



**Town of Eston 2025  
Tax Information & Budget Highlights**

Council approved the final budget and established the 2025 Tax Levy at the regular scheduled meeting on April 9, 2025. The 2025 Municipal Revenue Sharing allocation has been confirmed, with the Town of Eston receiving \$288,550.

**Taxation involves various tools for determining tax rates**

**Base Tax:** This is a flat amount that everyone pays (all property classes) (land) and is to cover essential services.

**Minimum Tax:** This applies to residential properties with a taxable assessed improvement value of \$69,166 or less and commercial properties with a taxable assessed improvement value of \$39,500 or less.

**Mill Rate:** applies to all properties with a taxable assessed improvement value exceeding the Minimum tax thresholds.

*Example: Taxable assessment x Mill Rate/1000 = Initial property tax*

<b>Tax Tools</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Minimum Tax (Improvements)	\$845	\$645	\$645	\$645	\$645	\$664	\$664
Residential Base Tax (Land)	\$895	\$1,000	\$1,125	\$1,200	\$1,240	\$1,300	\$1390
Commercial Base Tax (Land)	\$1,345	\$1,000	\$1,125	\$1,200	\$1,240	\$1,300	\$1390
Agricultural Base Tax (Land)	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Mill Rate (Land-Improvements)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6
Commercial Mill Rate Factor	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7

Every four years, SAMA conducts a revaluation of all properties. In 2025, the overall property assessment for the Town of Eston increased by 13.3%. In response, Council approved an increase to the base tax to support essential services, maintained the minimum tax rate, and **reduced** the Mill Rate from 9.7 to 9.6.

<b>Taxable Assessment</b>
2025 Taxable assessment = 53,026,170 (13.3%)
2024 Taxable assessment = 46,800,010
2023 Taxable assessment = 45,977,600
2022 Taxable assessment = 45,746,960
2021 Taxable assessment = 45,615,975

**Essential Service (Base Tax covers)**

Department	2022	2023	2024	Average 3 years
RCMP	\$86,191	\$90,340	\$92,947	\$89,826
Fire	\$37,000	\$47,627	\$50,164	\$44,930
Fire Call Revenue	-\$14,669	-\$6,763	-\$24,801	-\$15,411
Public Works	\$394,661	\$460,570	\$434,316	\$429,849
Emergency Measures	\$399	\$1,000	0	\$466
Landfill	\$49,032	\$55,948	\$151,881	\$85,620
Landfill Tipping	-\$13,446	-\$19,350	-\$61,760	\$31,518
\$250 Base for Paving	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$138,500	\$139,500
Fuel	\$7,500	\$8000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Total	\$687,168	\$777,371	\$789,247	\$751,262
Add 3%	\$707,783	\$800,693	\$812,924	\$773,800
<i>Split by 556 taxable properties</i>				\$1390 (round)

The School Mill rates has decreased in 2025 for all property classes.

Property Class	2024 Mill Rate	2025 Mill Rate
Agricultural	1.42	1.07
Residential	4.54	4.27
Commercial/Industrial	6.86	6.37

**2025 Budget**

The following departments are jointly funded on a 50/50 cost-sharing basis with the RM of Snipe Lake No. 259: Fire, Landfill, Library, and Recreation. Economic Development is funded through a 40/60 cost-share arrangement. Water and Sewer services are intended to be self-sustaining.

Department	Revenue	Expenses	Net (Deficit)
Recreation-Bowling	\$2,680	\$3,340	-\$660
Recreation-Booth	\$110,300	\$113,540	-\$3,240
Recreation-Complex	\$135,250	\$539,250	-\$404,000
Recreation-Fairgrounds	\$21,750	\$82,450	-\$60,700
Recreation-Pool	\$25,650	\$152,830	-\$127,180
Recreation-Rec Office	\$33,680	\$140,980	-\$107,300
Public Works		\$640,630	-\$640,630
Water & Sewer	\$714,510	\$695,810	\$18,700
Landfill	\$40,000	\$153,470	-\$113,470
Fire	\$39,900	\$109,850	-\$69,950
Library	\$7,920	\$96,860	-\$88,940
Economic Development	\$13,000	\$71,850	-\$58,850
Emergency Measures		\$9,970	-\$9,970
General Governance	\$1,943,870	\$594,810	\$1,349,060
Recycle & Waste	\$189,680	\$85,520	\$104,160
Campground	\$7,500	\$11,650	-\$4,150
Council		\$34,680	-\$34,680
Public Health & Welfare & PD		\$51,000	-\$51,000
Protective Services/Bylaw		\$102,310	-\$102,310