxes?

- In person at the municipal administration office, located at 303 Pyramid Lake Road;
- Online via your banking institution, using your municipal tax bill account number; or
- Register for our Preauthorized Payment Plan; forms are available at [www.jasper-alberta.com](http://www.jasper-alberta.com) under TOWN SERVICES > Taxes & Assessments. Forms are also available at the municipal administration office.

## Questions?

For more information about your tax bill, please contact Diane Muir, Finance Officer, at [dmuir@town.jasper.ab.ca](mailto:dmuir@town.jasper.ab.ca) or 780-852-6509.