

CLEARWATER COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA
September 22, 2015
9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
4340 – 47 Avenue, Rocky Mountain House AB

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. AGENDA ADOPTION

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. September 08, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

D. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Grader Maintenance Tender Award - Beat 504

E. CORPORATE SERVICES

1. Capital Budget Performance Report
2. Tax Recovery Sale

F. COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

1. Fall High School Awards Ceremonies

G. MUNICIPAL

1. Meeting Invitation from Wild Rose School Division
2. Linear Information Package
3. Red Deer College Requests for Support

H. INFORMATION

1. CAO's Report
2. Public Works Director's Report
3. Councillors' Verbal Report
4. Accounts Payable Listing
5. Councillor Remuneration

I. IN CAMERA*

1. Labour

* For discussions relating to and in accordance with: a) the Municipal Government Act, Section 197 (2) and b) the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Sections 21 (1)(ii); 24 (1)(a)(c) and (g); 25 (1)(c)iii; and 27 (1)(a)

J. ADJOURNMENT

TABLED ITEMS

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Item, Reason and Status</i></u>
02/24/15	073/15 Invitation from Mayor's Office, Drayton Valley STATUS: Pending Information, Municipal



AGENDA ITEM

PROJECT: Grader Maintenance Tender Award – Grader Beat # 504		
PRESENTATION DATE: September 22nd, 2015		
DEPARTMENT: Public Works	WRITTEN BY: Kurt Magnus	REVIEWED BY: Marshall Morton
BUDGET IMPLICATION: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation		
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) Bylaw: _____ Policy: _____		
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: Managing our Growth	PRIORITY AREA: Support a transportation network that connects and moves residents and industry.	STRATEGIES: Gravel road maintenance program
ATTACHMENT(S): N/A		
RECOMMENDATION: That Council reviews the information and approves awarding the Grader Beat # 504 contract to Ogopogo Graders Ltd.		

BACKGROUND:

Administration has tendered the proposed maintenance of Grader Beat # 504. This program is to begin on October 1st, 2015, (five year contract) and entails the maintenance of approximately 169 km of gravel road (Dovercourt Area).

A tender opening was held on Tuesday September 15th, 2015, at 2:01 p.m. for the work outlined above. Five bids were received with **Ogopogo Graders Ltd.** being the low valid bidder. The following is a summary of the tenders received.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Cost per hour</u>
Ogopogo Graders Ltd.	\$83.50
East of 22 Ltd.	\$89.00
Earl Medin	\$89.50
Dan Harder	\$92.00
Diamond J Industries Ltd.	\$95.00



AGENDA ITEM

PROJECT: Capital Budget Performance Report		
PRESENTATION DATE: September 22, 2015		
DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services	WRITTEN BY: Rudy Huisman	REVIEWED BY: CAO and Directors
BUDGET IMPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation		
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) Bylaw: _____ Policy: _____		
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: Well Governed & Leading Organization	PRIORITY AREA: Strategic Management	STRATEGIES:
ATTACHMENT(S): Capital Budget Report to August 31, 2015		
RECOMMENDATION: None, for the information of Council		

BACKGROUND:

The 2015 Approved Capital Budget provided for expenditures of \$25,213,175. The funding sources for these expenditures included \$6,233,278 in Capital Grants, \$7,139,791 from existing Capital Reserves and \$11,840,106 from 2015 Operations. The attached statement shows expenditures to the end of August of \$8,255,137 which is 33% of budgeted expenditures.

Included in the 2015 capital budget are provisions for several land purchases, the design and preliminary costs for two facilities, the replacement of several bridges, and the acquisition of some machinery, equipment and vehicles, as well as the normal planned road work. Some of the larger programs/projects like asphalt overlay and bridge rehabilitation, have been scheduled for the months of September and October and are just getting under way. The facility projects, with a total budget of \$5.7 million, are not proceeding as quickly as staff had hoped for at the beginning of the year and much of what was expected to be completed in 2015 will be carried over to 2016 including the approved funding.

The remainder of this report provides more details about the 2015 capital budget revenues and expenditures to date on a department by department basis.

CAPITAL REVENUE:

2015 MSI capital revenue has been received in full from the Province. The County expects to receive the Federal Gas Tax sharing amount in September or October.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:

Agricultural Services – All equipment purchases have been completed within budget. Also, two of the three vehicles were purchased within budget. The third vehicle was purchased in 2014 resulting in a favourable variance for 2015.

