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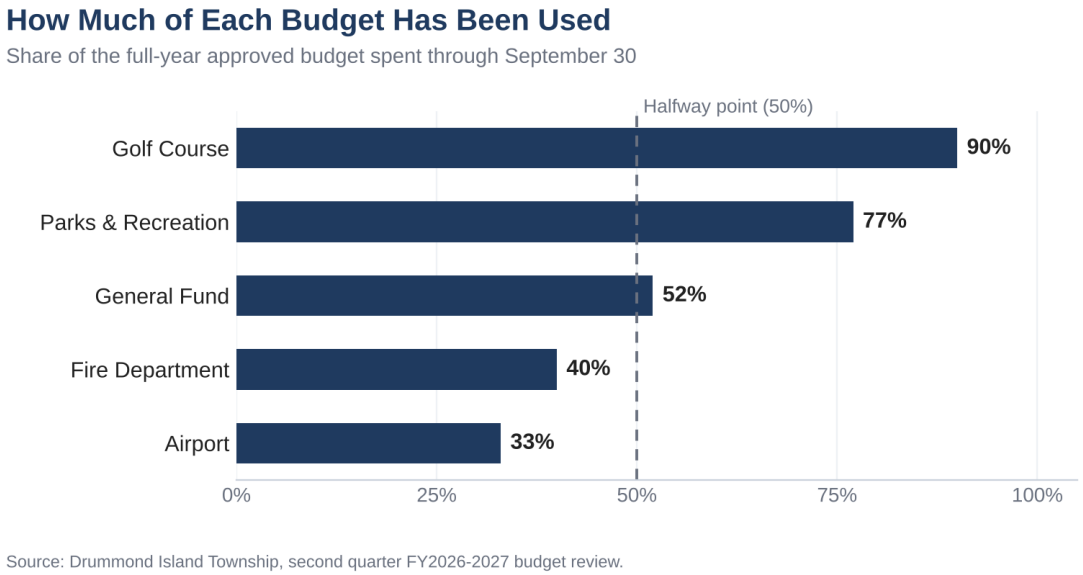
October 2026 Township Update

Dear Islanders,

The second quarter of our fiscal year closed on September 30, which makes this a good moment to look at how the Township's budget is doing. I am pleased to report that we are in good shape at the halfway point. Here is a plain-language look at where things stand.

Budget Health at the Halfway Mark

Overall, we are spending within the budget your Board approved. At the halfway point of the year, you would expect a department to have used about half of its budget. The chart below shows where each of our departments landed.

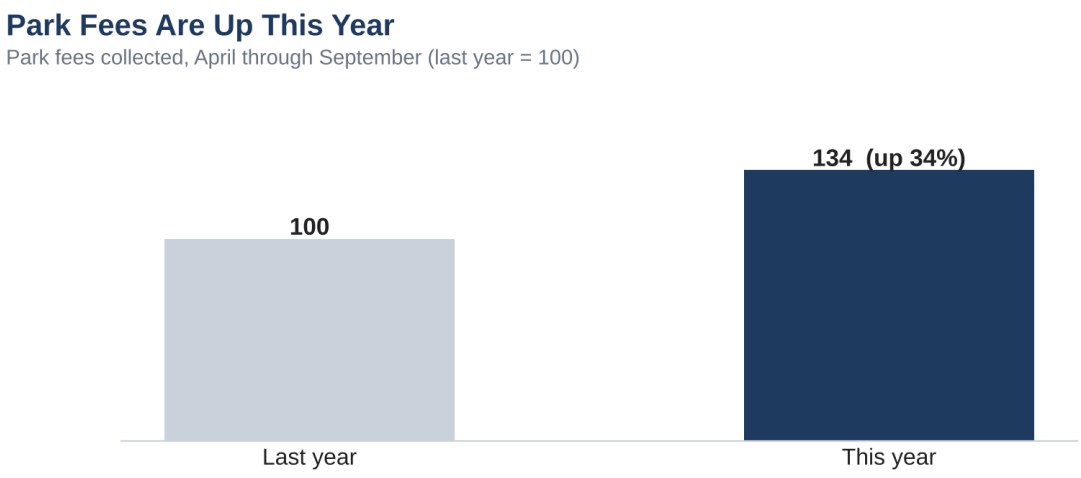


Source: Drummond Island Township, second quarter FY2026-2027 budget review.

