



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT & A SNEAK PEEK INTO 2022

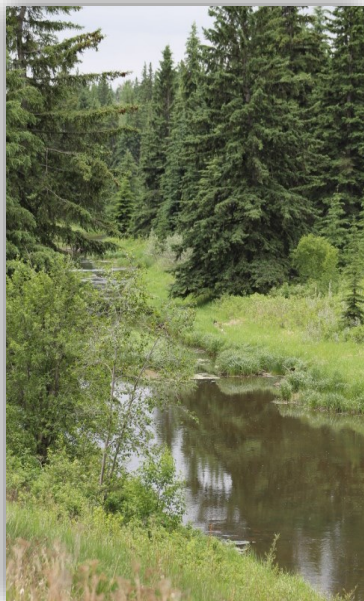
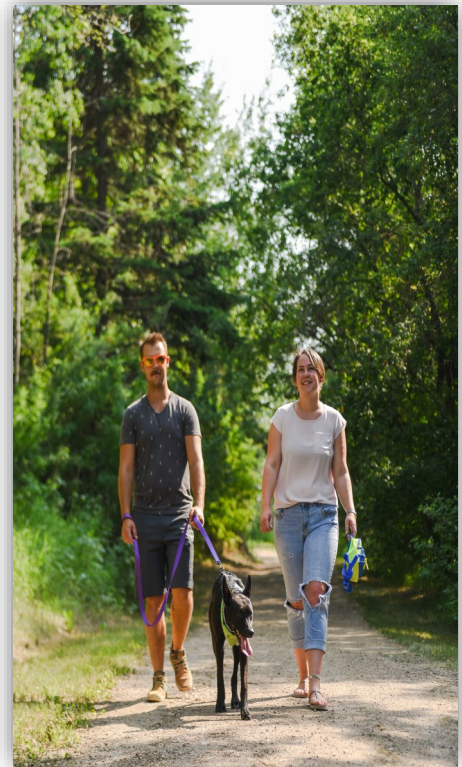


Just How Far Have We Travelled?



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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

2021—2025

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Top row left to right: Mayor Dan Deck, Councillor Lorraine Berry, Councillor Norm Sandahl

Middle row from left to right: Councillor Dale Yushchyshyn,  
Councillor Amber Harris, Councillor Willis Kozak,

Bottom Row from left to right: CAO Farrell O'Malley, Councillor Jay Millante



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings to all, it is with great joy I am writing this message. Over the past two years our town has continued to grow and develop. We have new residents and businesses that have come to town, and we welcome them all. Our services and amenities have grown, and we continue to strive to live up to our town Motto "ROOTED IN FAMILY". You can see this in the revitalization of our parks and other amenities.

Credit for this goes out to our citizens, volunteer groups and town staff who have worked diligently and supported our Vision for the town. As we embark on continuing to build and develop our town, I have one ask for the citizens of Gibbons, please remain engaged and active in what is going on in Town. Your town, community, and your council need you.

Thank you

Mayor Dan Deck



## MESSAGE FROM THE CAO

On behalf of the Administrative Team, I would like to express our deepest appreciation for the opportunity to provide service to you the citizens of the Community that is truly "Rooted in Family."

2021 presented a number of challenges in delivering services due to the pandemic. Services that included the traditional Seniors Almost Christmas Dinner delivered drive thru style. I am extremely proud of our Team who continued to focus on finishing new recreation and leisure spaces like the Pickleball and Basketball Courts in Poplar Park, the completion of the first phase (new playground) of three phases of the Memorial Park transformation, along with the upgrades to Echo Glen Park and fishing pond.

In addition, the Public Works department was able to rehabilitate the CN Crossing from asphalt to concrete which should provide a smoother entrance into Gibbons from the west and enhancing the overall drainage outfall line, strategically placed swales, and a variety of stormwater flow improvements.