Community and Protective Services – The work on the County Parade Float will be complete by the end of October within budget. The CPO vehicle has been purchased at a price slightly under budget, the equipment for the new unit is still being acquired. Regional Fire Services equipment has been acquired and is under budget. The RFP for the Condor Leslieville Facility Study will be released before the end of September.

Corporate Services – There were 19 projects included in the Information Technology capital budget ranging in cost between \$2,500 and \$120,000. Expenditures to August 31, 2015 are about 40% of the total budget.

There are two larger projects that will not be completed in 2015. The Microsoft License renewal estimated at \$90,000 has been postponed. Renewals will occur in 2016. The budget software at \$85,000 has been in the budget for several years. Staff hopes to implement this software by the spring of 2016 in time for the 2017 budget cycle.

The remaining projects are under way and will be completed by December 31, 2015 or earlier and within budget.

Planning & Nordegg – Most projects in Nordegg Development are under way. The Museum work is expected to begin in October. No significant over expenditures are anticipated.

Public Works – Council approved additional spending of \$66,000 on the replacement grader and the new compactor at the February 24th regular meeting (resolution 068/15). This additional expenditure is directly attributed to the drop in the Canadian dollar. The budget will be adjusted at year end when all Council approved changes are known.

Local Road Construction is well under way and will come in within budget.

The Asphalt Overlay program is only now getting under way. Staff expects to complete the work within budget.

Bridge Rehabilitation is proceeding and most of the work will occur over the next two months. With the rotational slide that occurred on the Clearwater Estates bridge replacement project, staff is anticipating an over expenditure on this budget item. Further details will be provided when available.

The two major facility projects will carry over into 2016. Land purchases have been completed for the two projects. Staff is awaiting wetlands approval from Alberta Environment before proceeding with the project in Caroline. Staff is seeking further direction for the project North of Rocky Mountain House.

The Water system projects will be complete by the end of October and are expected to be within budget. The sewer projects will be completed in September, October and November.

The Nordegg Infrastructure project is virtually complete and will finish within budget.

CONCLUSION:

A large portion of the capital works will be completed in the last four months of 2015 and variances may still be incurred. Ongoing communication with Council during the year brings attention to significant issues as they arise.

Clearwater County Capital

For the Eight Months Ending August 31, 2015

	Year to date 2015	Budget 2015	Variance 2015	% 2015
Capital Revenue				
Grants	\$5,616,953	\$6,233,278	(\$616,325)	90%
Total Capital Revenue	5,616,953	6,233,278	(616,325)	90%
Capital Expenditures by Department				
Agriculture Services				
ASB - Buildings	345		(345)	0%
ASB - Equipment	271,392	331,000	59,608	82%
ASB - Vehicles	36,075	75,000	38,925	48%
	307,812	406,000	98,188	76%
Community & Protective Services				
Community Peace Officers	60,514	105,000	44,486	58%
Regional Fire Services	153,827	179,791	25,964	86%
Community Services	4,413	25,000	20,587	18%
	218,754	309,791	91,037	71%
Corporate Services				
TIMS Capital	284,097	723,633	439,536	39%
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Planning & Nordegg				
Nordegg Project Development	451,051	1,078,000	626,949	42%

Clearwater County Capital

For the Eight Months Ending August 31, 2015

	Year to date 2015	Budget 2015	Variance 2015	%
PUBLIC WORKS				
Heavy Equipment	\$1,018,176	\$970,000	(\$48,176)	105%
Local Road Construction	2,956,328	5,379,814	2,423,486	55%
Asphalt Overlay	173,816	4,255,735	4,081,919	4%
Bridge Rehab	116,041	5,751,902	5,635,861	2%
Base Pave	2,567	20,000	17,433	13%
Facilities	1,968,661	5,255,000	3,286,339	37%
Water	130,380	142,500	12,120	91%
Sewer	627,454	225,000	225,000	0%
Nordegg Infrastructure	627,454	695,800	68,346	90%
	6,993,423	22,695,751	15,702,328	31%
Total Capital Expenditures	8,255,137	25,213,175	16,958,038	33%
Excess of Expenditures over Revenues	(2,638,184)	(18,979,897)	16,341,713	14%



