

Legislative Services

2021 Legislative Services Budget

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Council is the elected policy-making body charged with governing the municipality. The duties of a Councillor are set out in the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* which requires Council to consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole. County Council consists of 7 elected officials from each of the seven electoral divisions. All municipalities are required to have a Chief Elected Official (Reeve) and a Deputy Chief Elected Official (Deputy Reeve). In the County of Wetaskiwin, the Reeve and Deputy Reeve are appointed among the elected.

FINANCIAL

	Budget 2020	Budget 2021	% Variance
Total Expenses	\$546,088	\$493,670	-10%
Total Revenue	-	-	-
Total	\$546,088	\$493,670	-10%

The overall -10% variance from 2020 reflects some operational efficiencies, Council salary reduction and a decrease to mileage and conference costs.

KEY OBJECTIVES

This budget signifies a status quo level of service. Key objectives are to find operational efficiencies to make the best possible use of each tax dollar.

Challenges

To find the appropriate balance between the utilization/reliance on capital and operating reserves, versus increasing taxes to fund current year, and future year projects.