

Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility

2026 Operating Budget

(\$000s)	2026 Approved Budget	Adjustments	2026 Updated Budget
Revenue & Transfers			
Rate Revenue	\$361	-\$60	\$301
Infrastructure Fee Revenue	\$263	\$248	\$511
Total Revenue and Transfers	\$624	\$189	\$813
Net Expenditures and Transfers			
Personnel	\$658	\$246	\$904
Materials, Goods, and Services	\$11	\$1	\$12
External Services	\$278	\$510	\$788
Intra-municipal Charges	\$442	\$132	\$574
Debt	\$2,447	-\$1,135	\$1,312
Utilities and Other Charges	\$98	\$15	\$113
Amortization	\$659	\$87	\$746
Total Net Expenditures and Transfers	\$4,593	-\$144	\$4,449
Total Operating Requirements	\$3,969	-\$333	\$3,636

Full-time Equivalent	5.1	1.0	6.1
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2026 Blatchford Renewable Energy Operating Budget Adjustments

Rate Revenue

The 2026 Blatchford Renewable Energy (BRE) rate revenue is calculated considering customer counts and energy load requirements. The recommended decrease of \$60,000 to the budget is as a result of freezing monthly rates and variable rates to stay the same as 2025 rates for the two customer classes. The

decision to freeze rates is due to the effects of the removal of federal carbon tax and the need to adhere to the BAU process in determining utility rates.

Infrastructure Fee Revenue

Infrastructure fee revenue is the fee charged to builders for customers to connect to the system at BRE. The budget is being recommended to increase by \$248,000 due to the number of both townhouse lots and multi-unit lots forecast to connect in 2026. In particular, three new multi-unit lots are expected to connect during the forecast year.

Personnel

The personnel budget is being recommended to increase by \$246,000 mainly due to \$150,000 for an additional FTE that BRE is proposing (Engineering Project Manager - Operations). This position is required to manage the growing operational complexity and scale of infrastructure, driven by increasing thermal energy generation and demand, the integration of new Energy Centers, and the connection of numerous multi-unit buildings within the community. The remaining increase is due to additional IT staffing costs, as well as increased salary and benefit increments.

External Services

The external services budget is recommended to be increased by \$510,000. This is due to additional technical consultants for enhanced financial analysis, to address the complexity of BRE budgeting needs, and subsequently update the financial model, as well as realignment of external services budget previously recognized in other expense categories.

Inter-Departmental Charges

The budget for inter-departmental charges is recommended to increase by \$132,000 due to the addition of a dedicated financial services position to support BRE.

Debt Servicing

The budget for debt servicing is recommended to be decreased by \$1.1 million. This is primarily due to the approval of the federal government Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) grant, which has transitioned a portion of the previously forecasted debt financing from debt to grant funding.