



BEAVER COUNTY

2017 BUDGET

April 24, 2017

Budget Challenges

- ▶ County's assessment base continues to decline (overall decrease of \$3.2 million)
 - Farmland assessment remained the same
 - Residential assessment increased \$13.6 million
 - Non-residential assessment increased \$16.4 million
 - Linear and M & E assessment decreased \$33.2 million
- ▶ Non-residential, linear, and M & E properties pay higher mill rate
- ▶ Reduction in this assessment shifts the tax burden to residential properties

Assessment Base

Assessment Class	Assessment for 2016 Budget (\$)	Assessment for 2017 Budget (\$)
Farmland	114,185,620	114,225,690
Residential	589,280,760	602,936,830
Non-Residential	78,366,710	95,153,100
Linear	310,204,020	281,560,390
Railway	25,720,280	25,342,050
Machinery & Equipment	92,074,930	87,356,710
Grants-in-Lieu	201,100	211,220
TOTAL	1,210,033,420	1,206,785,990

The 2016 assessment base for the 2017 tax year has been finalized with a decrease of 0.27% from the 2016 budget year.

Regulated farmland assessment remains constant and has not changed significantly over the past 25 years.

The residential class experienced a modest increase in assessment. New residential construction and subdivisions, coupled with an increase in inflationary measures, has resulted in an increase of 2.55% overall.

The non-residential assessment base has seen a significant increase in assessment (15.76%) due to the application of market land assessment at all gas and oilfield facilities, as well as non-residential building assessment.

Linear property such as wells, pipelines, and tele-communications experienced a significant decrease of 9.23%. Most of the decrease is a result of the annual inflation adjustment. There was a significant growth with electric power lines of over \$8.7 million.

Railway and Grant in Lieu assessments had a slight decrease primarily due to annual inflation.

Machinery and equipment assessment experienced a net decrease of \$4,718,220, primarily due to shut-in gas wells.

Budget Challenges (cont'd)

- ▶ Provincial MSI funding will continue for next 3 years, but uncertain beyond that
- ▶ BMS Dividend is uncertain in 2018 and beyond
- ▶ Operating costs are increasing due to inflation and carbon tax
- ▶ 5-year budget projections suggest significant mill rate increases

Requisitions

School Requisition

- ▶ Province increased County's requisition by \$55,486
- ▶ Residential portion will result in school mill rate increase of 1.2%
- ▶ Non-residential portion will result in school mill rate decrease of 3.9%

Beaver Foundation

- ▶ No change to requisition but loss of assessment will result in mill rate increase of 0.3%

2017 Mill Rate Information (and %age increase over 2016)

Assessment Class	Municipal	%age	Beaver Fdn	%age	School	%age	Total Mill Rate	%age inc.
Farmland	16.8899	3.0	0.1455	0.3	2.4582	1.2	19.4936	2.8
Residential								
Class FMR	4.2971	3.0	0.1455	0.3	2.4582	1.2	6.9008	2.3
Class RES	4.2971	3.0	0.1455	0.3	2.4582	1.2	6.9008	2.3
Class VAC	8.3352	3.0	0.1455	0.3	2.4582	1.2	10.9389	2.6
Non-Residential	17.5707	3.0	0.1455	0.3	3.7526	-3.9	21.4688	1.7
Linear	17.5707	3.0	0.1455	0.3	3.7526	-3.9	21.4688	1.7
Machinery & Equipment	17.5707	3.0	0.1455	0.3	0.0	0.0	17.7162	3.0

2017 Municipal Budget

Department	2017 Budget	Operating Revenue	Transfer From Reserve	Grants & Other Rev	2017 Tax Levy	2016 Budget	2016 Tax Levy	Budget 2017 - 2016	Tax Levy 2017 - 2016
Council	322,491	0	0	0	322,491	324,782	324,782	-2,291	-2,291
Administration	3,075,802	264,540	7,000	643,495	2,160,767	2,814,300	2,075,114	261,502	85,653
Police	416,593	50,000	80,000	0	286,593	350,494	296,494	66,099	-9,901
Fire Protection	685,765	0	0	0	685,765	579,466	579,466	106,299	106,299
Animal Control	11,000	0	0	0	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	0
Public Works	14,076,126	406,995	1,836,000	4,201,250	7,631,881	14,593,869	7,738,884	-517,743	-107,003
Water	170,700	70,700	0	63,000	37,000	57,025	0	113,675	37,000
Sewer	59,773	16,000	0	0	43,773	134,691	43,691	-74,918	82
Garbage	5,000	4,300	0	0	700	5,000	700	0	0
FCSS	133,451	0	0	0	133,451	133,451	133,451	0	0
CALP	134,422	10,000	0	124,422	0	135,022	0	-600	0
Planning & Development	355,863	108,530	147,000	0	100,333	522,238	84,253	-166,375	16,080
Agriculture	1,314,112	21,000	68,000	188,500	1,036,612	1,255,349	1,017,849	58,763	18,763
Recreation & Parks	718,929	140,000	55,000	0	523,929	971,308	532,308	-252,379	-8,379
Culture	220,407	0	0	0	220,407	216,031	209,997	4,376	10,410
Grand Total	21,700,434	1,092,065	2,193,000	5,220,667	13,194,702	22,104,026	13,047,989	-403,592	146,713