AGENDA ITEM

PROJECT: Tax Recovery Sale		
PRESENTATION DATE: September 22,2015		
DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services Assessment and Revenue	WRITTEN BY: Denniece Crout	REVIEWED BY: Ron Leaf
BUDGET IMPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation		
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) <u>MGA Sections 412,413,417,419</u> Policy: _____		
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: Well Governed and Leading Organization	PRIORITY AREA: Strategic Management	STRATEGIES: Fiscal Management
ATTACHMENT(S): None		
RECOMMENDATION: Council set a minimum bid and set the sale conditions for the 2015 Tax Sale.		

BACKGROUND:

As part of the tax collection process the MGA authorizes that when a property is 3 years in arrears and all avenues for payments have been exhausted, a municipality may undertake a tax auction to address the outstanding arrears. In the case of the following property, located at NE-15-34-6-W5, all attempts to reconcile the tax account have been fruitless. The auction of this property is scheduled for November 3, 2015 at 10:00a.m.

The MGA is very clear on what steps must be taken before an auction can be held; Section 412 states that the property must be placed on an arrears list. Section 413 states the land titles registrar must endorse on the certificate of title the tax recovery notification. As per Section 417 the registrar for land titles must notify the owner of the land and each encumbrance must be shown on the title. Clearwater County has advertised the property for auction in the Alberta Gazette and the local newspaper within the specified time lines as per section 421 of the MGA. All the steps mentioned above have been executed within the time frame specified in the MGA.

As per section 419 of the MGA council must set the minimum reserve bid and set any conditions that may apply to the sale. If the parcel is not sold at public auction then Clearwater County could acquire the title.

It is staff's recommendation that the value placed on the property with the legal address of NE-15-34-6-W5 be set at \$638,120. The foundation for the value is the current year's assessment.

With respect to conditions of sale, staff recommends that terms of sale are cash, certified cheque or direct electronic payment. The amount of the deposit at the time of sale, must be 10% of bid offer (non-refundable), with the balance to be paid within 30 days of date of sale.



AGENDA ITEM

PROJECT: Fall High School Awards Ceremonies		
PRESENTATION DATE: September 22, 2015		
DEPARTMENT: Community and Protective Services	WRITTEN BY: Jerry Pratt	REVIEWED BY: Ted Hickey/Ron Leaf
BUDGET IMPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation		
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) Bylaw: _____ Policy: CLEARWATER COUNTY POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM		
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: N/A	PRIORITY AREA:	STRATEGIES:
ATTACHMENT(S): Clearwater County Post-Secondary Scholarship Program Policy		
RECOMMENDATION: That Council selects and authorizes members of Council to attend each ceremony and present the County's Post-Secondary Scholarship certificate and cheque.		

BACKGROUND:

Under the “Post-Secondary Scholarship Program” Policy, Clearwater County Council budgets \$4000 annually to provide a \$1000 scholarship to one student from each of the four high schools located in the County. The recipient must be attending a recognized post-secondary institution in a full-time capacity. The policy, attached for Council’s review, states that: “A county councillor shall attend the relevant High School award ceremony to present the award (i.e. the cheque) on behalf of the County”.

The four ceremonies are scheduled as follows, with each being held at the respective school’s gym:

- Caroline School: TBA
- David Thompson High School: October 8th at 7:00 pm
- St. Dominic’s High School: October 9th at 2:00 pm
- West Central High School: October 22th at 6:30pm

The recommendation is that Council authorizes members of Council to attend each ceremony, as to present the scholarship to the respective recipient.

Clearwater County

CLEARWATER COUNTY POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2008

SECTION: Administration

POLICY STATEMENT:

To recognize the importance of youth achievement in the area of community service and to encourage academic advancement, the County will offer an annual scholarship to worthy high school graduates.

