

# 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 \$300,000 you can expect to pay \$4,605 per year in property taxes, based on the City of Saint John tax rate of 1.535. Here's how your tax dollars break down to cover operational expenses.



**\$1,489 - 32%**  
**Invested in Public Safety**  
 This includes police and fire services, dispatch, emergency management and street lighting.

**\$123 - 3%**  
**Invested in Parks and Public Spaces**  
 This includes the maintenance of parks, trails, beaches, and city landscaping.



**\$261 - 6%**  
**Invested in Transit and Parking**  
 This includes transit infrastructure and operations and parking administration.

**\$505 - 11%**  
**Invested in Growth and Community Services**  
 This includes community planning, building inspections and permitting, economic development, heritage, and arts and culture.



**\$516 - 11%**  
**Invested in Roads and Sidewalks**  
 This includes snow control, maintenance, repair and traffic management.



**\$4,605**

A home with a value of \$300,000 will pay \$4,605 in city taxes.  
 Here's where that money goes:

**\$419 - 9%**  
**Invested in Corporate and Support Services**  
 This includes internal services such as IT, Communications, Finance, General Counsel and Human Resources.



**\$77 - 2%**  
**Invested in Arenas and Sports Fields**  
 This includes the operation and maintenance of City-owned arenas and fields.



**\$149 - 3%**  
**Invested in Infrastructure and Asset Management**  
 This includes buildings and facilities maintenance and operations, capital from operating and other asset management.



**\$107 - 2%**  
**Invested in Regional Facilities and Market Square**  
 This includes TD Station, Aquatic Centre, SJ Arts Centre, Imperial Theatre and SJ Trade and Convention Centre.

**\$185 - 4%**  
**Invested in Solid Waste and Stormwater**  
 This includes residential garbage and compost collection, bulky item pick up, and stormwater management.



**\$755 - 16%**  
**Invested in Debt Payments and Fiscal Charges**  
 This includes interest and principal payments, commitments to disability, pension, and reserve contributions.



**\$19 - 0%**  
**Invested in Mayor and Council**  
 This includes expenses and salaries.

*(Note: Based on 2026 Operating Budget. Figures are intended to provide a basic visual representation for education purposes.)*