Town of Snow Lake

Fall Newsletter 2026

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CANADA DAY PARADE: SHOWING OFF 50 YEARS OF MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION!



Another summer has passed, as well as another fun-filled July 1st celebrated Snow Lake style! Here's a picture of the Town of Snow Lake's Administration truck entered in the Canada Day Parade. We thank those who worked hard to make it look so great! Thank you to the Canada Day Committee for all you do. As usual, it was wonderful to see so many beautifully decorated floats and vehicles for the parade.

THE TOWN OF SNOW LAKE'S NEW GRADER!



Exciting news for the Town of Snow Lake! We are very proud to announce that we have received our brand-new grader! We would like to thank Hudbay for their extremely generous contribution of $100,000.00 towards this new piece of equipment. It is so appreciated, and we look forward to getting to use our new grader.

TOWN OF SNOW LAKE BY-LAW NUMBER 807/98: SNOW DUMPING

With winter on its way, The Town of Snow Lake would like to remind residents of By-Law number 807/98, being a by-law to prohibit the throwing, placing, dumping or depositing of snow on or upon any street, private or public property within the Town of Snow Lake. Section 2 of this by-law states: "*No person, other than the Town, shall throw, move, dump, place, deposit or cause or direct any other person to throw, dump, place or deposit snow on any street, private property or public property within the Town, except on that person's property, or on any property designated by the Town of Snow Lake for depositing of snow.*" The Town of Snow Lake Public Works crew works as best they can to ensure that roads are passable and clear of snow; when snow is dumped where it should not be, this greatly hinders our staff's progress in getting the job done. This is especially the case when the snow is dumped at intersections and stop signs; it makes it incredibly difficult for drivers to see around the piled snow. It is also an extreme public safety hazard when snow is piled around fire hydrants. The Town of Snow Lake is also asking residents to please be mindful about where campers, boats, etc. are parked. Please do not park these items or any winter storage in such a way that it impedes our snow removal work, or blocks driver's visibility. To view this by-law in full, visit the Town of Snow Lake's website at www.snowlake.ca or www.snowlake.com; from the home page, select *Local Government → Documents & Downloads → By-Laws → By-Law No. 807/98: Snow Dumping.*

TOWN OFFICE & COUNCIL MEETINGS INFORMATION

The Town Office (113 Elm Street) is open from Monday to Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. We can be reached at telephone number 204-358-2551.

Council meetings are held at the Town Office in the Council Chambers every second and fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Committee of the Whole takes place at the Town Office in the Council Chambers every third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these as well!

THANK YOU TO THE GREEN TEAM!

The Town of Snow Lake would like to take the opportunity to thank our summer students for their time with us. One of the things that Snow Lake is known for is its beauty, and our summer students contribute a tremendous amount to that every summer. Thank you all, and we wish everyone the best in their future endeavours!

2026 Budget Highlights

Where the Town's money comes from, where it goes, and what it will build this year.

$8.2M
TOTAL 2026 PLAN
General fund $6.87M plus water and sewer utility $1.31M

$3.19M
DAY-TO-DAY SERVICES
Up 2.2% from the 2025 budget

$2.48M
CAPITAL PROJECTS
17 projects, paid from reserves and grants

+$125.37
TYPICAL HOME, TAX CHANGE
Residential property assessed at $200,000 (+3.1%)

PROPERTY TAXES — *Assessed value $200,000, before provincial tax credits*

What a typical property pays

	2025	2026	CHANGE
Residential	$4,083.20	**$4,208.57**	**+$125.37** +3.1%
Business	$6,766.65	**$6,985.96**	**+$219.31** +3.2%

How a residential tax bill of $4,208.57 is divided

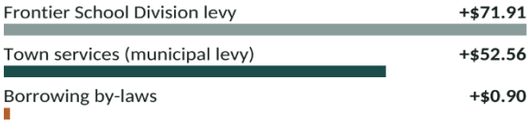


Town services (municipal levy)	**$2,423.70**	57.6%
Borrowing by-laws (water and sewer debt)	**$577.43**	13.7%
Frontier School Division levy	**$1,207.44**	28.7%

The school division levy is set by the division. The Town collects it on the division's behalf.