Highlights of 2017 Budget

Changes in funding:

- ▶ MSI Operating grant has been reduced by \$2,433
- ▶ MSI Capital grant has been reduced by \$21,953
- ▶ Regular road grant (\$598,558) remains the same and will be used to fund gravel haul
- ▶ Federal Gas Tax grant increase of \$1,419
- ▶ BMS surplus revenue is in final year of a 3-year authorization. 2017 revenue will be used for community grants, road construction projects, bridge repairs, and various special projects.

Highlights of 2017 Budget

Expenditure adjustments:

- ▶ Carbon tax has direct impact of \$60,000 plus indirect impact within contracted services
- ▶ BESC requisition has increased \$106,300 (2017=685,765)
- ▶ \$20,000 support for health foundations has been reinstated (2016 was \$0)
- ▶ Funding of community groups from BMS dividend has decreased to \$166,650 (2016 was \$454,069)

Highlights of 2017 Budget

Special projects include:

- ▶ \$100,000 for municipal sustainability plan initiatives (to be determined)
- ▶ \$50,000 for asset management plan
- ▶ \$50,000 for legal review of BMS' proposed municipally-controlled corporation
- ▶ \$19,845 for building energy audits
- ▶ \$200,000 for intermunicipal collaboration frameworks with County's neighbours
- ▶ \$14,550 for municipal election
- ▶ \$100,000 for Ryley grader shed improvements
- ▶ \$50,000 for Viking grader shed landscaping
- ▶ \$141,100 for gravel pit and asphalt testing
- ▶ \$400,000 for bridge design and repairs

Highlights of 2017 Budget

Special projects include (cont'd):

- ▶ Road work includes:
 - Twp Rd 492 between SH 834 and Rge Rd 181 (terraced/chip seal)
 - Twp Rd 480 from Highway 36 to Rge Rd 130 (terraced/chip seal)
 - Rge Rd 203 from Twp Rd 510 to Twp Rd 504 (terraced and chip seal)
 - Re-oiling 6 miles
 - Twp Rd 514 from SH 630 to Rge Rd 193 (chip seal)
- ▶ \$50,000 for Bruce drainage study
- ▶ \$100,000 for regional waterline strategy
- ▶ \$75,000 for solar energy initiatives
- ▶ \$50,000 for EIP storm water management design
- ▶ \$14,000 for EIP water capacity study
- ▶ \$15,000 for finalization of EIP Area Structure Plan
- ▶ \$64,000 grant to U of A for study regarding ecological sustainability in rural landscapes

Capital Purchases and Funding Sources

	Amount	BMS	Reserve	MSI	FGTF	Levy
Administration						
Plotter	7,000		7,000			-
Peace Officer						
Scales	20,000		20,000			-
Vehicle	60,000		60,000			-
Public Works						
Ryley Grader Shed	100,000	100,000				-
Viking Grader Shed	50,000		50,000			-
Patrol 1 Grader	435,000					435,000
Patrol 9 Grader	435,000					435,000
Service Truck	100,000			100,000		-
Water Truck	220,000			220,000		-
Pickup Truck	40,000		40,000			-
Trailer Mounted 6" Pump	20,000		20,000			-
2 Wobbly Packers	20,000		20,000			-
Steamer (used)	9,000		9,000			-
Steamer (new)	20,000		20,000			-
Grader mounted packer	25,000		25,000			-
Road Const and Bridges	3,409,671	1,005,446		1,820,535	306,711	276,979
Agriculture						
Multi-rake	13,000		13,000			-
Vehicle	55,000		55,000			-
Recreation						
Boat Launch/Other Upgrades	135,000		55,000			80,000
	5,173,671	1,105,446	394,000	2,140,535	306,711	1,226,979