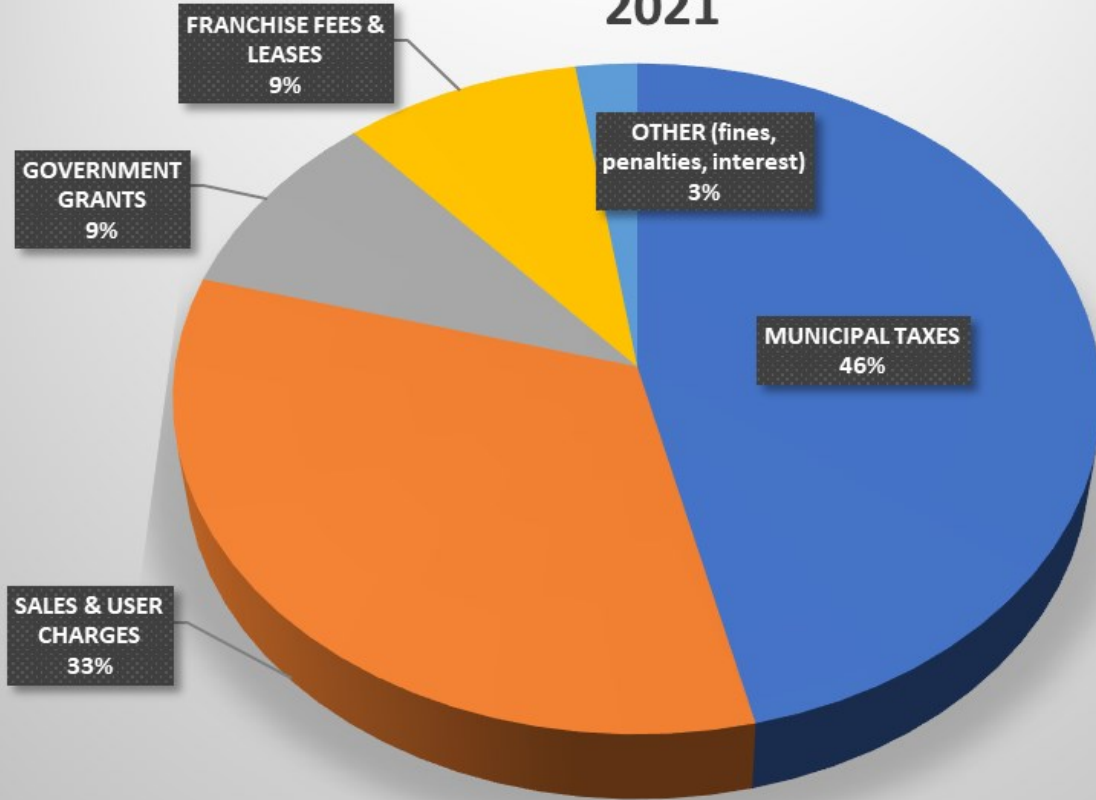
In recognition of the great families and citizens in Gibbons, the Administrative Team working together with Mayor Deck and Members of Council, have always focused on delivering a "value for value exchange" of high quality projects and services and will continue to strive to be innovative and work to ensure we create a real sense of a Community "Rooted in Family" that encourages citizens to be proud to call Gibbons your Community.

Farrell O'Malley, CAO



**\* Not all positions in the chart are filled at the same time - Some are seasonal and others remain vacant until required.**

## WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM IN 2021



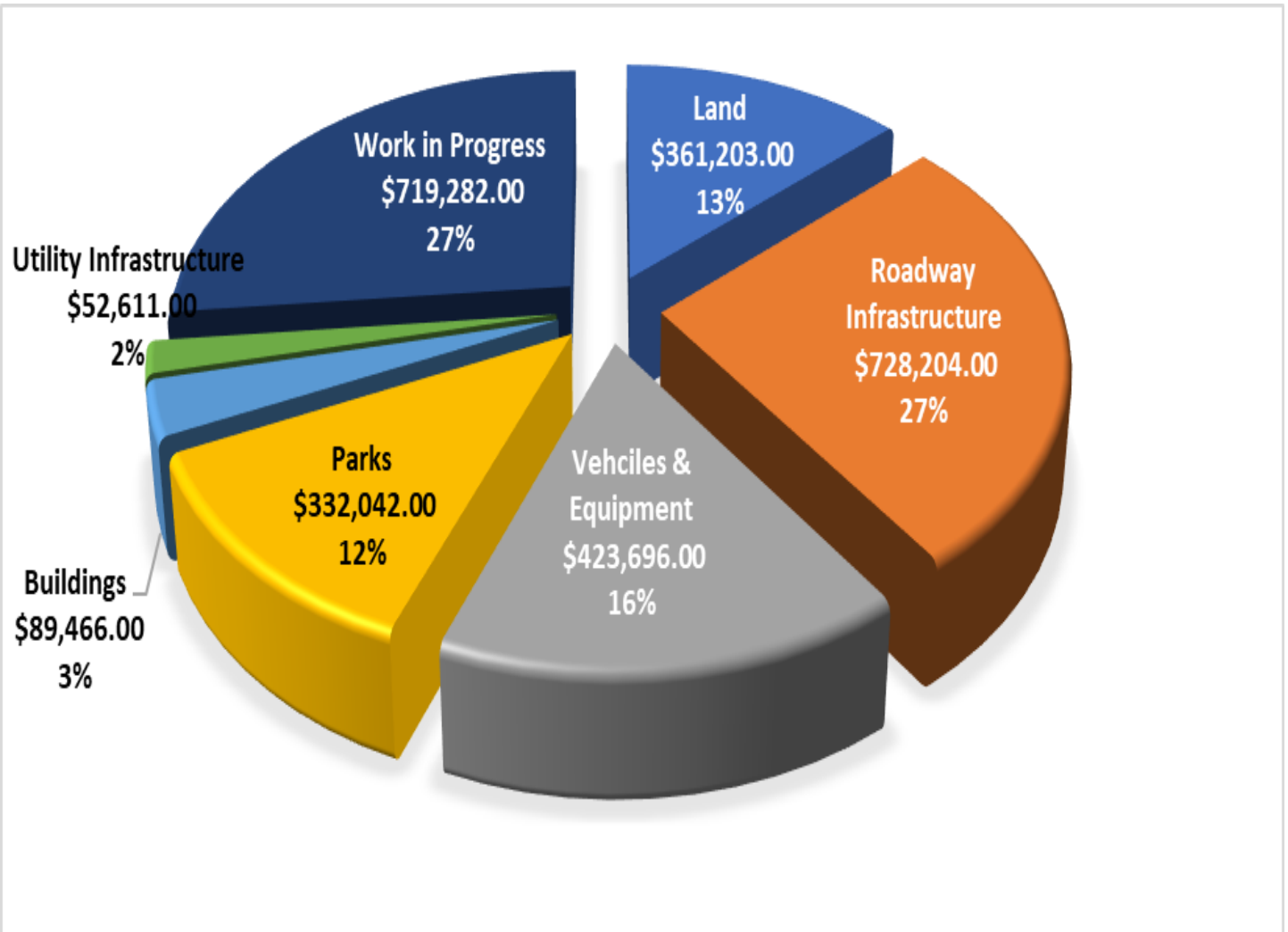
**Municipal Taxes (46%)** are the net municipal portion of all property taxes levied or collected.

