



# PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

## REDUCED SPENDING

The City of Leduc is committed to responsible, accountable and sustainable financial management as the city continues to grow and prosper. The 2025 proposed budget demonstrates cost-savings without decreasing service levels.

In December of 2023, Council approved a three-year budget for 2024–2026. This pre-approved 2025 budget estimated tax increase of 5.9%. After reducing operating costs in some areas, the estimated tax increase in the proposed 2025 budget is now 3.4%.



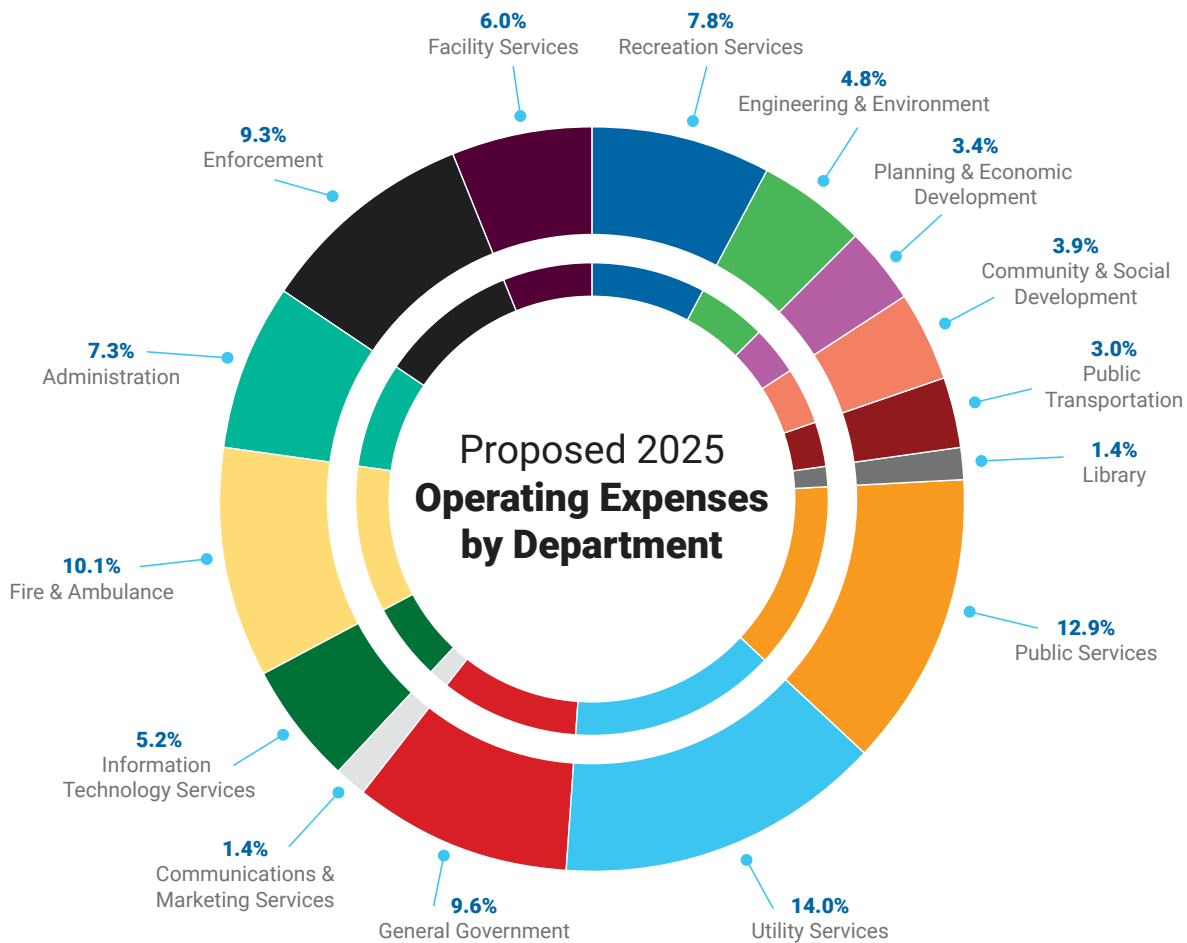
Reduced estimated tax increase from 5.9% to 3.4%

## BUDGET BREAKDOWN

## OPERATING BUDGET

The proposed operating expenditure budget is \$111.6 million with savings primarily made to spending on materials and supplies (down 4%), training and development (down 3%) and contracted services (down 1%). The 3.4% increase in tax revenue is due to inflation as well as reductions in provincial funding.

The operating budget will fund programs and services like snow removal, fire / ambulance / policing services, recreational facilities, community events, cultural initiatives and waste collection.





### Service Level Enhancement!

Following direction from City Council in 2022, Recreation Services undertook a pilot program to offer a free summer Parks Program in 2023 and 2024. The summer 2023 pilot period was successful, serving approximately 450 participants in July and August. In 2024 the pilot was updated to include a hybrid offering of fixed and roving program opportunities maximizing community reach and access. Now that the pilot period has concluded and the program has been successful, the City is proposing this program continue as an ongoing service.

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## CAPITAL BUDGET

We have a financially sustainable 10-year capital plan that focuses on maintaining the City's \$1.4 billion of existing critical infrastructure and on new infrastructure to respond to community growth. The estimated spending on capital projects in 2025 is \$38 million. This will be funded by City reserves (61%), grants (21%) and debenture borrowing (18%).

### Proposed 2025 Capital Project Highlights



Construction of Fire Hall 3



Expanding the 47 Street multiway



Building new amenities (e.g., a new community garden at Deer Valley)



Continued focus on improving roads in Willow Park



Future infrastructure growth projects approved by Council to be brought forward as part of the proposed Budget 2025 (e.g., artificial turf at John Bole Athletic Park and lighting at William F. Lede Park).

### Proposed Fees

Utility fees collected by the City provide water, sewer, garbage collection, and storm water infrastructure. Some of the costs of these services are fixed (stay the same regardless of volume of use) and some are variable. Some fixed costs are outside the control of the City and are determined by the provider of the service. For example, Arrow Utilities manages wastewater treatment for the city and charges the City a fixed cost for that service.

The proposed 2025 budget estimates an increase in overall utility costs of approximately \$8 per month.