

2021 Provincial Budget

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Budget Overview

- Bill 60, *Appropriation Act, 2021*, was passed on March 25
- Additional detail will be coming as it is made available
- Overviews provided by RMA, AUMA, and others, as well as information gathered in tandem with regional municipalities was compiled for this presentation

Budget Overview

- Provincial revenue – \$43.7 billion
 - Growth of an average 7.9% over the next 2 years predicted
- Projected provincial deficits
 - 2021, \$18.2 billion; 2022, \$11 billion; 2023, \$8 billion.
 - Total debt of \$115 billion
- No new taxes
- \$23 billion in healthcare spending
- Assumption of the WTI at US \$46 per barrel for 2021-22

Municipal Impacts

- Significant changes to MSI over the coming 3 years (detailed on next slide)
 - ~25% cut to MSI over the next 3 years
 - LGFF will start at \$722 million in 2024, below the original \$860 million proposed for 2022.
- \$10 million to assist elected authorities or other bodies to conduct a vote under the *Alberta Senate Election Act* and the *Referendum Act*.
- Education property tax frozen; province urging municipalities to do the same.
- New cost sharing model for disaster funding, details coming.
- Family and Community Support Services, police grants, and library funding staying flat.

Strathcona County MSI

	2020 MSI Projection	2021 MSI Projection	Difference	Operating Funding	Total Funding: 2021 Projection**
2021	\$21.3M	\$29.6M	\$8.4M	\$0.8M	\$30.5M
2022*	\$17.3M	\$11.6M	(\$5.7M)	\$0.8M	\$12.3M
2023*	\$17.3M	\$11.6M	(\$5.7M)	\$0.8M	\$12.3M

- Total MSI from 2021 to 2023 dropped approximately \$3 million

* 2022 and 2023 numbers are estimated

** Totals may not add, due to rounding

Industrial Funding

- \$1 million towards the Designated Industrial Zone project
- \$1.7 million for the Air Data Management System Development
- \$11 million investment to the existing Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program
- \$13 million for the Digital Regulatory Assurance System over the next three years

Investment and Recovery

- \$18 million for additional initiatives under the Department of Jobs, Economy and Innovation that are still under policy development.
- The Investment and Growth Strategy, led by Jobs, Economy and Innovation (JEI) and Invest Alberta Corporation, will be supported by a \$10 million Enterprise Fund.
- JEI will lead the development of a Manufacturing Strategy that will enable growth of Alberta's advanced manufacturing capabilities.
- \$22 million allocated for tourism investment.

Environment

- Decarbonization:
 - \$449 million in stimulus funding was provided over four years through the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) system to reduce emissions and position Alberta as a global sustainable energy leader.
- Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction funding increased from \$51 million to \$93 million.
- No specific funding appears to have been allocated for carbon capture, utilization, and storage initiatives.
- The funding model for the Disaster Recovery Plan has moved to a 90%/10% split.

Questions?