**Sales and User Fees (33%)** are the funds raised for utilities and other services charged to the user.

**Franchise Fees and Leases (9%)** are funds raised through lease or license of municipal property and the fees charges to Fortis Alberta for its electric distribution system and ATCO GAS for its gas distribution system within the Town of Gibbons.

**Other (3%)** includes revenues which are not included in the above categories. This includes fines, interest, and some planning-related revenues.

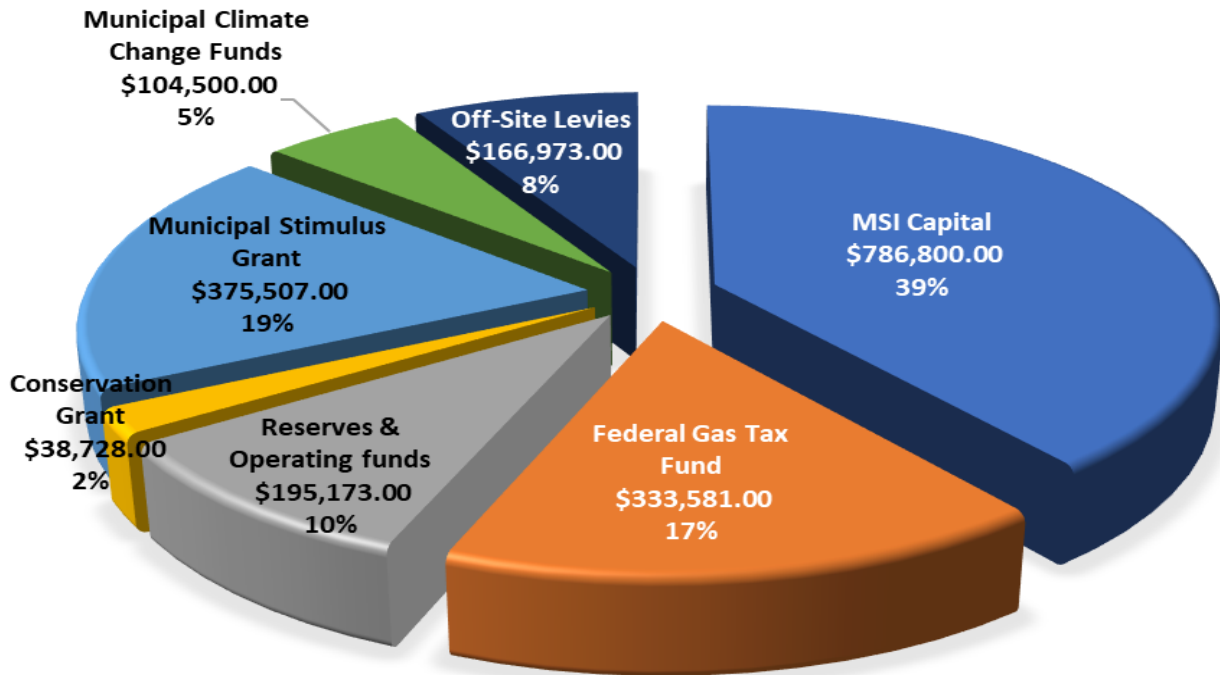
**Government Grants (9%)** are funds provided by senior levels of government for operations within the Town.



