

Appeal of a Development, Subdivision, or Enforcement Decision

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Appeal of a Compliance Order issued as per sections 545 and 546 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>	\$500.00	No change to fee. Textual amendments for clarification.
Appeal under the <i>Agricultural Pests Act</i>	\$100.00	Not a new fee. Fee is legislated. <i>Agricultural Pests Act</i> legislates the fee. The fee is a requirement with the appeal. The fee is included in the Master Rates Bylaw for ease of reference.
Appeal under the <i>Weed Control Act</i>	\$500.00	Not a new fee. Fee is legislated. <i>Weed Control Act</i> legislates the fee. The fee is a requirement with the appeal. The fee is included in the Master Rates Bylaw for ease of reference.

Assessment

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Residential property assessment complaint		
Three dwellings or fewer	\$50.00	
More than three dwellings	\$650.00	
Non-residential property assessment complaint		
\$1 to \$500,000	\$250.00	
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$400.00	
\$1,000,001 to \$4,000,000	\$550.00	Assessment complaint fees have been moved to a new section "Assessment Complaint Fees"
\$4,000,001 and more	\$650.00	
Farm land assessment complaint	\$50.00	
Machinery and equipment assessment complaint		
\$1 to \$500,000	\$250.00	
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$400.00	
\$1,000,001 to \$4,000,000	\$550.00	
\$4,000,001 and more	\$650.00	

Assessment Complaint Fees
(effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Residential property assessment complaint		
Three dwellings or fewer	\$50.00	
More than three dwellings	\$650.00	
Non-residential property assessment complaint		
\$1 to \$500,000	\$250.00	
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$400.00	
\$1,000,001 to \$4,000,000	\$550.00	
\$4,000,001 and more	\$650.00	
Farm land assessment complaint	\$50.00	
Machinery and equipment assessment complaint		
\$1 to \$500,000	\$250.00	
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$400.00	
\$1,000,001 to \$4,000,000	\$550.00	
\$4,000,001 and more	\$650.00	

There are no changes to the assessment complaint fees for 2024. Assessment complaint fees were removed from the Assessment section to this section.

Assessment Complaint Fees (effective January 1, 2025)

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Tax notice	\$30.00	Newly added rate reflects legislation. The complaint form and the fees associated with complaints on matters related to assessment are regulated by the <i>Matters Related to Assessment Complaints Regulation</i> .
Farmland	\$50.00	No change to rate. Rate reflects legislation.
Residential - 3 or fewer dwellings	\$50.00	No change to rate. Rate reflects legislation.
Residential – 4 or more dwellings	\$650.00	<p>The primary reason for standardizing the fee is to provide a more efficient approach to fee collection and refunds, that saves on staff resources and reduces administrative errors. The “Residential – 4 or more dwellings” and “Non-residential” complaint fee rate is changed to a standard \$650 to be in effect starting January 1, 2025.</p> <p>The complaint form and the fees associated with complaints on matters related to assessment are regulated by the <i>Matters Related to Assessment Complaints Regulation</i>. The <i>Regulation</i> caps the fee for a complaint of this nature to a maximum of \$650.</p>
Non-residential	\$650.00	

Building Permits & Inspections

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Residential construction; Single Family dwellings, Duplexes, Multi-family, Accessory dwelling units (detached), Manufactured homes, Relocated homes, Additions (renovations that add square footage to the building)		
Residential greater than 6,458 ft² (600m²) building area—developed living area (includes additions, enclosed deck/porch areas) (per square foot)	\$0.73	National Building Code –Alberta Edition 2.2.10.2 -Fees. Rate removed. The “Floor Area: developed living area (includes additions, enclosed deck/porch areas) (per square foot)” at \$0.58 sq/ft revenue captures the cost of the department for all residential sizes.
Residential greater than 6,458 ft² (600m²) building area—Basement floor area: developed / finished living area (per square foot)	\$0.73	
Plumbing - Residential - based on total developed area including attached garage		
5,001 to 7,500 ft ² (465 to 697 m ²)	\$410.00 \$320.00	National Building Code –Alberta Edition 2.2.10.2 -Fees. Changes for clarity and collecting appropriate fees for the size of the residential project.
Over 7,500 ft ² (697 m ²) (minimum fee \$410)	See commercial fees \$410.00	National Building Code –Alberta Edition 2.2.10.2 -Fees. Changes for clarity and collecting appropriate fees, for the size of the residential project. Eg. of commercial fee. Residential plumbing 7400 sf = \$410 Commercial rates: Base fee + 5 outlets = \$171.50 (but should be a minimum \$410 fee – you need more than 31 outlets at \$9.50 each to reach the minimum \$410 fee) Base fee + 20 outlets = \$344.00 Base fee + 31 outlets = \$408.50
Electrical - Commercial, industrial, institutional, multi-family, and agricultural -based on value of work <i>*Material costs exclude appliances and solar panels in a photovoltaic solar system.</i>		Textual amendment for clarification.

