

## Town of Stavely - Budget 2015

Town of Stavely Council adopted the 2015 Final Budget on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The total operating and capital budget for 2015 is \$1,100,390.66. Of that total, revenues generated through grants, user fees, utilities, reserve funds, etc. make up a total of \$758,900.66. This leaves a remaining balance of \$341,490 to be funded through taxation. The funds required through taxation were increased by \$4,227 from the previous year which equate to a 1.2% increase - this was needed to support basic daily operating costs.

In addition to the necessary operating costs, capital projects for 2015 will include pavement work to various locations around town, continuation of the water meter project, isolation valve work and pending approval from Municipal Affairs a storm water upgrade along 55<sup>th</sup> avenue to improve drainage.

*Net Effect* – The corresponding municipal tax rate has decreased by 2.6%; however, the average residential assessment did increase by 3.72% so a modest increase of 1.2% is expected in terms of taxes paid. This amount is strictly based on the *average* and will vary by property as per assessment.

The Town is also responsible for collecting funds through taxation on behalf of the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) which has decreased by 3% and the Porcupine Hills Lodge Foundation (PHL) which has decreased 0.80%, as legislated by the Municipal Government Act of Alberta.

## Trailer Parking

With camping season upon us the Town would again like to remind residents about trailer parking (RV or otherwise). As per the Town's Traffic Bylaw, a trailer may be parked upon the street but only for the purpose of loading and unloading and only for a maximum of **24 HOURS**. Exceptions to this may be granted if the CAO or Bylaw Officer deems it permissible – please contact either the CAO or Bylaw Officer if needed.

## Fire Safety Reminder

Its backyard fire pit season again, and with it come a few reminders for safe enjoyment. Please make sure your backyard fire pit fits within town guidelines by adhering to the following: burn only clean-burning dry wood, charcoal, or natural gas, do **NOT** burn wet grass, plastic, painted or treated wood, use common sense and courtesy, note where the wind is taking the smoke—if it's right to your neighbor's house, perhaps don't have a fire that day, and remember to respect your neighbor's and keep the noise level down at night.

## Summer Student Employment

Reminder, the Town is still accepting applications up until June 19 for a summer student. The position available is with our Public Works department and will be part time for July and August. Interested applicants can send a resume and cover letter to the Town Office or can email them to:

[stavely@platinum.ca](mailto:stavely@platinum.ca)

