



RM OF EDENWOLD NO. 158

# 2024

## ANNUAL REPORT





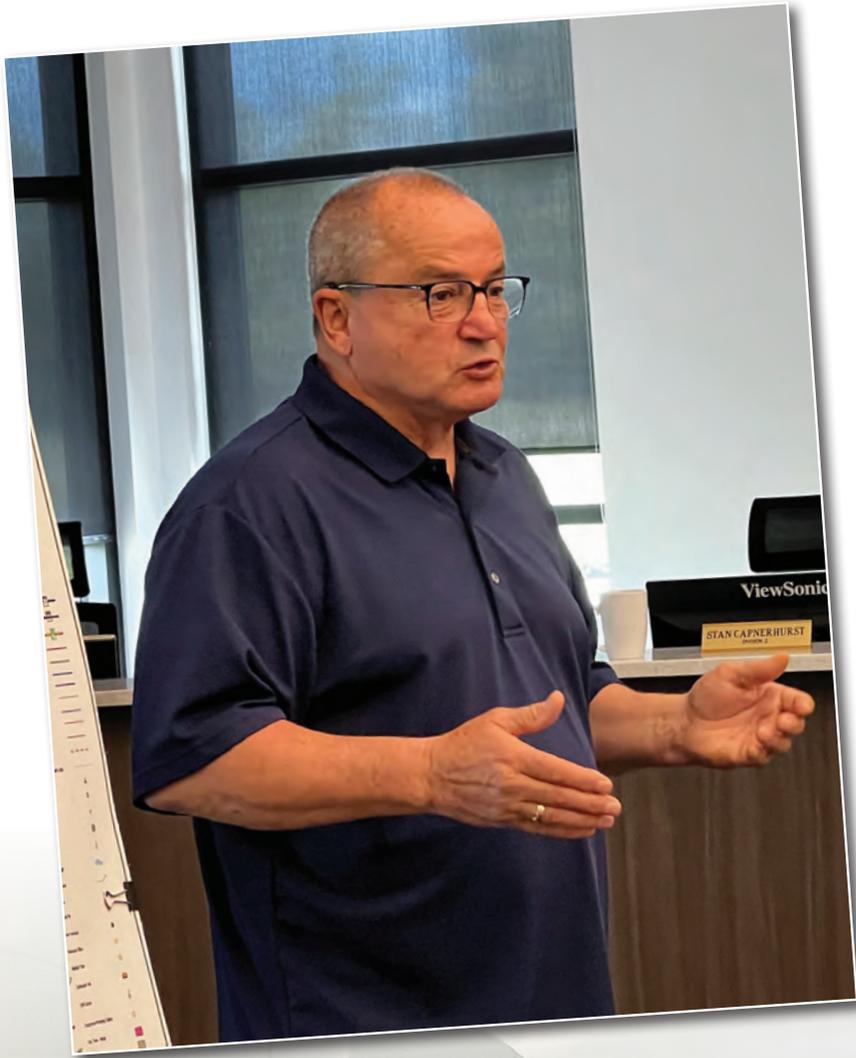
The RM of Edenwold is situated on Treaty 4 lands. These are the territories of the Nêhiyawak, Anihšînāpêk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation. Today, these lands continue to be the shared Territory of many diverse peoples from near and far.



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This Annual Report was produced by the Planning and Development Department, the Engineering and Public Works Department, and the Administration Department of the RM of Edenwold No. 158.



## **Al Trainor**, *Reeve*

I am pleased to present this overview of the outstanding achievements we accomplished in the RM of Edenwold in 2024.

Our community is a wonderful place to live, work, and play, and I am proud of our diverse agricultural sector, commercial/industrial areas, and growing residential communities.

Council and all RM staff have taken steps to improve the way we communicate and share with you. For example, the Voyent Alert! notification system launched this year provided regular updates from the municipality to enhance transparency. Over 867 ratepayers signed up for instant news on events, service changes, or on emergencies like fire bans and water disruptions.

We value our partnerships with other municipalities on projects like wastewater planning and road/pathway lighting improvements that benefit all our communities.

We are listening. Our open-door policy and dedicated staff work hard daily to provide quality services for everyone. Council and committee meetings are always open to the public, and we are committed to addressing your concerns.