Cemeteries

Fee Description	Rate		Rationale for proposed rate change
Burial Lots (4'x9') - Garden of Peace Cemetery			
Flat marker lot	\$3,234.39 \$3,299.08	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Upright monument lot without cement base	\$3,700.94 \$3,774.97	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Upright monument lot with cement base (limited available)	\$4,006.90 \$4,087.04	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Plot upgrade (from Flat marker lot to upright monument lot where able)	\$466.54 \$475.89	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Cremation lots (4'x2' or 4'x4') - Garden of Peace Cemetery			
Flat marker lot, holds up to two urns (Gardens of Memory & Remembrance)	\$2,235.54 \$2,280.25	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Flat marker lot, holds up to four urns	\$2,943.93 \$3,002.82	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Upright monument lot, holds up to four urns (limited available)	\$3,469.62 \$3,539.03	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Field of Honour - Garden of Peace Cemetery (Veteran Only) <i>Must provide proof of Military Service</i>			
Flat marker lot (50% of regular price flat marker lot)	\$1,617.20 \$1,649.55	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Cremation lot (1/3 size of regular plot)	\$1,078.14 \$1,099.70	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Child Lot (3yrs to 12yrs - full size plot)			
Flat marker lot	\$1,617.20 \$1,649.55	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Upright monument lot without cement base	\$1,850.47 \$1,887.49	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Upright monument lot with cement base (limited available)	\$2,003.44 \$2,043.52	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Plot Upgrade (from Flat marker to Upright monument where able)	\$233.28 \$237.95	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Infant Lot (up to 2yrs or 4' Casket, 1/2 plot)			
Flat marker lot (4'x4')	\$1,132.03 \$1,154.69	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.

Fee Description	Rate		Rationale for proposed rate change
Upright monument lot (where able)	\$1,402.42 \$1,430.48	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Columbariums - Garden of Peace Cemetery			
Niche - holds 1-2 Urns *One urn placement included	\$3,823.75	+ GST	No rate change. Textual clarification to description to now include 1st open/close as is common practice at other cemeteries
Niche - holds 2-3 Urns *One urn placement included	\$5,735.61	+ GST	No rate change. Textual clarification to description to now include 1st open/close as is common practice at other cemeteries
Interment/Inurnment Fee's - Garden of Peace Cemetery			
Casket Burial			
Summer (May to October) Adult Single Depth	\$1,062.58 \$1,083.84	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Winter (November to April) Adult Single Depth	\$1,352.73 \$1,379.79	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Summer (May to October) Adult Double Depth (1st Burial)	\$1,534.10 \$1,564.79	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Winter (November to April) Adult Double Depth (1st Burial)	\$1,824.24 \$1,860.73	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Summer (May to October) Adult Double Depth (2nd Burial)	\$1,062.58 \$1,083.84	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Winter (November to April) Adult Double Depth (2nd Burial)	\$1,352.73 \$1,379.79	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Summer (May to October) Child	\$567.79 \$579.15	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Winter (November to April) Child	\$703.19 \$717.26	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Summer (May to October) Infant Under 2yrs	\$288.75 \$294.53	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Winter (November to April) Infant Under 2yrs	\$385.48 \$393.19	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Niche			
Opening/Closing	\$260.59 \$265.81	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Opening/Closing - Additional Urns during same service/niche	\$130.30 \$132.91	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Cremated Remains (Ashes)			
Summer (May to October) In Ground Inurnment	\$464.87 \$474.17	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.

Fee Description	Rate		Rationale for proposed rate change
Winter (November to April) In Ground Inurnment	\$561.59 \$572.83	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Additional Services			
Saturday Service Fee - Casket service	\$1,005.12 \$1,025.23	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Saturday Service Fee - Urn/Scattering/Infant/Child	\$409.49 \$417.68	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Weekday Service Overtime Charge (arrival at or after 3 p.m.; per half hour)	\$250.00 \$255.00	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.
Seasonal Services: Snow removal around grave site	\$182.41 \$186.06	+ GST	2% increase. Rate increase approved as part of 2024 Operating and Capital Base Budget.

Pets & Animals

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Dog License fee - Intact (Beginning January 1, 2023)	\$20.00	Textual clarification. No changes to fees. Fees have been in effect since January 1, 2023.
Dog License fee - Spayed/Neutered (Beginning January 1, 2023)	\$15.00	Textual clarification. No changes to fees. Fees have been in effect since January 1, 2023.

