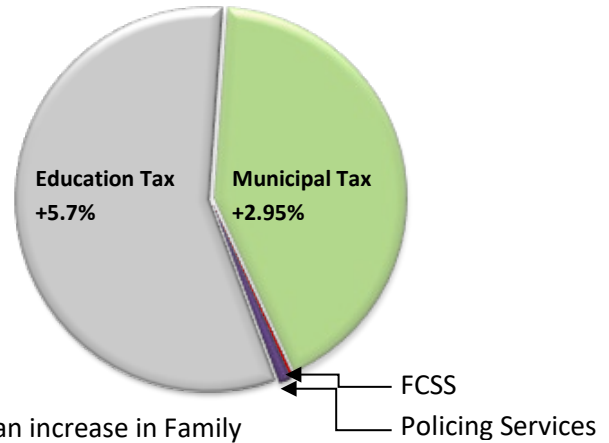


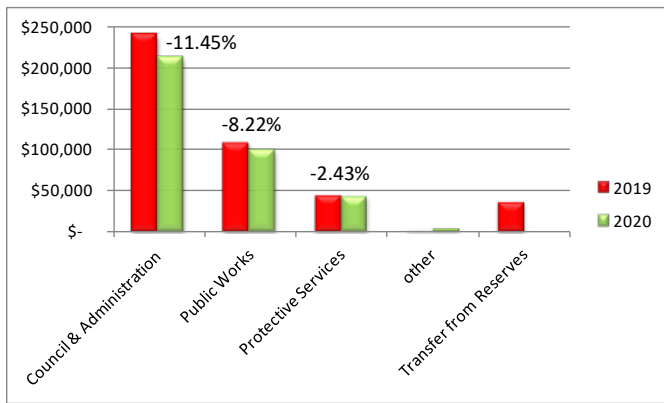
# 2020 Property Tax Usage

The Summer Village of Birchcliff collects property taxes, but not all of the money stays within the municipality.

Under provincial legislation, the Summer Village of Birchcliff must collect property taxes on behalf of Alberta Education. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Province advised administration that based on the UCP budget, the Summer Village would have to collect an additional \$23,686 for 2019, an increase of about 5.7% using last year's assessment. This 2019 and 2020 increase along with any other incremental Education Tax increase for 2020 will be included in your tax notice in May.



Council recently passed the 2020 operating budget which includes an increase in Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and the newly implemented Policing Services charges passed along by the Province which makes up 2.5% of our Municipal tax and will be included in your May notice.



Birchcliff Council and Administration have reduced municipally managed operations' expenses by approximately 9% from the previous year.

This expense reduction is brought about through employee and budget restructuring and will be used to eliminate the transfer from reserves (\$37,000) to create a balanced operations budget and to offset some of the legislated costs.



Did you know, the summer village of Birchcliff has one of the lowest Municipal mill rates in the province. A property with an assessed value of \$500,000 in Birchcliff will have a municipal tax bill of \$966 while the next closest comparable Summer Village will pay \$1,169 or 21% more.

Roger Dufresne,  
**Mayor**