We strive every day to make smart decisions so our dedicated RM staff can efficiently serve our residents and visitors with quality services all year long.

*Al Trainor*



## **Karen Zaharia**, CAO & Administrator

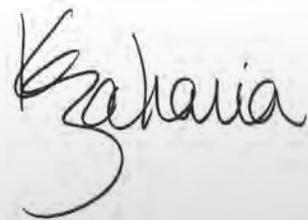
The RM of Edenwold had a great year in 2024, thanks to hard work and a solid plan to improve communication and teamwork between departments.

We welcomed two new councillors and some new staff to our strong team, which is dedicated to good leadership and governance.

Behind the scenes, we have been diligently evaluating and updating numerous bylaws and policies to ensure they meet current standards and community needs. Our commitment to cross-functional training has continued, fostering a more versatile and skilled workforce.

Our efforts to enhance and streamline processes remain ongoing, ensuring greater efficiency and effectiveness in our operations. Throughout the year, we successfully hosted several RM events, which have strengthened community bonds and showcased our municipality's vibrancy.

We are happy to present this annual report for 2024, which shows that our municipality is in a great financial position and that the future ahead for your municipality is bright.



**12** BRIDGES

**75** KMS PAVED ROADS

**478** KMS GRAVEL ROADS

**152** KMS DIRT ROADS

SNOW CLEARING HRS

**567** URBAN **1014** RURAL

**8.8** KMS OF PAVED PATHWAYS

**29,500** YARDS OF GRAVEL PLACED ON MUNICIPAL ROADS

**374,437** M<sup>3</sup> OF WATER TREATED

# 2024 BY THE NUMBERS...

Population **4,422**

**40** Average age

Population Increase (10yr) **7.2%**

**848.84 Km<sup>2</sup>** Area of the RM

Single-family dwellings **1,576**

**1,563** ACRES OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVE / CONSERVATION

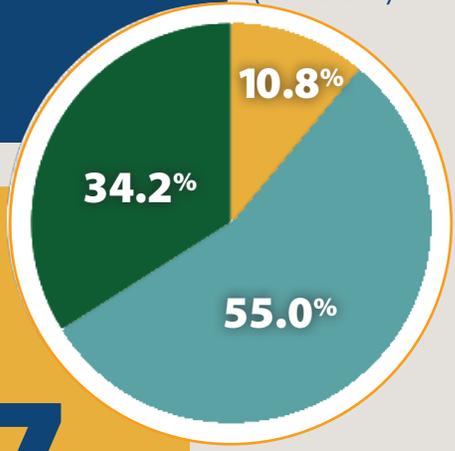
**30,761** ACRES OF FIRST NATION RESERVE LAND

ACRES OF FARMLAND: 193,920 ACRES

**92%**

**10** FIRST NATION/METIS & URBAN COMMUNITIES WITHIN RM BOUNDARIES

**PROPERTY CLASS RATIO**  
(Taxable)



**RANK AMONGST OTHER RM'S**

**#1** Population density at 5.3 people per km<sup>2</sup>

**#2** Most populous

**#113** Geographical size

**DEVELOPMENT**

**97** BUILDING PERMITS **134** DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

**\$32.3 Million** VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION

**20** # OF APPROVED SUBDIVISION (LOTS CREATED) **40** NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

**7** PARKS

**5** PLAY GROUNDS

**22** RECREATION AMENITIES

AGRICULTURE  
RESIDENTIAL  
COMMERCIAL

TOTAL ASSESSMENT

**\$1,871,580,838**

**24** REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS **3** SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

**28** PUBLIC HEARINGS



Footnote: Population data provided by the 2021 Canadian Census.