DURATION: 5 years (may be extended upon evaluation by the Council in 2013)

VALUE: \$4,000 given annually - \$1,000 to one student graduating from each of the 4 High Schools in Clearwater County including West Central High School, St. Dominic High School, David Thompson High School and Caroline High School.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Any graduating student from a County High School registered and attending a post-secondary school in a full time capacity;
- Must have been a resident of Clearwater County at the time of graduation from high school (note: this does not include Town or Village residents);
- Citizenship is the primary consideration for eligibility and includes involvement in the community or school in a voluntary and/or leadership capacity while attending high school. The scholarship recipient will be seen and recognized by other students as an individual who continually demonstrated care and respect for fellow students and the community;
- A student, upon receiving this \$1,000 scholarship once, is ineligible to receive another award under this program.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- All graduating county high school students will be notified of this scholarship;
- Interested applicants may apply in writing identifying:
 - Citizenship involvement while attending high school;
 - County residence legal location while attending high school;
 - Name of post-secondary institution and the full time program enrolled in; ○ Any reference letters the applicant feels are helpful in confirming citizenship activities.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PURPOSE:

- Applications will be received and reviewed by the respective high school principal (or his/her designate) considering the contents of the written application, the observations of school staff through the time the applicant attended high school, and any other community references the principal deems appropriate to consult.
- The respective high school principal shall select the winning applicant and advise the county administrator for purposes of preparing a check.

AWARD:

- A county councillor shall attend the relevant High School award ceremony and present the award (i.e. the check) on behalf of the County.



AGENDA ITEM

PROJECT: Meeting Invitation From Wildrose School Division Board of Trustees		
PRESENTATION DATE: September 22, 2015		
DEPARTMENT: Municipal	WRITTEN BY: Ron Leaf	REVIEWED BY:
BUDGET IMPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation		
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) Bylaw: _____ Policy: _____		
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: Well Governed and Leading Organization	PRIORITY AREA: 2.5 Advocacy	STRATEGIES: 2.5.4
ATTACHMENT(S): N/A		
RECOMMENDATION: That Council considers the meeting invitation from the Wild Rose School Division		

BACKGROUND:

Historically, Council meets with the Wild Rose School Division (WRSD) Board of Trustees as part of Council's strategic plan to "promote a collaborative regional services philosophy and enhance provision of regional services to the greatest extent possible".

At the September 15 Regular Board Meeting, WRSD Board of Trustees proposed meeting with both the Town of Rocky Mountain House Council and Clearwater County Council on January 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Administration requests direction regarding Council's availability and topics of interest that Council may wish to discuss at the meeting.



AGENDA ITEM

PROJECT: Linear Information Package		
PRESENTATION DATE: September 22, 2015		
DEPARTMENT: Municipal	WRITTEN BY: Rudy Huisman/Christine Heggart/Lisa Novacek	REVIEWED BY: Ron Leaf
BUDGET IMPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation		
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite)		
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: N/A	PRIORITY AREA:	STRATEGIES:
ATTACHMENT(S): DRAFT Linear Information Package		
RECOMMENDATION: The Council reviews the Linear Information Package and directs staff on dissemination.		

BACKGROUND:

At the July 28 regular meeting, Council discussed the County's linear property assessments and Reeve Alexander asked that administration prepare a linear information package, to educate the public on Clearwater County's linear revenue and what's at stake should the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) lobby for sharing of linear taxation be successful.

Below is the excerpt from AUMA's *Building Thriving Communities – AUMA's Submission to the MGA Process Review (2014)*.

"The province's assessment and taxation system needs to be reformed to make it open, transparent and equitable....AUMA calls for a more equitable sharing of linear property assessments and associated taxation within the province."

Staff assembled the linear information in the attached "Linear Information Package" for Council's review and would like Council's feedback on the information and direction on dissemination.



Industrial taxation

Industry is taxed in Alberta through linear assessment and machinery and equipment (M&E) assessment.

