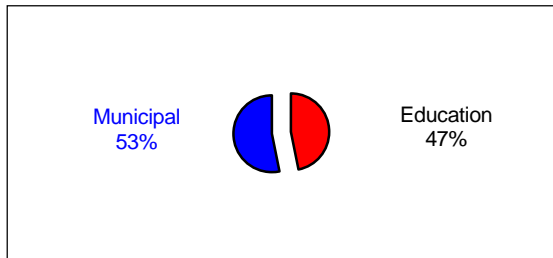




TOWN OF ALTONA

Enclosed you will find your 2011 Property Tax Bill for the Border Land School Division and the Town of Altona. These taxes are broken down as follows:

Residential



	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Municipal =	52.99%	53.18%
Education =	47.01%	46.82%
Total Tax Bill =	100.00%	100.00%

EDUCATION:

The Border Land School Division and the Provincial Department of Education have control over the Education taxes. The Town has been given the responsibility under Provincial Legislation for collecting taxes for the School Board.

In 2006 the Province of Manitoba chose to eliminate the Education Support Levy (ESL) on residential properties. The ESL still appears on the commercial tax bills. Border Land School Division Mill Rate changes are shown below:

	Education Mill Rates		
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Border Land	<u>19.740</u>	<u>19.740</u>	<u>-0.00%</u>

If you have questions with regard to School Taxes please phone the Border Land School Division Administration Office at 324-6491.

MUNICIPAL:

The Town of Altona has approved a municipal budget that sees the net tax levy increasing by 1.66%. On average residential properties will see a slight increase, however with the recent announcement by the Government of Manitoba to increase the School Tax Credit (EPTCA) by \$50, those residential properties qualifying for the EPTCA Credit, may see a decrease in the net taxes payable. Commercial properties will see a slight increase.

Altona continues to promote economic development for this area. The Altona Community Development Corporation (ACDC) is working on a major initiative to update the community logos, signs, etc. You will hear more about this in a few months. Support is also going to several agencies helping to promote Altona and area. Some examples are:

Altona & District Chamber of Commerce	\$39,000
Sunflower Festival	\$10,000
C.A.R.E.	\$ 3,400
ACDC	\$87,500
Altona Archives	\$ 2,000
Altona Scotties Sponsorship	\$ 5,000

The funding of the Community Development Corporation and the above Grants are included in the 2011 budget.

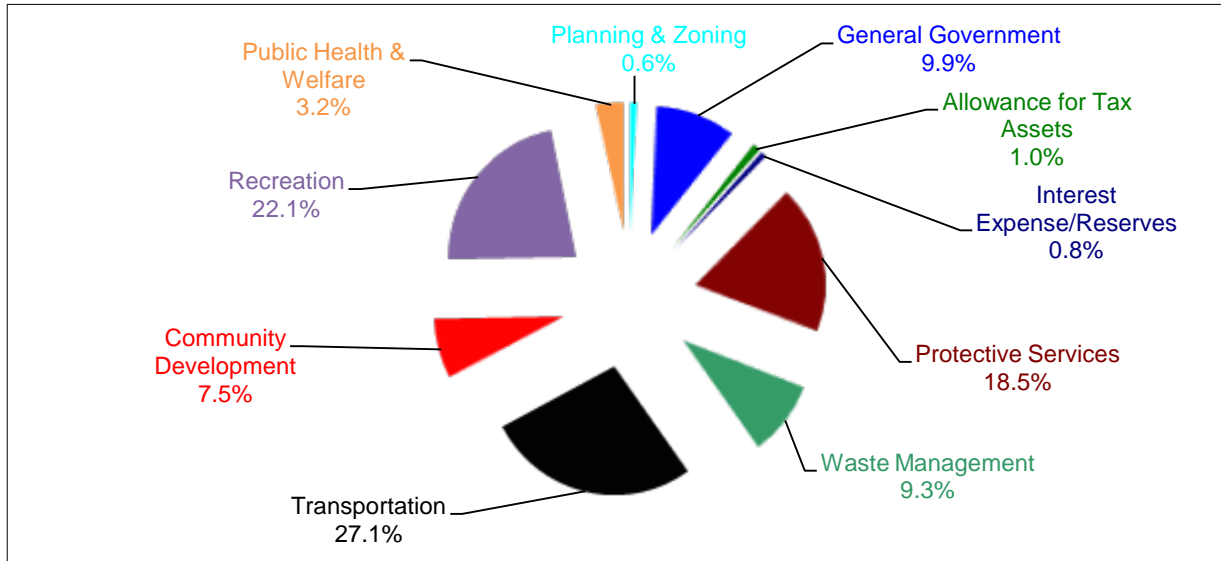
In addition to the above the Town of Altona is also continuing with the Special Levy of 0.78 mills (\$106,500) for Health Related costs. This Levy was established in 2001. It allows Altona to participate with the Town of Gretna and the R.M.'s of Rhineland and Montcalm in the operation of the medical clinic facility. It also includes an amount of \$4,500 for the West Nile Mosquito abatement program and \$16,000 for a General Nuisance Mosquito abatement program.

In 2011 the Town of Altona has budgeted expenditures totaling \$6,345,653.48, excluding education payments. The actual amount of taxes to be collected for municipal use will equal \$3,471,879.86 with the balance of the above requirements of \$2,873,773.62 coming from other sources of revenue. The Table at the top of the next page highlights the Mill Rates for 2010 and 2011.

MILL RATE COMPARISON						
	RESIDENTIAL			COMMERCIAL		
	2010	2011	% Change	2010	2011	%Change
Education	19.740	19.740	0.00%	32.070	32.070	0.00%
Altona	22.250	22.420	0.76%	22.250	22.420	0.76%
Total	41.990	42.160	0.40%	54.320	54.490	0.31%

TOWN OF ALTONA EXPENDITURES FOR 2011

The Town's 2011 expenditure breakdown can be shown as follows:



It should be noted that capital debt payments have been allocated to the department where the funds were for (ie MEC debt payments are a part of Recreation).

The Town has several upgrades or capital improvements included in the above. Items such as:

Phone System-Police & Administration	\$25,000
New Police Vehicle	\$43,000
Fire Department Equipment	\$15,000
Emergency Operations Centre	\$5,000
Additional Street Lighting	\$15,000
Street Overlays	\$40,000
Storm Sewer & Drainage	\$15,000
Mosquito Fogger	\$15,000
Cemetery Upgrade	\$80,000
Landfill Upgrades (Altona Portion)	\$96,585
MEC/RPC Upgrades	\$29,000
Park Upgrades	\$20,000
Pool Building Upgrades	\$14,100
Paving of Industrial Drive/2 nd St NE	\$478,000

We trust that the above information will prove helpful in showing you how your tax dollars are spent. Should you have any questions please call a member of Council as listed or the Town of Altona Administration Office (324-6468) or stop by the Civic Centre.

Altona Council Members:

Mayor – Melvin H. Klassen	324-6800
Councillors:	
Ted Klassen	324-8041
Terry Wiebe	324-5404
Glen Robinson	324-4463
Ann Kroeker	324-5273
Don G. Braun	324-5498
Tim Fast	324-1432

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TAXES ARE DUE ON JULY 29th, 2011. FEEL FREE TO LEAVE US A CHEQUE POST DATED FOR JULY 29th, 2011 TO AVOID MISSING THE DUE DATE!

We also have the ability to take payments via electronic payment. Check out options on our web site at www.townofaltona.com.