# COUNCIL 2024



Reeve  
**Alan Trainor**



Councillor, Division 1  
**Carmen Leibel**



Councillor, Division 2  
**Stan Capnerhurst**



Councillor, Division 3  
**Nichole Posehn**



Councillor, Division 4  
**Karen Kotylak**



Councillor, Division 5  
**Stephen Werner**



Councillor, Division 6  
**Tim Brodt**



Councillor, Division 7  
**Darren Bezborotko**



The RM also recognizes the service of Councillors Rod Tuchscherer and Dwayne Radmacher in 2024



*rm of edenwold*



*it's where we work*



*it's where we play*



# STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2026

## RM of Edenwold Strategic Plan 2021-2026:

Our five-year Strategic Plan establishes our path forward as we continue to grow and provide great service to the residential and business communities of the RM. This plan is a guiding document that helps Council and Administration set priorities, develop appropriate budgets, and implement strategic initiatives that support our intended vision and mission.

## OUR VISION

The RM of Edenwold is a diverse, complete, and connected regional municipality focused on continual growth with a thriving and sustainable way of life. We are bridging pathways for a prosperous and harmonious future

## OUR MISSION

We are a modern, and responsive municipality that provides a high quality of life for our community. We take pride in providing service excellence at every level, offering a balance and diversity of services to meet the needs of today and into the future

## OUR VALUES



### SAFE, STRONG CARING COMMUNITY

Our history is rooted in connecting with our neighbours and offering a helping hand - it's our Saskatchewan way



### CITIZEN FOCUSED

A strong community is fostered through respectful engagement and communication with residents and business owners, and is grounded in dependable government



### TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE

Our governance is founded on openness, fairness, and integrity



### WORKING TOGETHER

We work collaboratively as a team and with our regional partners to reach our future vision together



### MUNICIPAL LEADERS

We are a modern and resilient municipality that seeks innovative and progressive ideas to secure a better tomorrow for all

## THE STRATEGIC PLAN IDENTIFIES FOUR (4) PRIORITY THEMES:

- #1: Collaborative Community-Builder & Regional Partner
- #2: Economic Diversity & Prosperity
- #3: Livable Community
- #4: Municipal Leadership



# COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-BUILDER AND REGIONAL PARTNER

**OUTCOME:** The RM of Edenwold is a regional leader. Working together, the RM partners on strategic ventures for shared investment and benefit so our communities can thrive. The RM's strong and effective working relationships with urban and rural centres, neighbouring municipalities, and First Nations and Metis Nations support key regional priorities.

## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS:



The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal confirmed the Saskatchewan Municipal Board (SMB) decision to reject the Municipal Boundary Alteration Application by White City for almost 4,000 acres of RM land, including all of Emerald Park.



To improve municipal governance, both Council and Administration actively participated in workshops with other municipalities, gaining valuable insights and best practices. Additionally, we maintained frequent communication with neighbouring municipalities, fostering collaboration and mutual support.



The RM led a regional campaign to encourage sign-ups to the mass notification system also being used in Balgonie, Pilot Butte and White City. Voyent Alert! ensures timely and crucial communications on emergencies for all citizens in the region by allowing users to follow multiple municipalities on one simple app.



Collaborated with Cornerstone Credit Union at the Fired Up! Classic Car show on a BBQ with all proceeds supporting the White City Emerald Park Business Association scholarships for area students graduating from grade 12 and enrolling in post-secondary education.



Completed a joint project with the Town of White City along White City Drive for improved traffic and pedestrian pathway lighting.



Promoting road safety, Community Safety Officers conducted school tours during Canada Road Safety Week and safely guided school bike tours from Pilot Butte to White Butte trails.



# ECONOMIC DIVERSITY & PROSPERITY

**OUTCOME:** The RM of Edenwold is a thriving and economically diverse business, agriculture, commercial, and industrial hub that drives regional prosperity and resiliency. The RM's effective economic and development practices are reflected in the successful relationships it nurtures with its people, organizations, and business community.

## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS:

-  Supporting continued growth, the RM issued 110 business licenses, 143 development permits, and 97 building permits. The RM also approved 19 subdivision applications.
-  The RM Council approved a new Development Levy Bylaw. This bylaw enables fees to be charged to new development that fund capital costs resulting from growth and development, supporting a "growth pays for growth" model.
-  The RM prepared updates to the Building Bylaw. Major changes include being able to register any building orders on the property title of the property, plus adding a performance deposit on commercial/industrial building permits for new buildings. Approval is expected in 2025.
-  The Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in September allowed residents to properly discard their hazardous household waste in an environmentally safe manner.
-  Supporting the local community's recreational offerings, the RM continued to provide tax abatements to recreational businesses, such as Aspen Links, Green Acres, and Communiskate.