## 2021 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY AREA

2021 was a busy year again spite of COVID 19. The Town pushed forward with all of its budgeted capital projects. Work was continued in Memorial Park; Public Works was able to replace some much needed aging equipment such as mowers and a new Zamboni was purchased for the arena. The CN Crossing was rehabilitated; the roof was replaced on the Gibbons Family Resource Center, and a new basket ball court was constructed at Poplar Park. A new gazebo was constructed in front of the Cultural Center and a liner was installed at the fish pond to prevent it from losing water on an annual basis. The curling rink downstairs saw a face lift and the curling rink kitchen saw a major upgrade. A noise abatement fence was constructed along Highway 28A and a new sound system was installed in Council Chambers. Upgrades to the Town’s sidewalk system continued and the development of the Landing Trail keyholes was started.



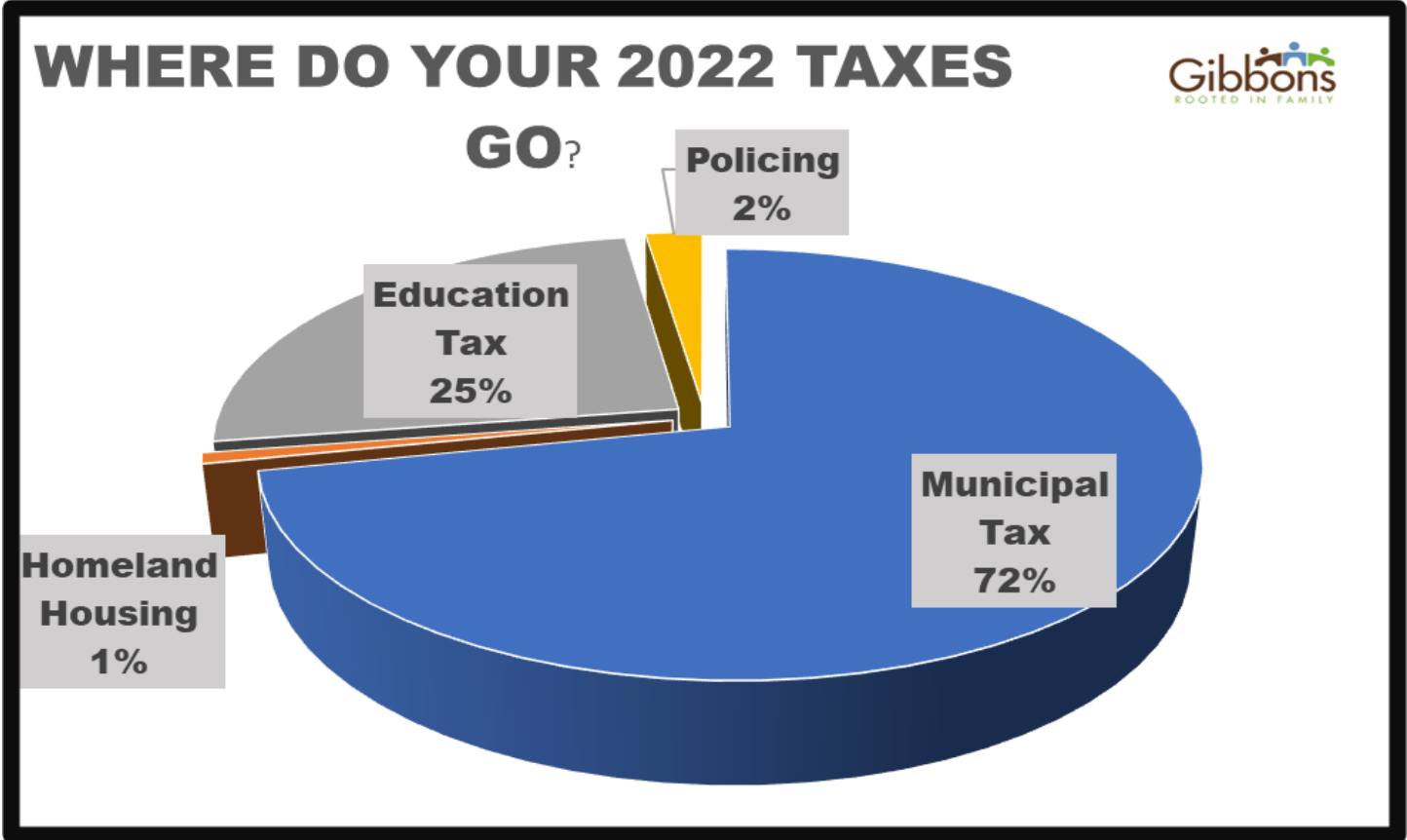


### 2021 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SOURCE

Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital funds comprised of 39% of the revenue for our capital projects, followed by revenue from the Municipal Stimulus Grant. Next on the Town’s capital plan was usage of the Federal Gas Tax Fund. Off-Site levies were used for a portion of the CN crossing project. The upgrades to the arena lighting was funded through climate change funds and the fish pond was funded through a conservation grant.