The General Fund, which covers day-to-day township operations, is right on pace. The Fire Department and Airport are running below the halfway mark, which reflects careful spending. The Golf Course and Park are further along, and that is exactly what we expect. Both are busiest from May through October, so most of their spending and nearly all of their revenue arrive in these months.

A Strong Season for Golf & Park

Golfers, campers, and visitors made this a busy summer. Park fees are well ahead of where they were at this time last year, and we are grateful to everyone who booked a site or brought a friend to the island.



Source: Drummond Island Township, second quarter FY2026-2027 budget review.

At the Golf Course, the season is winding down and spending has followed the playing season, as planned. Our team is keeping a close eye on a few supply and merchandise costs as the season closes. At the Park, spending is on track with the plan and the season is wrapping up for the year.

Fire Department and Airport

The Fire Department is spending carefully and is planning its equipment and training purchases for the months ahead. Fire wages and workers compensation depend on how many calls come in, so those numbers naturally move up and down from quarter to quarter. At the Airport, spending is well under the halfway mark. Winter plowing is the largest cost still to come.

EMS Coverage Is Funded

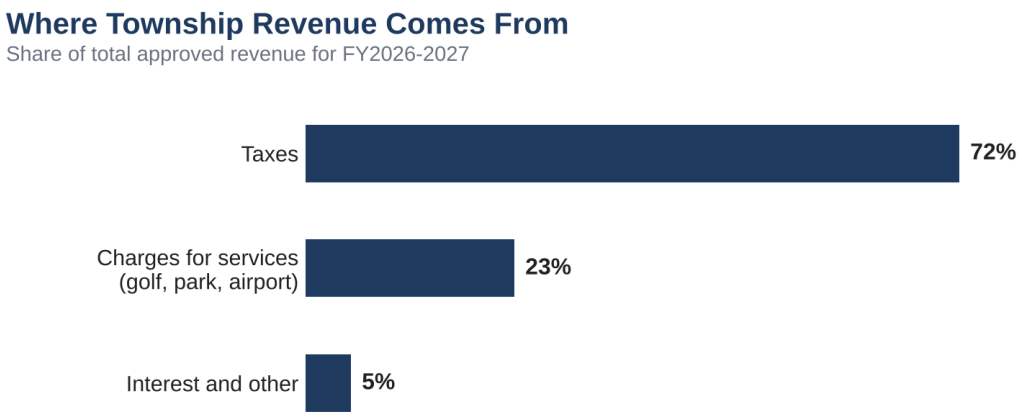
Your Board made sure that the remainder of our NEMSA contract is paid through the end of the fiscal year. We transferred funds from our Emergency Savings into the General Fund for that purpose. This keeps around-the-clock professional emergency medical coverage in place for our residents and visitors without interruption.

Keeping Costs Fair

Insurance premiums came in different than we first expected. We moved money between funds to rebalance how those premiums are allocated, so each department carries a cost that better reflects its actual coverage. For the Fire Department, the premium came in lower than planned, so the extra insurance allocation was removed from its budget. These are small adjustments, but they make our department budgets more accurate and easier to explain.

Where Our Money Comes From

Most of the Township’s revenue comes from property taxes. The rest comes from services like the Golf Course, the Park, and the Airport, along with interest and smaller sources.



Source: Drummond Island Township, approved FY2026-2027 budget. Percentages are rounded.

What Comes Next

The biggest factor in the second half of the year is winter property tax collection, along with state revenue sharing. I will keep a close eye on both and share another update after the third quarter. If you would like to talk through any of this, I am always happy to sit down with a resident who is curious about how their tax dollars are put to work.

Careful stewardship of your tax dollars is a responsibility I take seriously, and I am grateful to our department leaders and staff who make it possible.

Together, we keep moving forward.

With appreciation,
Krystal Truax
Township Supervisor
Drummond Island Township