

Legislative Mandate

Alberta public libraries have their own legislation – the Alberta Libraries Act. Within that legislation, public library service is a municipal service, but it must be governed at arms-length from the municipality. The legislation sets out that each municipal council appoints the members of the library board from the community. The Library Board is recognized as being the legal authority that guides and directs the Library at a governance level, with reports coming to Council according to the legislation to ensure community accountability.

SCL Plan of Service 2016-2020 Priorities and Services

Participate and Connect: Community Engagement

Residents will have opportunities to connect with each other and with local resources so that they feel engaged in the community.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Children from birth to age five will have programs and services designed to ensure they will enter school ready to learn and to read, write, and listen.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Residents have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and express their creativity so they can fuel their curiosity and continue to learn throughout their lives.

Understand How to Find, Evaluate, and Use Information: Information Fluency

Residents will have the resources to develop their information fluency skills to make informed and effective use of information and their digital literacy skills so they can participate with confidence in digital environments.

2019 Focus*

Within the five-year goals and objectives set in the 2016-2020 Plan of Service, the Library Board develops action plans for each coming year. In 2019 the focus will be on:

- Identifying and reviewing partnerships to ensure alignment with strategic priorities,
- Implementing new feedback forms and refining reporting process and tools,
- Continuing the focus on areas of need identified in County Early Development Instrument (EDI) results,
- Developing a library-wide strategy to support students of all ages in formal learning, including community engagement opportunities for youth,
- Addressing action items from the Library's Digital Literacy Strategy specific to elementary students, teens and post-secondary students, and
- Offering extra sessions of existing digital literacy programs and services at community halls and in conjunction with bookmobile stops.

* Subject to regular resumption of services in the Community Centre location which delay undertaking these plans for many months to come.

Strathcona County Library 2019 Budget

2019 Operating Budget

Strathcona County

		2019		2018	Variance \$	Variance %
Revenues		Budget	Sec.	Budget		
Property Taxes	\$	(0.717.2(0))	ው	(0.4(1.0(0)	ф (о сс соо)	2.07
Government Grants	Ф	(9,717,369)	\$	(9,461,866)	\$ (255,503)	3 %
		(555,563)		(555,563)	-	0%
User Fees & Charges Penalties & Fines		(56,062)		(58,316)	2,254	(4)%
Investment Income		(163,320)		(165,697)	2,377	(1)%
		(152,451)		(127,934)	(24,517)	19 %
Other Revenues		(148,274)		(148,583)	309	(0)%
Europeas		(10,793,039)		(10,517,959)	(275,080)	3 %
Expenses		5 40 4 610		5 9 (0.000		
Salaries & Wages		5,434,613		5,268,822	165,791	3 %
Employee Benefits		1,202,891		1,278,521	(75,630)	(6)%
Training & Development		91,650		92,834	(1,184)	(1)%
Business Expenses		16,740		15,875	865	5 %
Advertising & Printing		83,235		83,685	(450)	(1)%
Professional Services		27,281		18,944	8,337	44 %
Rentals & Leases		16,984		19,434	(2,450)	(13)%
Contracted Services		95,515		91,931	3,584	4 %
Supplies & Materials		550,523		563,151	(12,628)	(2)%
Repairs & Maintenance		42,499		55,452	(12,953)	(23)%
Equipment Purchases		24,700		27,140	(2,440)	(9)%
Telecommunications		10,062		10,941	(879)	(8)%
Interest On Debt		849,110		884,972	(35,862)	(4)%
Other Expenses,		5,824		6,160	(336)	(5)%
Interprogram		729,720		677,486	52,234	8 %
Amortization Expense		1,452,211		1,427,064	25,147	2 %
		10,633,558		10,522,412	111,146	1 %
Net Revenues (Expenses)		(159,481)		4,453	(163,934)	(3681)%
Non-Operating Items						
From Reserve		-		(16,900)	16,900	(100)%
To Capital		603,059		589,279	13,780	2 %
To Reserve		190,196		67,334	122,862	182 %
Long Term Debt Repaid		818,437		782,898	35,539	5 %
		1,611,692		1,422,611	189,081	13 %
Non-Cash Adjustment		(1,452,211)		(1,427,064)	(25,147)	2 %
Total Operating Budget	\$	Station date	\$		\$ -	

