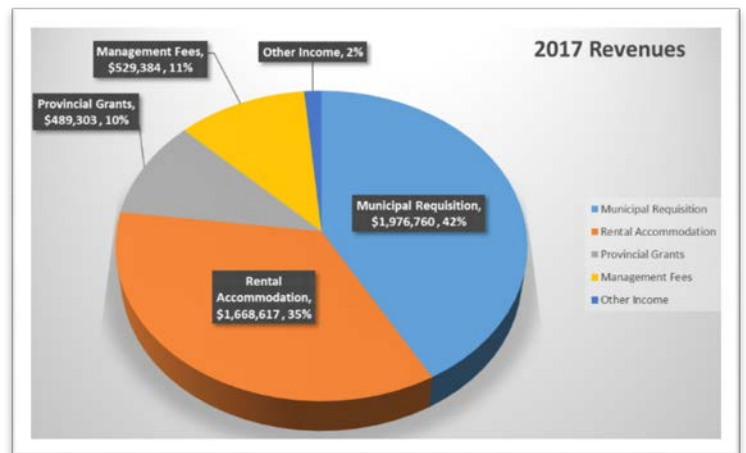




The Provincial Government established Seniors Housing “Management Bodies” commencing in 1958 to manage Seniors Supportive Living facilities in the Province. The provincial and municipal governments recognized that Senior Citizens would be unable to pay the entire costs of such operations and authorized these same Management Bodies to pass the annual revenue shortfall on to the taxpayers of the geographic area. Westwinds requisitions the MD of Foothills #31, the Towns of Black Diamond, High River, Okotoks and Turner Valley, and the Village of Longview for its operating shortfall and funds necessary to maintain a modest reserve.

Westwinds Communities manages a variety of housing programs and services but the monies collected through the requisition is to only support the Lodge operations of the Westwinds Communities at the High Country Lodge (41 suites), Sandstone Lodge (46 suites) and Medicine Tree Manor (100 suites). The Lodges provide studio, one and two bedroom accommodation, room furnishings, weekly housekeeping and linen service, 24 hour security and non-medical monitoring, meals and snacks, recreation and referral to community services for its residents. Seniors must be functionally independent, age 65 years or older and a resident of Canada for at least ten years to qualify for housing.

The individual municipalities are not responsible for generating this amount on your personal property tax bill, but collect the amount and forward it to the Westwinds Communities.



Supportive Living Facts

- 288 seniors housed in 2017
- Average age: 82
- Most common reason for entering lodge: health concerns
- Average rent: \$1,581

Westwinds Quick Facts

- 569 Households served annually in 13 communities
- 85 Employees
- 409 Homes
- 178 Volunteers
- \$6.56M annual budget



WESTWINDS PROGRAMS

Seniors Supportive Living Retirement Residences – Black Diamond, High River and Okotoks

Seniors Independent Living apartment - Black Diamond, High River, Okotoks and Turner Valley

Social Housing for Families- Black Diamond, Okotoks and Turner Valley

Rent Supplement – Geographical boundaries West to Bragg Creek, North to MD of Foothills, South to Claresholm and East to the County of Vulcan.

Affordable Housing - Black Diamond, High River, Okotoks and Turner Valley

The Westwinds Communities provides safe and affordable housing opportunities and services, not provided by the marketplace, in urban and rural communities.

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