Property Tax Calculator

The online Property Tax Calculator provides property owners the estimated tax amount on a property.

It's a simple and effective self-service tool that gives the total amount, and annual and monthly property tax breakdown.

It also shows how your tax dollars are divided for delivering services.

Try it at **www.strathcona.ca/assessmentandtax.**

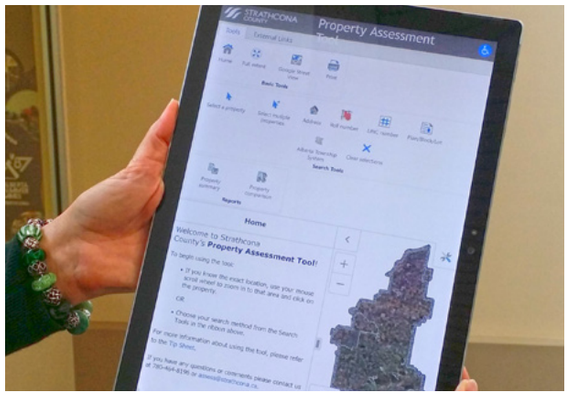
Property Assessment Mapping Tool

Using this GIS-based tool, you can review property assessment information, compare properties, and generate summary and comparison reports. Information includes:

- property address
- legal description
- parcel area
- current assessment
- assessment class (e.g., residential)
- building description
- year built
- approximate living area

The tool maps and displays properties, giving a visually realistic picture, and includes "Google" street view.

Search your property at **www.strathcona.ca/assessment.**



COUNTY CONNECT ASK IT REPORT IT TRACK IT

Did you know? The **County Connect** web self-service is a convenient way to make an inquiry about your assessment or find information about tax payment.
Visit **www.strathcona.ca/countyconnect**

Further information

www.strathcona.ca/assessmentandtax

Property assessment

780-464-8196

Email: assess@strathcona.ca

Municipal property taxes

780-464-8120

Email: taxation@strathcona.ca

Government of Alberta

Education property taxes

780-422-7125

Seniors' property tax programs

Seniors Property Tax Deferral

780-644-9992 (Government of Alberta)

Low-interest home equity loan

Seniors Property Tax $100 Rebate

780-464-4044 (Strathcona County)

Must be eligible for the Alberta Seniors Benefit program

(single $26,965 or less, couple $43,785 or less) and own your property

Deadline for payment of property taxes

Friday, June 30, 2017

Payment Options

Online

Note: The payee is Strathcona County Tax. Your roll number is your account number. Allow a minimum of three days processing time.

- Through your financial institution
- Plastiq (www.plastiq.com) using Visa, MasterCard or American Express (Plastiq transaction fee will apply.)

Mail

- 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 3W7
  Payable to Strathcona County. Canadian funds.
  Postmark is the date of receipt.

In Person

- Drop-off payment in the 24-hour envelope deposit box at County Hall (located outside the south main doors)
- Cash, cheque or debit (credit cards not accepted) at Assessment and Tax
  County Hall, 2001 Sherwood Drive
  Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Cheque only
  Heartland Hall Contact Office
  55305 Range Road 214
  Tuesday, Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
  Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Cheque only
  South Contact Office
  22142 South Cooking Lake Road
  Wednesday to Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP)

Understanding your property taxes

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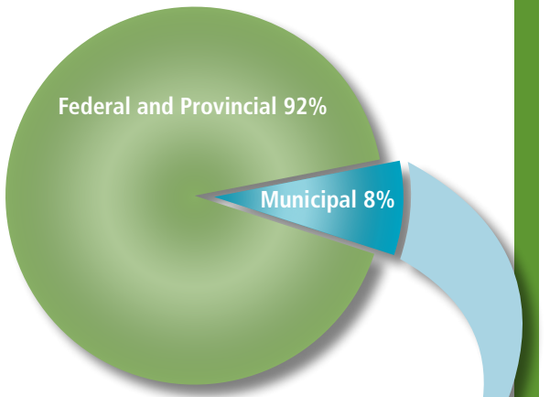
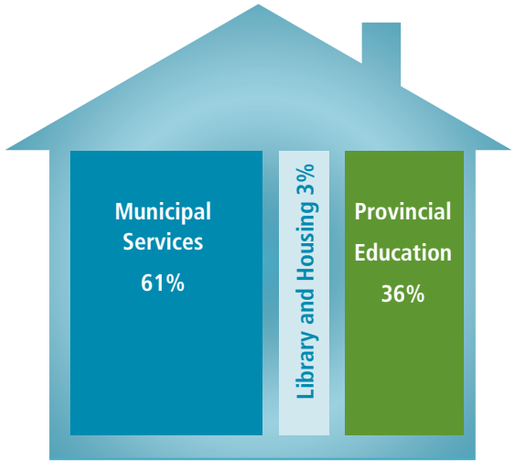
Where your tax dollars go



Municipal governments receive about 8 per cent of all government tax revenues.