-  In May 2024, the RM proudly supported the construction of the new zero-depth beach entry pool in Balgonie that will offer recreational opportunities for people from the surrounding communities. The pool is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2025.



Shaun McBain, Balgonie's Superintendent, proudly shows off the plans for the pool.

*"In 2024, the municipality supported Communiskate with a \$15,000 recreational grant and provided nearly \$55,000 in municipal and school tax abatements."*

Al Trainor, Reeve

-  The RM maintains two tax exemption programs. These programs can reduce your municipal taxes for a set period. One program is available for residential infill development, while the other supports commercial and industrial development.
-  Projects underway in 2024 included a pavement upgrade on South Service Road, microsurfacing treatment in the Stone Pointe Subdivision, and asphalt overlays in Rock Pointe Estates and the Park Crescent area.
-  Clay Capping was completed on the Balgonie Grid (622) from the Balgonie Overpass to Highway 48.
-  The RM undertook gravel extraction and crushing to provide for road maintenance, hauling, and spreading over 30,000 cubic yards of gravel on municipal roads.
-  The RM also invested in water, sewer and bridge repair projects.
-  The RM continued the Green Fund program offering up to \$2,000 for landscaping improvements to commercial and industrial businesses, to help beautify the area.



# LIVABLE COMMUNITY

**OUTCOME:** The RM of Edenwold is a complete and vibrant community with a full range of services to meet the municipality's needs and beyond. We have a range of housing and lifestyle options, employment, recreation, and leisure opportunities that make our community a highly desirable place to live.

## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS:



All social media platforms experienced new followers with the most popular format, Facebook growing by 17% to 3,411 followers (Instagram rose by 8% and X/Twitter expanded by 4%).



The RM sought ratepayer feedback from the Community Satisfaction Survey in May 2024 to gather feedback on the state of RM services and governance. Survey results showed that 85% considered the Council and leadership as 'good to excellent' in terms of being qualified and respected.



The RM is viewed as safe and secure with 98% of respondents rating the municipality as 'good or excellent'. The Community Safety Officer Program rose from 76% satisfaction in 2023 to 84.5% in 2024.



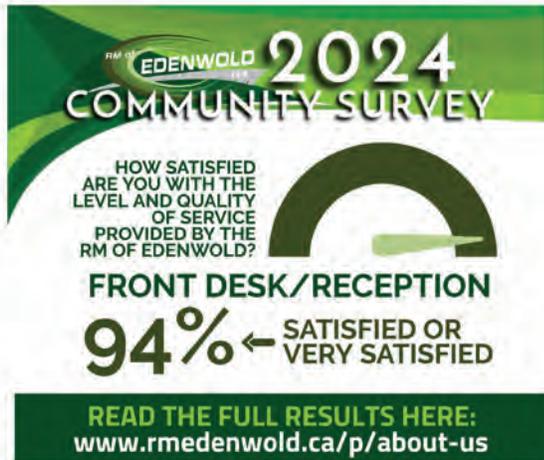
The RM leads the community-wide Frosty's Food Bank campaign and supports the Regina Shoebox event during the Christmas season.



The RM continues to facilitate the Community Garage Sale Weekend. In 2024, the event saw additional support from the Town of White City to assist with safety aspects and to improve traffic flow. The event allows ratepayers the opportunity to declutter and provides an economic opportunity for residents and local businesses.



The RM launched a geocaching activity with 12 treasures hidden around the municipality that included historical facts about the municipality. The event attracted participants from the region and around the world.



# GEOCACHING COMMENTS



"Another find along the grid road. Lovely crops and a nice walk to the cache to get my steps in."

"Thanks for placing this great cache that we enjoyed finding today."

"Really enjoyed my time in Saskatchewan geocaching. Thanks Geocache158RM and greetings from the Netherlands!"



"A little sneaky but found it!"

"Another great find right in the middle of beautiful fields!"

"Great day to get out of the city to see great country side and crops doing well. Thanks for the hide."

"Beautiful spot for a cache! Thank you for the find!"

