



## **Clearwater County sets 2022 Tax Rate holding fourth consecutive years of 0% tax increase**

(Rocky Mountain House, AB) – During their regular meeting on April 26, 2022, Council adopted the 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw 1118/22 reflecting a 0% municipal tax rate increase for all assessment classes.

The provincial school requisition has increased by \$305,425; however, this has been offset by past years collection of \$802,354 credit, thereby decreasing the school requisition by about \$500,000.

The senior's foundation operating requisition has increased by \$35,909, in addition to also requisitioning \$454,538 for capital type items with the intent to move forward in 2022 (the balance of which would be held in reserves to complete some of these items in future years.) The number is quite large, but by spreading it out over the large assessment of Clearwater County, it won't be a significant increase to individual tax bills.

The Designated Industrial Property requisition is applied only to those designated industrial properties, and the rate remains the same as the previous year.

Clearwater County Reeve, Daryl Lougheed, noted, "We are very fortunate to be in a financial situation where we held a 0% tax increase for four years in a row. I'm pleased to see this Council put fiscal responsibility as a top priority and with that in mind we are ensuring that our residents are not seeing a municipal tax portion increase along with all other costs of inflation (assuming their property assessment is unchanged)."

**2022 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices will be mailed on May 20, 2022.** All taxes are due upon receipt of tax notices, and penalties will apply if not paid before 4:30 pm on September 16, 2022. Clearwater County also offers a Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) allowing taxpayers to pay property taxes on a monthly basis. This bylaw, for the second time, has a penalty date noted in April of the year following the levy. This was to encourage payment of unpaid taxes before the first penalty date in September.

It is important to note that while Clearwater County is responsible for collecting taxes from properties within the County; tax notices include amounts collected for four separate organizations: Clearwater County (municipal portion); Alberta Education (school portion); Alberta Municipal Affairs (Designated Industrial Property assessment portion); and the Westview Lodge Foundation (seniors' foundation).



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Education Property Tax questions can be directed to the Government of Alberta Education Property Tax Line at 780-422-7125.

For more information on Clearwater County property assessments or Tax Installment Payment Plan, visit [www.clearwatercounty.ca/taxes](http://www.clearwatercounty.ca/taxes) or call 403-845-4444.

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