Planning & Development

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Area Structure Plan/Conceptual Scheme/Master Site Development		
<i>Fee calculations exclude municipal and/or environmental reserves, and public utility lots. Maximum fee is \$100,000.</i>		
Conceptual scheme over 160 acres (64.75 hectares); flat fee	\$11,400.00 \$6,600.00+\$ 50.00 per acre above 160 acres	Section 630.1 of <i>Municipal Government Act</i> . Fee is changed to provide a more staggered application fee by charging per acre) instead of charging the flat fee of \$11,400 for what might be just 161 acres.
Each additional acre over 160 acres (64.75 hectares); per acre	\$31.00	Fee removed as it is included in the "Conceptual scheme over 160 acres (64.75 hectares)" section.
Subdivision approval extension or re-activation (refundable if application is denied)		
<i>Fee calculations exclude municipal and/or environmental reserves, and public utility lots.</i>		
Textual clarification.		
Stripping, filling, excavation, and/or grading		
Variance to a Land Use Bylaw Regulation	Flat fee of \$315 + 20% of original application fee Additional 25% of application cost	Section 630.1 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> . Rate is changed to provide clarity on intent.
Residential Development Permits		
Dwelling unit, relaxation for height	\$500.00	Rate removed. Rate can be found in "Variance to a Land Use Bylaw Regulation" line item.
Commercial, Institutional & Industrial Development Permits		
New construction per new building constructed		
Land use change; Change of Use of Land; developed area (maximum fee \$5,500)	\$470.00 + \$0.10/m ²	No changes to rate. Textual clarification.
Development Related		
Time extension of commencement, completion or prior to release expiry date (minimum fee \$185)	50% of original fee	No changes to rate. Textual clarification.

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Administrative		
Letter to confirm land use designation of a parcel HBB1 Use Agreement / Land Use Designation letter of confirmation / Development Permit letter of confirmation	\$85.00	No rate changes. Textual amendment to clarify and add a clear line item for this use to describe nature of request / work.
Developer requested security reduction	\$5,000.00	Rate removed. The developer requested security reduction is part of the Development Authority's processing and minimal effort is required to reduce the security.

Recreation, Parks & Community Support

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Special and Neighbourhood Events		
Application for special event permit		Textual clarification for fee description.
Special Events Permit Processing Fee		
Residential and Non-profit	No charge	Textural clarification.
Other	\$250.00	
Application for neighbourhood event permit		
Non-profit	No charge	
Residents	No charge	
Commercial	\$350.00	
Other	\$350.00	
Agreement for use of County lands		
Other	\$300.00	
Security deposit for use of County lands (refundable)	\$500.00	Not a new rate. Rate was moved from the "Pre- and post-event road inspections" section to "Agreement for use of County lands" section
Pre- and post-event road inspections		
Volunteer Labour *tied to the provincial minimum wage	\$15.00 / hr*	Rate moved to a new "Grant funding program" section for clarity.
Security deposit for use of County lands (refundable)	\$500.00	Rate moved to "Agreement for use of County lands" section.
Grant funding program		
Volunteer labour	Provincial minimum wage	Not a new rate. Rate moved from "Pre- and post-event road inspections" section.

Roads

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Road Allowances and Closures		
Drafting and execution of purchase contract for road closure	Per third party rates	New fee added. County incurs surveyor costs in arranging land transfers and sales agreements for closed road allowances and this allows us to balance this cost through revenue from the applicant. The fee does not change budget forecast as it is simply recouping expenses associated with surveyor costs. Planning previously attempted to manage sales agreements internally but do not have expertise in this area. Costs vary according to the length of road closure and the complexity of any sales agreement.

Waste & Recycling

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
County-Managed Garbage and Recycling Centres		
Tag-a-Bag; single tag	\$3.00 \$4.00	Council direction to move towards full cost recovery. Increase to the nearest dollar to move towards full cost recovery. (33% increase)
Tag-a-Bag; book of 25 tags	\$75.00	Rate removed. Book is priced based on the cost of the Tag A Bag; single tag.
Household furniture; per item	\$20.00 \$22.00	Council direction to move towards full cost recovery. (10% increase)
Bulk waste; per half-ton load	\$45.00 \$50.00	Council direction to move towards full cost recovery. Increase to the nearest dollar, to move towards full cost recovery. (11% increase)
Untreated wood or lumber; per half-ton load	\$30.00 \$33.00	Council direction to move towards full cost recovery. 10% increase to move towards full cost recovery.