**"Kids liked finding this one, thanks!"**

# MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP

**OUTCOME:** The RM of Edenwold is leading in good governance. Our people are highly trained experts, empowered to make decisions and deliver exceptional service. Our government and services are an intelligent model of adaptiveness, transparency, and accountability while being cost-effective. The RM of Edenwold is a great place to work, and we celebrate our people.

## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS:



To increase the timeliness and transparency of RM business, as well as provide critical alerts, the RM launched Voyent Alert!, a mass notification system in 2024, ensuring ratepayers can stay informed and up to date.



Following the general election in November, two new Councillors – Darren Bezborotko and Stephen Werner joined Council in November to support effective governance and representation within the municipality.



The RM continued its commitment to responsive and efficient service delivery, with 337 ratepayer service requests submitted into the RM's Service Tracker, with RM staff closing almost all of them in a timely manner.



The RM presented 24 Council Updates over the year that offered ratepayers expanded details on all Council matters. We also significantly increased public engagement through several mail-in surveys, allowing us to better understand and address the concerns of our residents.

**867** RATEPAYERS  
SIGNED UP  
IN 2024  
**VOYENT ALERT!**



**SELECT THE  
NOTIFICATIONS  
THAT MATTER  
TO YOU!**

**IT'S FREE!**



Community Safety Officers conducted 220 traffic stops in 2024 and responded to 142 calls for service, which included bylaw complaints and provincial statute offenses.



There were 759 overweight vehicle permits issued in 2024, with all revenue generated supporting road maintenance.





## RM 158 ROCK N' FIELD DAY

The RM158 Rock n' Field Day event took place at the RM's Rural Shop, located off Highway 46 on Range Road 2175, near Balgonie, on June 22, 2024. A wide variety of farming equipment, new and old, alongside RM equipment used to maintain and manage our municipality's infrastructure, was on display. Reeve Al Trainor and all the RM Councillors served up free hamburgers and hotdogs as the community enjoyed games and live music on a hot summer day.

*"The Rock n' Field Day event was a chance for everyone to come together and celebrate the rich rural heritage that is a key part of our vibrant municipality,"*

Reeve Al Trainor

# RM 158 Rock n' Field Day

## FIRED UP! CLASSIC CAR SHOW EVENT

With support from the Pilot Butte 46ers, 90+ cars were on display at the second annual Fired Up! Classic Car Show with a free BBQ sponsored by Cornerstone Credit Union.



# FIRED UP! CLASSIC CAR SHOW

A FREE FAMILY EVENT AT THE  
EMERALD PARK FIRE HALL



# CHRISTMAS FIREWORKS EVENT

The RM of Edenwold was thrilled to once again host a Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks event to start the 2024 holiday season.

The event took place at the RM office on December 5th, and hundreds of people showed up to roast marshmallows, meet Santa Claus, and take in a spectacular fireworks display at the RM office.



## Free Skating

# EVERY Noon to 1pm WEDNESDAY

**S COMMUNISKATE**  
Sponsored by Communiskate  
and the RM of Edenwold

## AND MORE!

Other RM supported events in 2024 included the Industry & Developer Day in April, a Community Wellness Expo in May, and a Drive-in Movie Night in August. Plus, the RM hosted Free Skating Wednesdays for 20 weeks starting in October 2024.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## 2024 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Source: RM of Edenwold Statement of Financial Position for the year ended December 31, 2024 (unaudited)

**Financial Assets**  
(What We Own)



- Cash and Temporary Investments \$12,264,531
- Taxes Receivable – Municipal \$925,053
- Other Accounts Receivable \$1,829,174
- Long-term Investments \$2,143,062

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**Liabilities**  
(What We Owe)



- Accounts Payable \$661,353
- Deferred Revenue \$61,581
- Other Liabilities \$1,581,191
- Long-term Debt \$7,825,872

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**Net Financial Assets**



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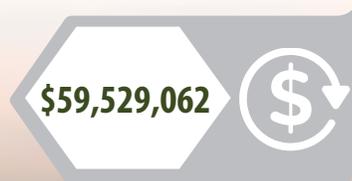
**Non-Financial Assets**