Projects Funded by Grants

	Purpose of Funds	MSI Operating	MSI Capital	Federal Gas Tax	BMS Dividend	Road Grant	Other	Total
Administration								
	BESC Requisition (partial)	205,000						205,000
	BRAED Summer Employment						2,000	2,000
	Intermunicipal Agreements						200,000	200,000
	Asset Management Project				50,000			50,000
	Building Energy Audits				19,845			19,845
	Community Grants				166,650			166,650
Public Works								
	Ryley Grader Shed				100,000			100,000
	Capital Equipment		320,000					320,000
	Bridge Repairs		400,000					400,000
	Road Construction		1,420,535	306,711	1,005,446			2,732,692
	Road Maintenance					598,558		598,558
	Bruce Drainage Study				50,000			50,000
Water								
	Regional Water Strategy						63,000	63,000
CALC								
	Operations						124,422	124,422
Agriculture								
	Operations						183,500	183,500
	Toxic Round-Up						5,000	5,000
	TOTAL	205,000	2,140,535	306,711	1,391,941	598,558	577,922	5,220,667

MSI Capital Grant

	Amount
Available from prior years	500,249
2017 grant	1,704,385
Total available 2017	2,204,634
Budgeted expenses	
Capital Equipment	320,000
Bridges	400,000
Road program	1,420,535
Total budgeted expenses	2,140,535
Estimated carry forward after 2017	64,099

BMS Grants

	Dividend (County)	Dividend (Joint)	Good N'bour	GIL of Taxes	Total
Available from 2016	1,136,569	66,650	-	-	1,203,219
Estimated 2017 grants	464,229	464,229	34,044	122,997	1,085,499
Re-allocation of Joint Dividend	364,229	(364,229)	-	-	-
Estimated total available	1,965,027	166,650	34,044	122,997	2,288,718
Budgeted expenses					
Bruce drainage study	(50,000)				(50,000)
Asset management project	(50,000)				(50,000)
Energy audits	(19,845)				(19,845)
Community support grants		(166,650)			(166,650)
Riley grader shed	(100,000)				(100,000)
Road construction projects	(882,449)			(122,997)	(1,005,446)
Total budgeted expenses	(1,102,294)	(166,650)	0	(122,997)	(1,391,941)
Estimated unexpended at December 31, 2017	862,733	0	34,044	0	896,777

Projects Funded from Reserve

	Amount
Administration	
Plotter	7,000
Peace Officers	
Scales, vehicle	80,000
Public Works	
Pump, packers, steamers, vehicle	134,000
Viking grader shed landscaping	50,000
Gravel pit testing	125,000
Guardrail installation	75,000
Planning & Development	
Solar farms - business plans, legal & subdivision, planning	75,000
EIP storm water management design	50,000
EIP water capacity study	7,000
EIP Area Structure Plan	15,000
Agriculture	
Equipment, vehicle	68,000
Recreation & Parks	
Camp Lake boat launch	55,000
Total	741,000
Gravel inventory reserve	1,452,000
TOTAL	2,193,000

Reserve Balances

	Jan 1/17 Balance	Budgeted Transfers In	Budgeted Transfers Out	Estimated Dec 31/17 Balance
Administration	1,622,615	69,000	(87,000)	1,604,615
Public Works	2,168,251	735,000	(384,000)	2,519,251
Water	223,360	70,700		294,060
Planning & Industrial Parks	1,101,662	0	(147,000)	954,662
Agriculture	128,460	75,000	(68,000)	135,460
Recreation	75,000	35,000	(55,000)	55,000
Contingency	1,902,525	155,995	0	2,058,520
Legislated Reserves	189,432	0	0	189,432
Total	7,411,305	1,140,695	(741,000)	7,811,000

* This reserve statement indicates the reserves that are funded by cash

Grants Provided to Others

	Project	Amount
Beaver Hills Initiative	Operating	20,000
Various youth/students	Youth awards & scholarships	6,500
Cemetery associations	Operating	15,000
Community organizations	Various operating, capital, recreation	180,390
Beaver Emergency Services Commission	Operating and capital	685,765
FCSS (Tofield & Viking)	Operating	111,601
Health Foundations	Operating or capital	20,000
Holden Seed Cleaning Plant	Operating	30,000
Agricultural research and extension organizations	Operating	15,202
Watershed alliances (2)	Operating	3,000
University of Alberta (Augustana)	Research project	64,000
Town of Tofield and Agricultural Society	Recreation	79,960
Village of Ryley and Agricultural Society	Recreation	36,991
Village of Holden and Agricultural Society	Recreation	43,903
Town of Viking and Agricultural Society	Recreation and Carena	149,000
Hamlets of Bruce and Kinsella	Recreation	17,600
Community halls	Insurance, utilities, gravel	20,000
Northern Lights Library System	Regional library service	57,686
Tofield Library	Operating	96,590
Ryley Library	Operating	19,260
Holden Library	Operating	13,012
Viking Library	Operating	26,909
Beaverhill Players	Operating	5,000
Total		1,717,369