The 2021 capital plan totaled \$2,001,262.00.





The 2022 Non-Municipal charges or requisitions on your Gibbons Property Tax bill:

Alberta School Foundation Fund (Education Tax)

Alberta Police charges (Policing)

Homeland Housing (Seniors Housing)

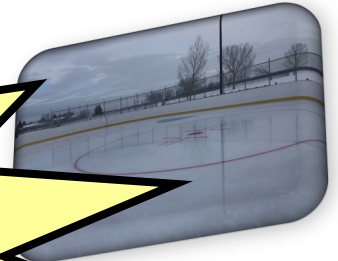
*In 2021 the Town began clearly noting Provincial charges/requisitions on municipal taxes that it is required to collect and remit. It is important to distinguish those elements from actual municipal taxes raised by the Town and approved by Council for local services.*



2021

# RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS

**IN 2021  
(\$751,000)  
OF RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS HAVE  
TAKEN PLACE IN THE TOWN OF GIBBONS!**



- Williams Park Playground upgrade
- Upgrades to Echo Glen Fish Pond
- Memorial Park Phase One
- Lighting Efficiency upgrades to Arena and GCC
- Phase One of the Landing Trail Keyhole project

- Basketball Courts at Poplar Park
- Gazebo at GCC
- New nets for the pickleball courts
- Curling Rink Renos—downstairs & kitchen
- New Zamboni for the Arena



2021

## CULTURE ADDITIONS

**\$30,000  
WAS SPENT ON  
THE GAZEBO  
AND THE  
GRASSY AREA  
HAS  
BEEN  
UPGRADED**



## ROADS UPGRADES

CN Crossings  
Sidewalk Repairs

Miscellaneous Overlays  
Installation of Swales



**THESE OVERLAYS,  
ADDITIONS, UPGRADES  
AND ENHANCEMENTS  
TOTALLED \$680,000 OVER  
THIS LAST YEAR**

**2021**

# WATER/SEWER & BUILDING UPGRADES

## SEWER

Camera imaging of the sanitary system on 48 Avenue and 49th Avenue took place last year.



**\$50,000.00 WAS SPENT ON SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE**



### BUILDINGS

Family Resource Centre  
Roof

**IN 2021 A TOTAL OF \$30,000 WAS SPENT ON BUILDING UPGRADES.**



# EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES

## Administration

No new equipment or upgrades took place within the Administration Department in 2021

## Fire Department

No new vehicles or equipment was purchased in 2021 for The Gibbons Volunteer Fire Department



## PUBLIC WORKS, RECREATION & PARKS, WATER & SEWER

New Water Meters

New side-by-Side

Tool Cat

Mowers and Boom Mower Attachment

TOTAL SPENT **\$88,000**



## LAND IMPROVEMENTS

Noise Abatement (Fence) along Highway 28A

**\$80,000**



**PROPERTY TAX  
PAYMENTS ARE DUE JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUALLY OR ON THE LAST  
BUSINESS BEFORE JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**



### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

The following payment options are available:

**By Mail:** Box 68, Gibbons, AB. T0A 1N0

Payment must be postmarked on or before June 30<sup>TH</sup> to avoid penalties

**In Person:** Gibbons Town Office, 4807 - 50 Avenue during regular office hours

(Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Drop Box:** Mail slot located at the entrance of the Town Office

**Tax Prepayment Plan:** For more information please call the office at 780-923-3331 or download the form from the Town website [www.gibbons.ca](http://www.gibbons.ca)

### **PENALTIES**

A 10% penalty is applied on July 1 on any current outstanding amounts.

Another 16% penalty is applied on January 1 on all outstanding amounts.

### **MORTGAGE COMPANY PAYMENTS**

If your mortgage payment includes property taxes, your mortgage company will receive a copy of the tax notice and you will receive the original. You are responsible for ensuring your taxes are paid by the due date.

Tax penalties will apply if your mortgage holder does not pay by the due date.