- Tangible Capital Assets \$49,026,556
- Assets Under Construction \$1,609,396
- Prepayments and Deferred Charges \$58,588
- Stock and Supplies \$1,802,699

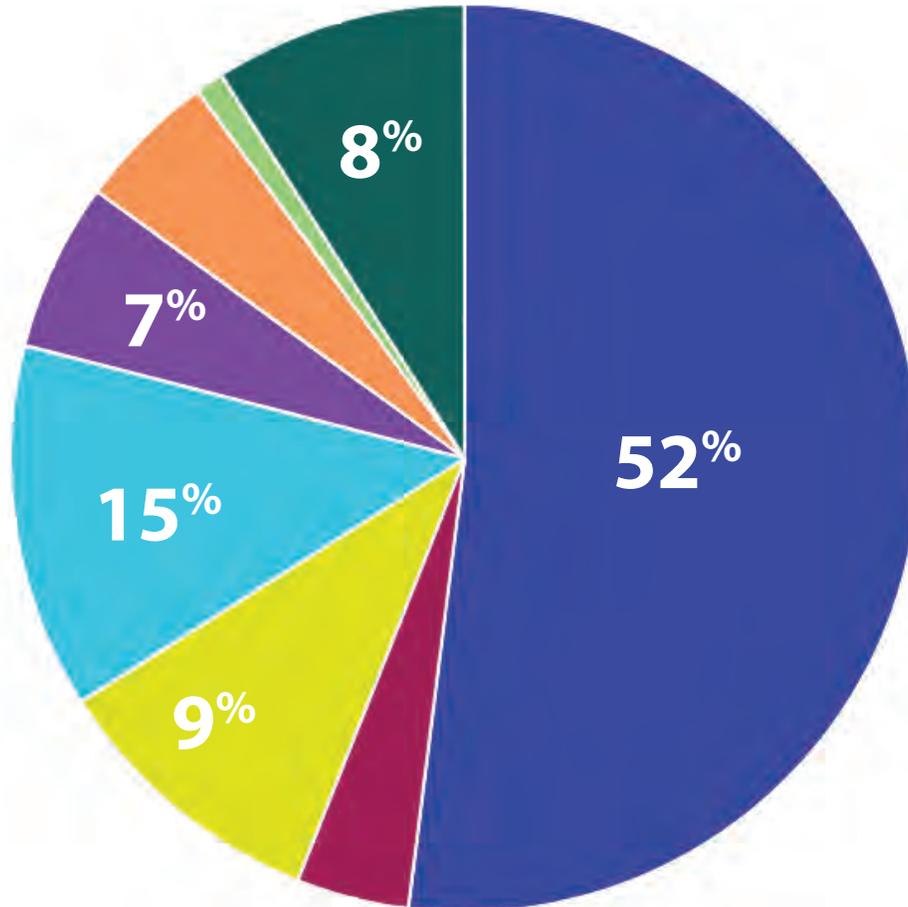
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**Accumulated Surplus**



## WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM: 2024 GROSS REVENUE

Source: RM of Edenwold Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended December 31, 2024 (unaudited)



Taxation	\$6,456,576	51.8%
Fees & Charges	\$1,101,523	8.8%
Maintenance & Development Charges	\$549,995	4.4%
Utilities	\$1,899,577	15.2%
Unconditional Transfers	\$901,529	7.2%
Conditional Grants	\$507,978	4.1%
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	\$74,357	0.6%
Loss of Sale of Capital Assets	\$24,576	0.2%
Investment Income & Commissions	\$948,632	7.6%
	<b>\$12,464,743</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



# 2024 EXPENSES BY FUNCTION

HOW WAS THE MUNICIPAL PORTION OF YOUR 2024 TAX DOLLARS INVESTED?