* Revenue is shown as a credit (in brackets)

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Strathcona County Library 2019 Budget

Budg	et Changes 2018 to 2019
Revenues	14
Property Taxes	Library taxes increased due to assessment growth and projected inflation; a 0.5% increase in the library tax rate is proposed.
Investment Income	Increased interest earned on reserves, wholly offset under To Reserve.
Expenses	1.5 million and the second
Salaries & Wages	Economic adjustment allowance and grid movement.
Employee Benefits	As above, fully offset by savings due to future rate changes in a number of areas.
Repairs & Maintenance	Removal of the one-time interior update to the Bookmobile.
Interest on Debt	Decrease is due to reduced interest portions on repayments of aging debt.
Interprogram	The facility maintenance chargeback increased by ~15% due to higher building repair/maintenance and janitorial costs. Human Resources chargeback increased by
	~13% due to higher staff costs. Partially offset by correction in Corporate Finance chargeback.
Amortization	Increase resulting from changes in capital asset balances, wholly offset by non-cash adjustments.
Non-Operating Items	
From Reserve	The Shell Canada sponsorship funds held in reserve are now fully spent.
To Capital	Increase to allow for purchase of additional children's and Bookmobile collection items.
To Reserve	Interest earned on reserves has increased by \$24K, offset under Investment Income. Transfers to the Equipment Replacement Reserve and New Library Branch Reserve have been added.
Long-Term Debt Repaid	Increase is due to increased principal portions on repayments of aging debt.





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		2020		2019	Variance \$	Variance %
	Fc	recast		Budget		
Revenues						
Property Taxes	\$ (9,907,583)	\$	(9,717,369)	\$ (190,214)	2 %
Government Grants		(555,563)		(555,563)	i.e.	0 %
User Fees & Charges		(56,116)		(56,062)	(54)	0 %
Penalties & Fines		(163,320)		(163,320)	-	0 %
Investment Income		(158,706)		(152,451)	(6,255)	4 %
Other Revenues		(148,274)		(148,274)		0 %
	(1	0,989,562)		(10,793,039)	(196,523)	2 %
Expenses						
Salaries & Wages		5,590,461		5,434,613	155,848	3 %
Employee Benefits		1,252,691		1,202,891	49,800	4 %
Training & Development		91,649		91,650	(1)	(0)%
Business Expenses		16,740		16,740	-	0%
Advertising & Printing		83,235		83,235	· _	0 %
Professional Services		19,625		27,281	(7,656)	(28)%
Rentals & Leases		16,984		16,984	-	0%
Contracted Services		95,841		95,515	326	0 %
Supplies & Materials		565,500		550,523	14,977	3 %
Repairs & Maintenance	×	42,499		42,499	-	0 %
Equipment Purchases		26,620		24,700	1,920	8 %
Telecommunications		10,062		10,062	-,	0 %
Interest On Debt		811,652		849,110	(37,458)	(4)%
Other Expenses		5,824		5,824	-	0%
Interprogram		730,376		729,720	656	0 %
Amortization Expense		1,452,211		1,452,211	-	0 %
		0,811,970		10,633,558	178,412	2 %
Net Revenues (Expenses)		(177,592)	-	(159,481)	(18,111)	11 %
Non-Operating Items	P				()	11 / 0
To Capital		603,059		603,059	-	0 %
To Reserve		171,151		190,196	(19,045)	(10)%
Long Term Debt Repaid		855,593		818,437	37,156	5 %
	-	1,629,803		1,611,692	18,111	1 %
Non-Cash Adjustment		1,452,211)		(1,452,211)		0 %
Fotal Operating Budget	\$, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	\$		\$ -	0.70