**Tax Rates History**

**Residential**

Year	Mun	Allow	Total	School	Senior	
2022	7.316385	0.037	7.353385	2.60885	0.08609	10.04833
2021	6.999751	0.037	7.036751	2.60655	0.09957	9.742871
2020	6.7854	0.037	6.8224	2.52554	0.093833	9.441773
2019	6.754	0.037	6.791	2.615	0.0953	9.5013
2018	6.4041	0.0368	6.4409	2.5866	0.0958	9.1233
2017	6.195	0.0368	6.2318	2.5516	0.0969	8.8803
2016	5.966	0.0368	6.0028	2.4403	0.0952	8.5383
2015	5.8778	0.0375	5.9153	2.3557	0.0932	8.3642
2014	5.5965	0.0393	5.6358	2.43	0.0939	8.1597
2013	5.1514	0.0405	5.1919	2.579	0.0946	7.8655
2012	4.948	0.0143	4.9623	2.5061	0.0967	7.5651

increase  
over 11  
years

**32.82%**

In the last eleven years municipal taxes for residential have increased by 32.82% an average of 2.98% per year and non-residential taxes have increased by 28.29% an average of 2.57% per year.

**Tax Rates History**

**Non-Residential**

Year	Mun	Allow	Total	School	Senior	
2022	13.57241	0.037	13.60941	3.8371	0.08609	17.5326
2021	12.98504	0.037	13.02204	3.797	0.09957	16.91861
2020	12.7854	0.037	12.8224	3.3675	0.093833	16.28373
2019	12.3406	0.037	12.3776	3.4401	0.0953	15.913
2018	11.866	0.0368	11.9028	3.6321	0.0958	15.6307
2017	11.465	0.0368	11.5018	3.3687	0.0969	14.9674
2016	11.1288	0.0368	11.1656	3.4128	0.0952	14.6736
2015	11.1288	0.0375	11.1663	3.559	0.0932	14.8185
2014	10.5965	0.0393	10.6358	3.558	0.0939	14.2877
2013	10.1514	0.0405	10.1919	3.6333	0.0946	13.9198
2012	9.948	0.0143	9.9623	3.6074	0.0967	13.6664

increase  
over 11  
years

**28.29%**



# UTILITY RATES INFO

## 2021 UTILITY RATES PER MONTH RESIDENTIAL

SEWER FLAT RATE	\$22.75
SEWER CONSUMPTION RATE	\$1.36 PER CUBIC METER
WATER FLAT RATE	\$22.75
WATER CONSUMPTION RATE	\$1.74 PER CUBIC METER
GARBAGE RATE	\$23.50

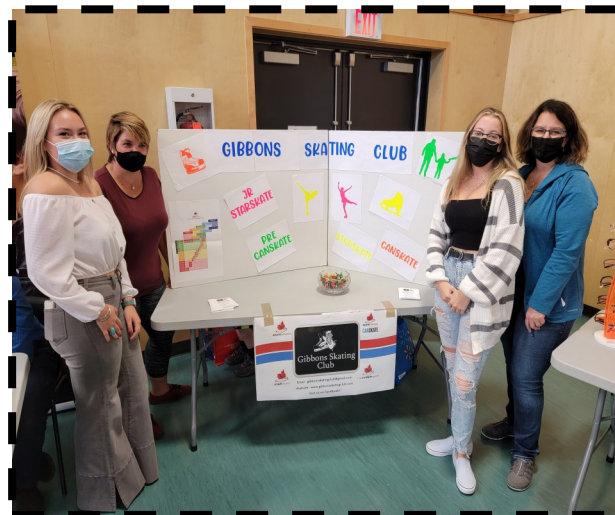


## 2021 UTILITY RATES PER MONTH COMMERCIAL

SEWER FLAT RATE	\$42.75
SEWER CONSUMPTION RATE	\$1.36 PER CUBIC METER
WATER FLAT RATE	\$27.75
WATER CONSUMPTION RATE	\$1.74 PER CUBIC METER
GARBAGE RATE	\$0.00

- WATER METERS ARE READ MONTHLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE 15TH OF THE MONTH.
- UTILITY BILLS ARE MAILED MONTHLY AFTER THE 20TH.
- UTILITIES ARE DUE 15 DAYS AFTER THE BILLING DATE AT WHICH TIME A 2% PENALTY IS APPLIED TO ALL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.
- PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS ARE AVAILABLE BY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE TOWN. PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS ARE WITHDRAWN ON THE 5TH OF EVERY MONTH.

**PLEASE SEE THE TOWN WEBSITE FOR AN APPLICATION FORM FOR THE PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN.**



### CORPORATE SERVICES

In 2021 the Corporate Services department conducted business mostly as usual. COVID 19 did have some impact, but the Town Office was opened to the public throughout and staff continued to work from the office.

The office was short staffed at different times throughout 2021 due to staff illnesses but, nevertheless, we kept moving forward accomplishing our projects as anticipated.

In terms of municipal taxes, the Town was able to maintain the net tax collected at slightly above 2020 levels while maintaining levels of services. On the utility front, water and wastewater rates were not increased.