Water & Sewer

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Administrative		
Per mg/L over 300 mg/L biological oxygen demand (BOD)	\$0.1460/kg	Textual clarification.
Per mg/L over 300 mg/L total suspended solids (TSS)	\$0.1161/kg	Textual clarification.
Per mg/L over 100 mg/L fats, oil, and grease (FOG)	\$0.1971/kg	Textual clarification.
Blazer Water Systems		
Potable Water: 0 to 60 cubic meters	\$2.99/m³ \$3.14/m ³	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Potable Water: Over 60 cubic meters	\$5.97/m³ \$6.269/m ³	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Irrigation Water: Lynx Ridge Golf Course Commercial Customer	\$0.227/m³ \$0.236/m ³	3.9% increase (Calgary CPI) per the contract moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Irrigation Water: Lynx Ridge Estate Irrigation Customer Group	\$1.01/m³ \$1.061/m ³	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Bearspaw Regional Wastewater System		
Sewer Rate	\$1.88/m³ water use \$1.97/m ³ water use	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Bragg Creek Water Service		
<i>*Additional off-site infrastructure borrowing costs apply, calculated to the date of fee payment.</i>		
Wintergreen Woods Communal bulk water supply; per month	\$2,000.00 + \$3.022/m³ \$3.173/m ³	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Additional service capacity from within the local improvement service area; per m ³ /day*	\$6,715.00	No changes to rate. Textual clarification.
Water connection from outside the local improvement service area; per m ³ /day* (minimum 0.85m ³)	\$29,395.00	No changes to rate. Textual clarification.
Water rate	\$3.022/m³ \$3.173/m ³	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
Bragg Creek Sewer Service		
<i>*Additional off-site infrastructure borrowing costs apply, calculated to the date of fee payment</i>		
Sewer connection from outside the local improvement service area; per m ³ /day* (minimum 0.85m ³)	\$25,600.00	No changes to rate. Textual clarification.
Sewer rate	\$7.581/m³ water use \$7.96/m ³ water use	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Additional service capacity from within the local improvement service area; per m ³ /day*	\$11,163.00	No changes to rate. Textual clarification.
Cochrane Lake Community Water Service		
0 to 30 cubic meters	\$1.78/m³ \$1.869/m ³	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
30 to 60 cubic meters	\$2.98/m³ \$3.129/m ³	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
60 cubic meters and over	\$4.17/m³ \$4.379/m ³	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Cochrane Lake Community Sewer Service		
0 – 60 cubic meters of water use	\$1.78/m³ water use \$1.87/m ³ water use	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
East Rocky View Water Service		
Residential water rate; per month	\$15.00 +\$5.14/m³ \$15.00 +\$5.397/m ³	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
0 to 49 cubic meters	\$20.00+ \$5.14/m³ \$20.00+ \$5.397/m ³	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
50 to 499 cubic meters	\$50.00+ \$5.14/m³ \$50.00 + \$5.397/m ³	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.

Fee Description	Rate	Rationale for proposed rate change
500 cubic meters and over	\$150.00 + \$5.44/m³ \$150.00 + \$5.397/m ³	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
East Rocky View Sewer Service		
Residential metered sewer rate; per month	\$30.00 + \$2.795/m³ water use \$30.00 + \$2.93/m ³ water use	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Residential unmetered sewer rate; per month	\$68.02 \$71.45	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Multi-unit residential sewer rate; per month	\$30.00 + \$3.715/m³ water use \$30.00 + \$3.90/m ³ water use	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Non-residential sewer rate; per month	\$45.00 + \$2.795/m³ water use \$45.00 + \$2.93/m ³ water use	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Elbow Valley/Pinebrook Sewer Service		
Sewer rate; per month	\$83.26 \$87.43	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Langdon Sewer Service		
<i>*Additional off-site infrastructure borrowing costs apply, calculated to the date of fee payment.</i>		
Residential sewer rate; per month	\$68.05 \$71.45	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Non-residential sewer rate; per month	\$74.65 \$77.75	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Combined residential/commercial with restaurant sewer rate; per month	\$183.81 \$193.00	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Combined residential/commercial without restaurant sewer rate; per month	\$91.99 \$96.50	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.

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Restaurant sewer rate; per month	\$102.12 \$107.226	5% increase moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
West Balzac Water Service		
Residential water rate; per month	\$15.00 + \$5.14/m³ \$15.00 + \$5.397/m ³	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
<i>Non-residential water rate; per month</i>		
0 to 49 cubic meters	\$20.00 + \$5.14/m³ \$20.00 + \$5.397/m ³	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
50 to 499 cubic meters	\$50.00 + \$5.14/m³ \$50.00 + \$5.397/m ³	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
500 cubic meters and over	\$150.00 + \$5.14/m³ \$150.00 + \$5.397/m ³	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
West Balzac Sewer Service		
Residential metered sewer rate; per month	\$30.00 + \$2.795/m³ water use \$30.00 + \$2.929/m ³ water use	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Multi-unit residential sewer rate; per month	\$30.00 + \$3.715/m³ water use \$30.00 + \$3.90/m ³ water use	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.
Non-residential sewer rate; per month	\$45.00 + \$2.795/m³ water use \$45.00 + \$2.929/m ³ water use	5% increase to the variable, moving towards full cost recovery. Council direction to implement full cost recovery.