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Strathcona County Library 2019 Budget

Budget Changes 2019 to 2020					
Revenues					
Property Taxes	Library taxes increased due to assessment growth and projected inflation; a 0.75% increase in the library tax rate is projected.				
Investment Income	Increased interest as per projections provided by County Finance.				
Expenses					
Salaries & Wages	Economic adjustment allowance and grid movement.				
Employee Benefits	As above.				
Supplies & Materials	One time-purchase of Microsoft Office licenses.				
Interest on Debt	Decrease is due to reduced interest portions on repayments of aging debt.				
Non-Operating Items					
To Reserve	Interest earned on reserves has increased. Transfer to reserve for future capital projects reduced to balance budget.				
Long-Term Debt Repaid	Increase is due to increased principal portions on repayments of aging debt.				



Strathcona County Library 2019 Budget

	2021 Forecast	2020 Fore cast	Variance \$	Variance %
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$ (10,205,902)	\$ (9,907,583)	\$ (298,319)	3 %
Government Grants	(555,563)	(555,563)	-	0 %
User Fees & Charges	(56,171)	(56,116)	(55)	0 %
Penalties & Fines	(163,320)	(163,320)	-	0 %
Investment Income	(164,994)	(158,706)	(6,288)	4 %
Other Revenues	 (148,274)	(148,274)	-	0 %
	(11,294,224)	(10,989,562)	(304,662)	3 %
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	5,721,277	5,590,461	130,816	2 %
Employee Benefits	1,287,966	1,252,691	35,275	3 %
Training & Development	91,649	91,649	-	0 %
Business Expenses	16,740	16,740	-	0 %
Advertising & Printing	83,235	83,235		0 %
Professional Services	19,974	19,625	349	2 %
Rentals & Leases	16,984	16,984	-	0 %
Contracted Services	96,174	95,841	333	0 %
Supplies & Materials	564,707	565,500	(793)	(0)%
Repairs & Maintenance	42,499	42,499	-	0%
Equipment Purchases	44,750	26,620	18,130	68 %
Telecommunications	10,062	10,062	-	0 %
Interest On Debt	772,490	811,652	(39,162)	(5)%
Other Expenses	5,824	5,824	-	0%
Interprogram	731,052	730,376	676	0 %
Amortization Expense	1,452,211	1,452,211	_	0 %
	10,957,594	10,811,970	145,624	1 %
Net Revenues (Expenses)	(336,630)	(177,592)	(159,038)	90 %
Non-Operating Items				
To Capital	603,059	603,059	-	0 %
To Reserve	291,343	171,151	120,192	70 %
Long Term Debt Repaid	894,439	855,593	38,846	5 %
	 1,788,841	1,629,803	159,038	10 %
Non-Cash Adjustment	(1,452,211)	 (1,452,211)		0 %
Fotal Operating Budget	\$	\$	\$ -	

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Budget Changes 2020 to 2021				
Revenues				
Property Taxes	Library taxes increased due to assessment growth.			
Investment Income	Increased interest as per projections provided by County Finance.			
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	Economic adjustment allowance and grid movement.			
Employee Benefits	As above.			
Equipment Purchases	One-time contribution to shared virtual server hosted by St Albert Public Library.			
Interest on Debt	Decrease is due to reduced interest portions on repayments of aging debt.			
Non-Operating Items				
To Reserve	Increased interest earned on reserves. Increased transfer to reserve for future capital projects.			
Long-Term Debt Repaid	Increase is due to increased principal portions on repayments of aging debt.			