Despite the difficulties encountered from the pandemic, 2021 was a positive year and the Corporate Services Department will continue to work hard and be responsive to ratepayer needs. Please feel free to reach out to the Town office—we're happy to help.

### PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS

#### ROADS, SIDEWALKS & CURBS

- Completed various sidewalks, curbs and gutters around Town - this is an ongoing yearly project at \$100k per year. We have started to install concrete swales in the old core of Town as it is all surface drainage. The first 3 were installed in 2020, 3 more installed in 2021, with 3 to be installed every year thereafter until completed.
- We were finally, after receiving approval from CN, able to cement the CN crossing at 50th Avenue.
- Construction was completed on the Gazebo next to the Youth Center.

#### VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Purchased in 2021

- new tool cat
- new side-by-side
- A boom mower attachment and a new JD I585 mower.

#### STAFFING

- We hired two summer students to assist with the summer work load.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

While navigating the challenges that COVID-19 brought to the world in 2020 the Gibbons Community Services Department pushed forward to safely provide Gibbons and area residents meaningful supports and activities to maintain and enrich quality of life during these unprecedented times.

### Events:

Although some of these events were modified to meet Alberta COVID regulations, we were able to offer items such as take-away/drive-thru meals for seniors, youth movies, fireworks, parades, and much more!

Jan – Winter Walk Day / Babysitting Safety / Home Alone Safety / 2 classes of Virtual Yoga

February – Family Day Board Game Giveaway / Pink Shirt Day (contest)

April – Easter Art Showcase

May – Mental Health Week (youth bags)

June – Seniors Drive thru BBQ & Fries

July – Pioneer Days -parade -drive in movie -fireworks / Summer Programs and Museum ran in person fully / Youth Centre was open only during summer (restrictions were back)

Sept – Town Wide Garage Sale / Orange Shirt Day / Community Week—Meet the Community Night—Recognition Wall Grand Opening—Dew Drop Inn Grand Reopening—Block Party Grants

Oct – Walking Group started and ran until April 2022 / Pumpkin carving contest / Babysitting Safety / Home Alone Safety / Jody Carrington Zoom event

Nov – Hometown Weekend—Christmas Market—Take Home Movie Bags—free burgers - outdoor concert

Dec – Gingerbread House Kit Giveaway



**Facilities:**

- Curling Club Renovations downstairs
- Momentum Fitness Club, Gibbons Arena, Gibbons Cultural Centre, and other facilities remained open when regulations allowed with strict cleaning practices and other provincially recommended actions in place to ensure safety of all staff and patrons during the pandemic
- Several facilities received fantastic upgrades and new amenities were added to the community as well.

**Recreation:**

Recreation services continued to be offered throughout the year. Some of these services might have looked a little different from other years but our staff worked hard to keep everyone safe, healthy, and connected.

**Social Services:**

- Out of School Care merged programs out of Bon Accord and Gibbons, moving to their new location in the Cultural Centre as "The Landing Pad."
- Social programs such as Home Alone, Babysitting, and Income Tax Programs continued.
- The Gibbons Family Resource Centre remained open to all in need, and to help maintain services of partner organizations and programs such as the Bon Accord Gibbons Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, and the Community Clothing Closet.



GIBBONS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

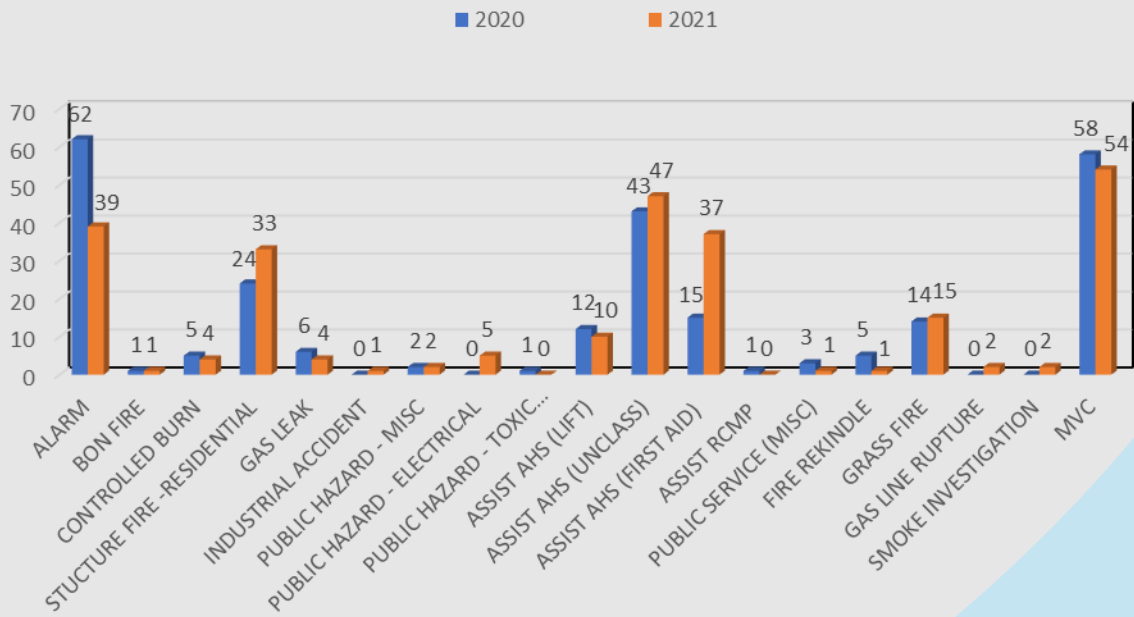
- We currently have 23 active members
- 5 members successfully completed the 1001 Level 1 course in 2020 and 8 in 2021.
- We had our inaugural 1021 level 1 program.



