

BUDGET 101: HOW ARE CITY OF SAINT JOHN TAXPAYER DOLLARS SPENT?

Municipal property tax dollars come from residential homeowners. Taxpayer dollars account for 77% of the City's operating budget. If you own a home with an assessed value of approximately \$170,000, you can expect to pay \$3,035 per year in property taxes, based on the City of Saint John tax rate of 1.785. Here's how your tax dollars break down to cover operational expenses.



\$1,080.65

Invested in public safety. This includes police and fire services, emergency management and street lighting.

\$62.45

Invested in parks and public spaces. This includes the maintenance of parks, trails, beaches, and city landscaping.



\$162.77

Invested in transit and parking. This includes transit infrastructure and operations and parking administration.

\$192.38

Invested in growth and development. This includes urban planning, building inspections and permitting, economic development agencies, and population growth.



\$426.85

Invested in maintenance. This includes roads, sidewalks, winter management and stormwater.



\$3,035.00

A home with a value of \$170,000 will pay \$3,035 in city taxes. Here's where that money goes:

\$327.71

Invested in support services. This includes internal services such as IT, Communications, Finance, Legal, and Human Resources. It supports citizen representation through council and citizen committees as well as all City-maintained buildings and assets such as City Hall, the City Market, and our fleet of city vehicles.



\$155.53

Invested in recreation and arts. This includes sport facilities, community centre funding, event support, and art, culture and community service grants.



\$70.50

Invested in solid waste collection. This includes residential garbage and compost collection, bulky item pick up, and Christmas tree composting.



\$556.17

Invested in benefits payments and debt management. This includes all necessary payments and commitments to disability, pension, and debt management.



(Note: Based on 2019 Operating Budget. Figures are intended to provide a basic visual representation for educational purposes.)