

# Strategic Priorities & Budget Highlights

## Budget Highlights

The 2026 Budget approved by City Council invests in continued quality services for the community while prioritizing affordability for taxpayers.

The approved mill rate increase for 2026 is 10.9% per cent. The combined increases to the mill rate, utility rate and library levy will add up to \$38.70 per month for the average Regina household.

“This year’s budget process was one of the most challenging we’ve faced, but it has also been the most transparent and detailed — exactly what residents deserve,” said Mayor Chad Bachynski. “Council carefully weighed the realities of our infrastructure, our climate, and the expectations of 255,000 people who rely on core services every day. The choices before us were not easy, but they were necessary. With the input of hundreds of residents, we have charted a responsible path forward — one that protects essential programs, rebuilds our reserves, and ensures Regina remains resilient today while preparing for the future.”

<b>Breakdown of 2026 Mill Rate Increase</b>	<b>2026</b>
Civic Operations	5.77%
Dedicated Mill Rates	2.93%
Regina Police Service	2.20%
<b>Total Mill Rate Increase</b>	<b>10.90%</b>

<b>Breakdown of 2026 Utility Rate Increase</b>	<b>2026</b>
Intensification Infrastructure and the Industrial Development Charge Reduction -Dedicated Rate Increase	1.82%
Utility Rate Increase	6.00%
<b>Total Utility Rate Increase</b>	<b>7.82%</b>

The 2026 Budget focuses on core community priorities such as safety, infrastructure and comprehensive civic services. Key investments include \$131.9 million for the Regina Police Services, \$55.4 million for Regina Fire and Protective Services, \$223.5 million to go towards capital projects such the renewal and maintenance of our roadways and \$119.6 million for water utility capital projects.

The 2026 Budget discussions highlighted the need to provide the same civic services that residents rely on daily, while investing in Regina’s infrastructure, which requires increased maintenance and renewal.

The 2026 Budget reflects the City’s commitment to meeting the needs of Regina residents while keeping property taxes affordable.

Residents can visit [Regina.ca/Budget](http://Regina.ca/Budget) to learn more about the 2026 Approved Budget.