Source: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2012

Total residential property tax distribution



61% pays for municipal services

3% supports the Strathcona County Library and Heartland Housing Foundation

36% is collected on behalf of the Government of Alberta for education

Your tax dollars build our community

... keep it vibrant ... support its growth

Property taxes fund and maintain core municipal services, programs and infrastructure that citizens rely on every day. A 2017 municipal tax dollar decrease was achieved by budgeting less conservatively based on historical trends and applying priority based budgeting to fund areas of higher priority. At the same time, funding for new initiatives includes: purchasing land for a multi-purpose agriculture facility, service enhancements relating to the Community Halls Sustainability Strategy, and operationalizing new facilities such as the Emerald Hills Leisure Centre and Regional Park.

Strathcona County's four separate tax rates

1. **Municipal** — This tax rate generates the amount of annual tax revenue required to support Strathcona County municipal operations. (municipal taxes are not used to pay for utility operations, except for recycling stations and Enviroservice events).
2. **Library** — This tax rate generates the amount of annual tax revenue required to support library operations.
3. **Heartland Housing Foundation Requisition** — This tax rate generates the amount of annual tax revenue required to support a portion of the Heartland Housing Foundation, which operates certain seniors/affordable housing accommodations in Strathcona County.
4. **Provincial Education Requisition** — All Alberta municipalities are required to collect education taxes on behalf of the Government of Alberta; this tax rate generates the tax revenue necessary to meet this requirement.

Approximately 36 per cent of your total residential property taxes will be sent to the province for education purposes.

Property assessment and tax relationship

Provincial legislation requires that an annual market value assessment be prepared for all properties. Budgets are determined every year for municipal, Strathcona County Library, Heartland Housing Foundation and provincial education. Property assessment and the approved budgets affect your annual property tax bill.

2017 Property assessment
— Market Value (per July 1, 2016 valuation date)

2017 Budget and requisitions to the County
— Property tax revenue required to pay for programs and services

2017 Tax rate
— Property tax revenue requirements divided by total County assessment

2017 Per property share of tax
— Each property assessment multiplied by tax rate

Sample Property

This chart illustrates per cent tax changes required to meet the 2017 budget and requisition requirements, based on a sample residential property assessed at $430,000. The County municipal tax dollar decrease is approximately 2.6 per cent. When the other three tax rates - library, housing and provincial education — are factored in, the total 2017 property tax decrease is approximately 0.9 per cent.

Properties may see a decrease more or less than 0.9 per cent, depending on how their property assessment changed relative to the average.

2017 Budget and Requisition	2017 Property Taxes (approx.)	2016 Property Taxes (approx.)	Property Tax Change (approx.)	Per cent Decrease (for each/rounded)
Municipal	$1852	$1902	– ($50)	– (2.6%)
Strathcona County Library	$67	$67	$0	0.0%
Heartland Housing Foundation	$38	$38	$0	0.0%
Provincial Education	$1098	$1075	$23	2.1%
Total (weighted)	$3055	$3082	– ($27)	– (0.9%)

Value for your dollar

Many municipal services. Great value.

A sample single family residential property assessed at $430,000 will pay approximately $154 per month in property taxes in 2017 for Strathcona County municipal services.

roads	$46/month
fire, ambulance, police	$45/month
recreation, parks, culture	$31/month
transit	$17/month
planning services	$6/month
agricultural services	$3/month
community social programs	$4/month
economic development, tourism	$2/month
Strathcona County municipal services	$154/month

Also part of residential property taxes for this sample property:

Strathcona County Library	$5/month
Heartland Housing Foundation	$3/month
Provincial education (Kindergarten to Grade 12)	$92/month
Total residential property tax	$254/month