THE INCREASE — *Typical residential bill: +$125.37*

Why the bill changed



Frontier School Division levy	**+$71.91**
Town services (municipal levy)	**+$52.56**
Borrowing by-laws	**+$0.90**

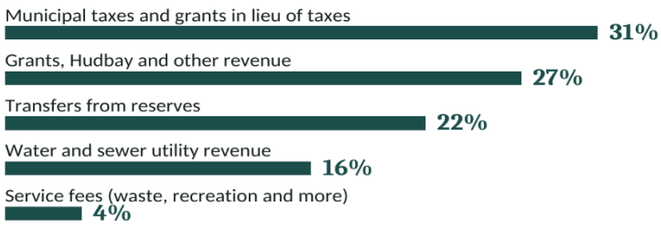
MILL RATES — *Tax per $1,000 of assessment*

	2025	2026	CHANGE
Municipal (Town services)	26.346	**26.930**	**+0.584**
Frontier School Division	12.617	**13.416**	**+0.799**
Education Support Levy*	7.117	**7.411**	**+0.294**
Borrowing by-laws	4.993	**5.003**	**+0.010**

**Non-residential properties only. The Water Plant by-law (869/07) is a flat $127.16 per property, unchanged from 2025.*

REVENUE — *Share of about $8.2M in total revenue*

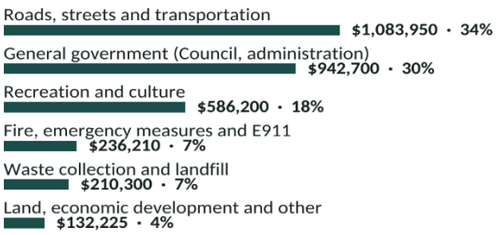
Where the money comes from



Municipal taxes and grants in lieu of taxes	**31%**
Grants, Hudbay and other revenue	**27%**
Transfers from reserves	**22%**
Water and sewer utility revenue	**16%**
Service fees (waste, recreation and more)	**4%**

DAY-TO-DAY SERVICES — *Services budget: $3,191,586*

Where the money goes



Roads, streets and transportation	**$1,083,950 · 34%**
General government (Council, administration)	**$942,700 · 30%**
Recreation and culture	**$586,200 · 18%**
Fire, emergency measures and E911	**$236,210 · 7%**
Waste collection and landfill	**$210,300 · 7%**
Land, economic development and other	**$132,225 · 4%**

CAPITAL PROJECTS — *17 projects, $2,484,500 in total*

What the Town is building in 2026

Recreation and community facilities — **$771,000**
Ice plant $680,000 · Hall kitchen renovation $50,000 · Arena concession renovation $15,000
Playground equipment $15,000 · Arena lighting $11,000

Roads, equipment and public works — **$740,000**
New grader $570,000 · Main Street sidewalk $85,000 · Wing blade for loader $45,000
Pickup truck $40,000

Wildfire protection — **$580,000**
Fire breaks $480,000 · Wildfire pumps $100,000

Land and community development — **$305,000**
Industrial/commercial land development $150,000
Development plan and zoning by-law review $100,000 · Crown land purchases $55,000

Waste management and administration — **$88,500**
Landfill engineering study $60,000 · Blue garbage bins $21,000 · Computers for new Council $7,500

FUNDING — *Sources of the $2.48M*

How it is paid for



Hudbay reserve	**$1,250,000**	50%
Provincial grants	**$641,000**	26%
General reserve	**$448,500**	18%
Equipment, landfill reserves	**$145,000**	6%

70% of the capital budget goes to three projects: the ice plant, the new grader and fire breaks.

No new borrowing is included in the 2026 capital budget.

Reserves: $1,843,500 is used for capital projects in 2026, and $938,023 is set aside for future needs.

UTILITIES — *Utility operating budget: $1,310,877*

Water and sewer



Water supply and treatment	**$595,150**	45%
Sewage collection and treatment	**$388,000**	30%
Debt payments and prior-year deficit recovery	**$327,727**	25%

Debenture debt outstanding drops from $1.33M to $1.13M by the end of 2026.

2027–2031

Looking ahead

The five-year capital program outlines $7.3 million in projects, including $4.6 million for water and sewer renewal (Phases 4 to 8) and $750,000 for The Point Subdivision.

Challenges identified: replacing aging infrastructure, developing Crown and industrial land, and culvert, utility service and drainage work.

ABOUT THESE FIGURES

Source: Town of Snow Lake 2026 Financial Plan and budget hearing presentation. Amounts are rounded. The $6.87M general budget also includes $2.48M for capital, $938,023 for reserves and $257,726 for debt payments. Tax examples assume a $200,000 assessed value, before provincial tax credits; actual bills vary. Future-year amounts are projections subject to annual Council approval. If this summary and the Financial Plan differ, the Financial Plan applies. Questions? Please contact the Town Office.