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		2022 Forecast		2021 Forecast	Variance \$	Variance %
Revenues						8
Property Taxes	\$	(10,912,969)	\$	(10,205,902)	\$ (707,067)	7 %
Government Grants		(555,563)		(555,563)	-	0 %
User Fees & Charges		(56,226)		(56,171)	(55)	0 %
Penalties & Fines		(163,320)		(163,320)	-	0 %
Investment Income		(173,074)		(164,994)	(8,080)	5 %
Other Revenues		(148,274)		(148,274)	1996 1993 - 1996 1	0 %
		(12,009,426)		(11,294,224)	(715,202)	6 %
Expenses					6	
Salaries & Wages		5,836,242		5,721,277	114,965	2 %
Employee Benefits		1,322,747		1,287,966	34,781	3 %
Training & Development		91,649		91,649	-	0 %
Business Expenses		16,740		16,740	-	0 %
Advertising & Printing		83,235		83,235	-	0 %
Professional Services		20,332		19,974	358	2 %
Rentals & Leases		16,984		16,984	-	0 %
Contracted Services		96,514		96,174	340	0%
Supplies & Materials		582,944		564,707	18,237	3 %
Repairs & Maintenance		42,499		42,499	-	0 %
Equipment Purchases		28,290		44,750	(16,460)	(37)%
Telecommunications		10,062		10,062	-	0%
Interest On Debt		731,543		772,490	(40,947)	(5)%
Other Expenses		5,824		5,824	-	0%
Interprogram		731,747		731,052	695	0 %
Amortization Expense		1,452,211		1,452,211	-	0 %
		11,069,563		10,957,594	111,969	1 %
Net Revenues (Expenses)		(939,863)		(336,630)	(603,233)	179 %
Non-Operating Items			5.V			
To Capital		603,059		603,059	-	0 %
To Reserve		853,961		291,343	562,618	193 %
Long Term Debt Repaid		935,054		894,439	40,615	5 %
-	12	2,392,074		1,788,841	603,233	34 %
Non-Cash Adjustment		(1,452,211)		(1,452,211)	.=	0 %
Total Operating Budget	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	

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Budget Changes 2021 to 2022					
Revenues					
Property Taxes	Library taxes increased due to assessment growth.				
Investment Income	Increased interest as per projections provided by County Finance.				
Expenses					
Salaries & Wages	Economic adjustment allowance and grid movement.				
Employee Benefits	As above.				
Supplies & Materials	One time-purchase of Microsoft Windows Clients and Server licenses.				
Equipment Purchases	Remove one-time contribution to shared virtual server hosted by St Albert Public Library.				
Interest on Debt	Decrease is due to reduced interest portions on repayments of aging debt.				
Non-Operating Items					
To Reserve	Increased interest earned on reserves. Increased transfer to reserve for future capital projects.				
Long-Term Debt Repaid	Increase is due to increased principal portions on repayments of aging debt.				

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2019 Capital Budget & 2020 – 2023 Capital Plan

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Project	Budget	Planned	Planned	Planned	Planned
Library Collection Replacement	603,059	603,059	603,059	603,059	603,059
Library IT Infrastructure	61,661	118,383	48,579	55,568	56,124
Replacement					
Replace Radio Frequency	66,300	209,121	-	30,914	18,300
Identification (RFID) Equipment				,	
Replace Furniture on Public Floor	-*	214,417	223,080	227,541	333,395
Replace Book Return Bin	-	-	-	11,593	-
Purchase Program Van	45,000		-	-	-
Total	776,020	1,144,980	874,718	928,675	1,010,878

Annual Program

Rehab/Replacement

Growth

2019 Fee Schedule Changes

	2019 FEE	2018 FEE	Date of	GST
	before GST	before GST	Implementation	Exempt
<u>Other</u>				•
Woven Backpack Bag - Each	\$1.90	\$3.81	Jan.19	No
Pens - Each	\$0.95	\$1.90	Jan.19	No
Coffee Tumbler - Each	\$9.52	N/A	Jan.19	No
Stainless Steel Water Bottle - Each	\$9.52	N/A	Jan.19	No
Stuffed Hedgehog - Each	\$9.52	N/A	Jan.19	No