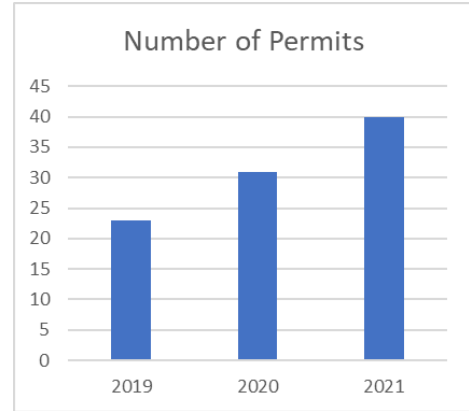
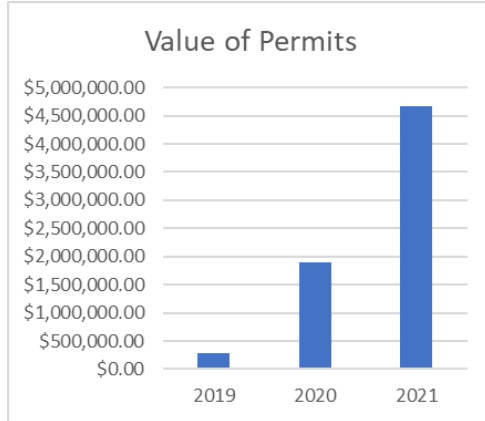
EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL

We recruited 4 new members and 3 were retained in 2021.

CALL VOLUME JAN 1 - DEC 31



## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



**Significant development projects of note that were completed or received approval:**

The Intermunicipal Development Plan between the Town of Gibbons and Sturgeon County received third reading on April 15, 2021.

There were no Subdivision or Land use Bylaw Amendment applications received in 2021.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMNT**

We held two business Breakfast meetings at Mainstreet Public House with a good turnout for both events.

We continue to work with Mix 107.9 updating our advertising every 2—3 months with emphasis on the Meadows.

The 2020 Regional Business Breakfast was not held due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.

We are continuing to provide new residents with community information packages, including some swag from local sponsoring businesses.

We had a promotional video with drone footage created for future promotional use.



**Utility Bill Newsletter**

This is sent out with the Utility Bills monthly and posted on the Town website and the Post Office community board. Call or email the Town if you would like the latest copy.

**Council Meetings**

The powers of Mayor and Council are exercised through the adoption of resolutions or the enactment of bylaws at regularly scheduled Council meetings. Council holds two regular meetings each month (one in July and one in August) on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Daytime meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and Evening meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and agendas are available on the Town website at [www.gibbons.ca](http://www.gibbons.ca).

**Committees, Commissions and Boards**

A variety of municipal topics and other functions are dealt with within committees and separately by commissions and boards. Council appoints representatives to these commissions and boards to ensure that the best interests of our residents are heard.

**Town Website**

Your guide to Town services, Council meetings, reports, financials, special events, projects and more. Find it all at [www.gibbons.ca](http://www.gibbons.ca). Access agendas for upcoming meetings, review minutes from past meetings, research bylaws and details about past, present and future activities.

**Social Media**

Follows us on Facebook by clicking on the icons at [www.gibbons.ca](http://www.gibbons.ca).

**Electronic Signs**

Our two electronic signs located downtown and at the Cultural Centre where highlights of events and programs are posted and updated weekly.

**Public Information Meetings/Open Houses**

Held on an "as-needed" basis, Public Information Meetings provide residents with key information about important topics such as the Town's Recreation Master Plan.

**Annual Report**

This new report is a means for the Town to report on basic financial and operational information, progress made on previous year's objectives and to set out current and future strategic goals and objectives.

**Annual Financial Statements**

Usually available for the prior year each spring, the audited financial statements provide more granular data with respect to the Town's financial position and legislative compliance for a public sector body. Once approved, these are publicly available and placed on the Town website.

# OVERVIEW