RM of **EDENWOLD**  
158

**13%**  
\$1,856,007  
GENERAL  
GOVERNMENT  
SERVICES

**33%**  
\$4,762,523  
TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES

**7%**  
\$961,135  
PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES

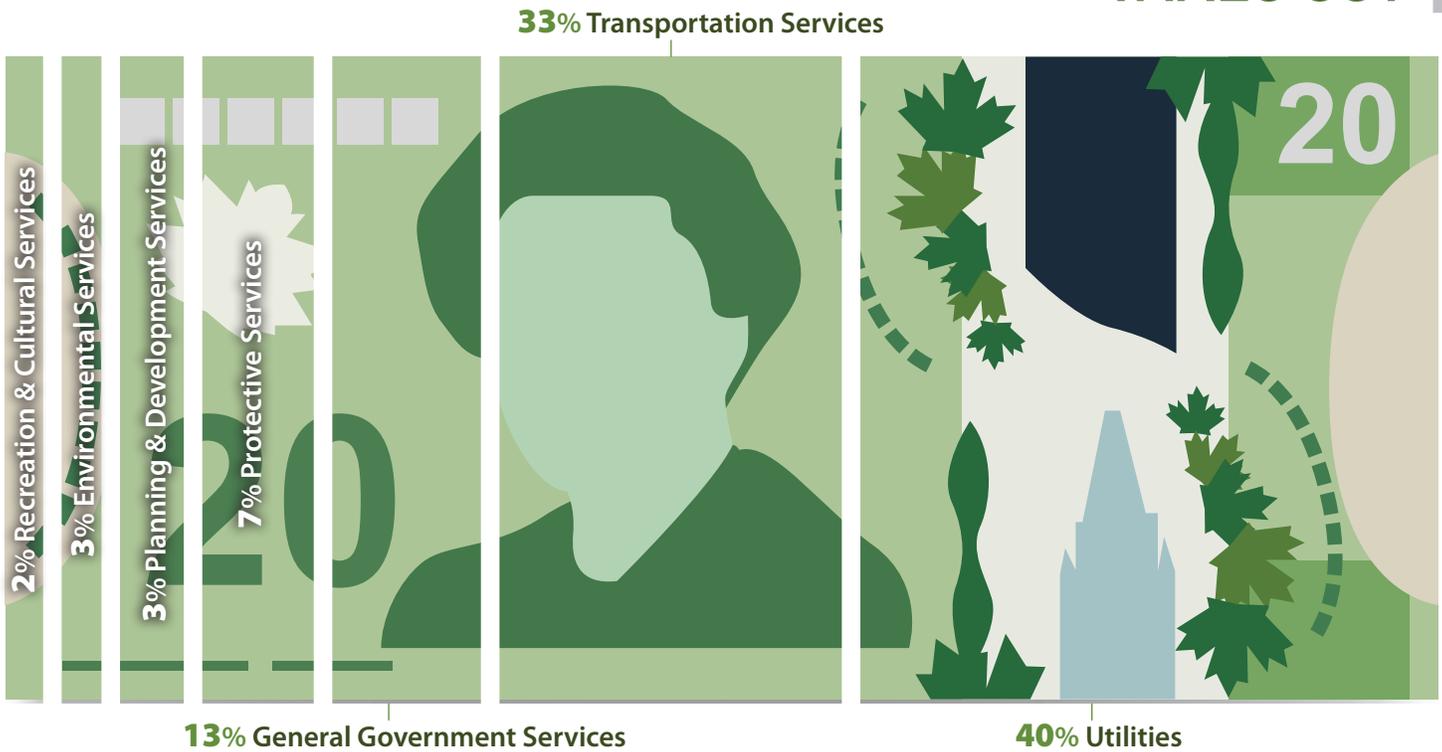
**2%**  
\$259,064  
RECREATION  
& CULTURAL  
SERVICES

**3%**  
\$416,539  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES

**3%**  
\$494,188  
PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICES

**40%**  
\$5,842,418  
UTILITIES

# WHERE DO MY TAXES GO?



## RM of Edenwold No. 158

100 Hutchence Road  
Emerald Park, Saskatchewan S4L 1C6

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Closed Statutory holidays

### Primary Contact Numbers:

Front Desk: 306-771-2522

Fax: 306-347-2970

Community Safety Officers: 306-771-2522

Water/Sewer Utility After Hours Emergency: 306-791-5089

General Inquiries: [info@edenwold-sk.ca](mailto:info@edenwold-sk.ca)

[www.rmedenwold.ca](http://www.rmedenwold.ca)

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