



WHAT WE STAND FOR

The St. Albert Taxpayers Association (SATA) stands for a St. Albert where property taxes are maintained at a reasonable level, where tax revenue is wisely managed and where City spending concentrates first and foremost on providing and maintaining essential services.

SATA believes that people of all backgrounds should be able to call St. Albert home, regardless of income level. We feel that the large property tax and utility increases since 2002 have put a tremendous strain on many lower-income residents, particularly seniors and young families, making it difficult for these residents to continue living in St. Albert.

Residential property taxes are the City's primary source of revenue. Since 2004 the City undertook several controversial, high-profile projects which have required large spending increases, and are having a further impact on property taxes. SATA believes that the City should manage its resources more efficiently by focusing on the essentials rather than embarking on new, expensive projects of questionable value to the broad community.

SATA does not oppose taxation in itself. We strongly support the use of tax money for city services and for infrastructure such as roads, water and sewers. We also support the use of tax revenue to support disadvantaged members of our community, such as low-income residents, seniors and the disabled. To us, these services are essential to a thriving community and must be maintained.

While SATA does not oppose using tax revenue to support recreation and athletics, or heritage and the fine arts, spending on new projects and programs in these areas has been at the expense of residents who are having difficulty making ends meet. At this time City resources should be directed towards maintaining what is already in place.

SATA believes that these principles will contribute to making St. Albert a strong, prosperous and sustainable community that citizens from all walks of life can be proud to call home.