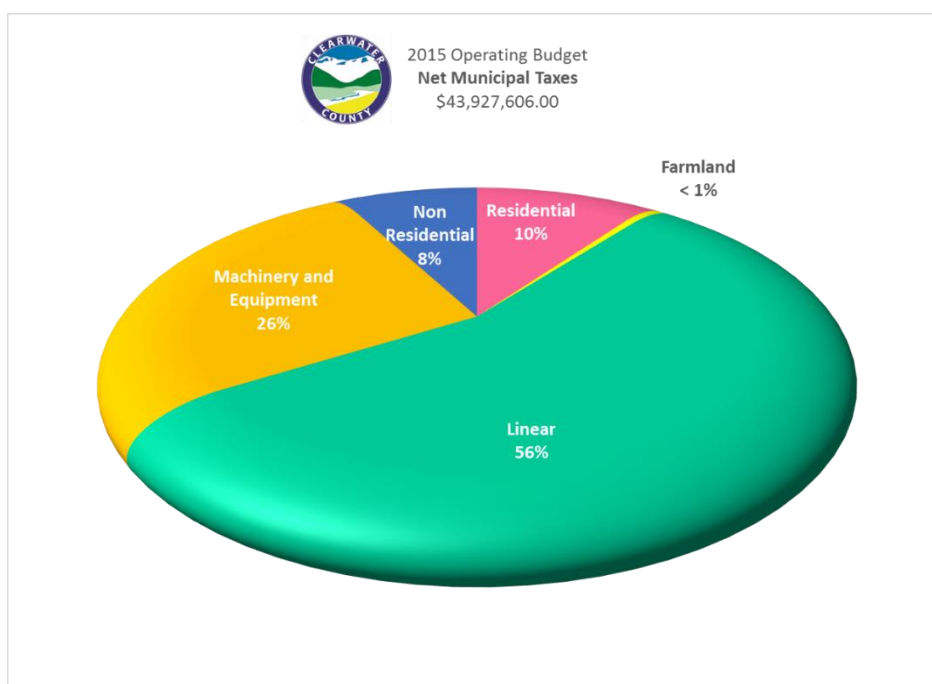
Linear assets are valued by the province through an assessment process, and tax rates are set by municipalities under the category of non-residential, which also encompasses commercial. M&E assets are a separate category which municipalities assess, as well as set the tax rate.

Linear Linear tax is collected by municipalities for the placement of oil and gas pipelines, telecommunications systems, and electric power lines.

M&E M&E tax is collected by municipalities for the placement of property such as underground tanks, compressors, refineries or pulp, and paper plants.

Linear and M&E taxation compensates municipalities for hosting industrial development, as industry puts substantial strain on municipal infrastructure (i.e. roads and bridges).

For Clearwater County, linear revenue makes up 56% (\$24.4 million in 2015) of the County's revenues and M&E revenues makes up 26% (\$11.4 million in 2015) of the County's revenues.

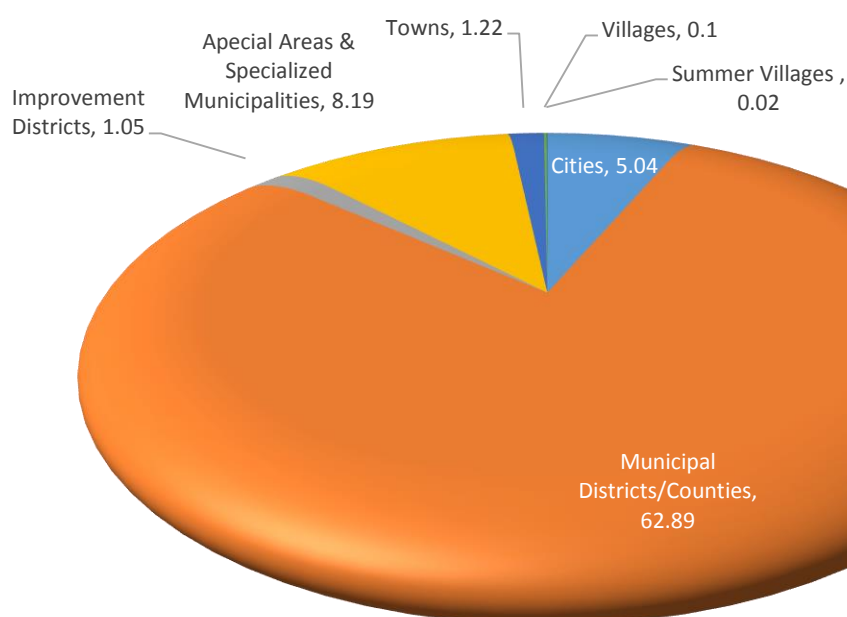


Linear taxation in Alberta

Linear assessment makes up a portion of all municipal tax revenue in Alberta, however, it makes up a substantially larger revenue share in Municipal Districts (MDs) and Counties.

In 2015, linear property assessment was \$78.2 billion in all of Alberta, of which 80% came from MDs and Counties.

2015 Tax Year Linear Assessment Distribution Municipal Type (billions)



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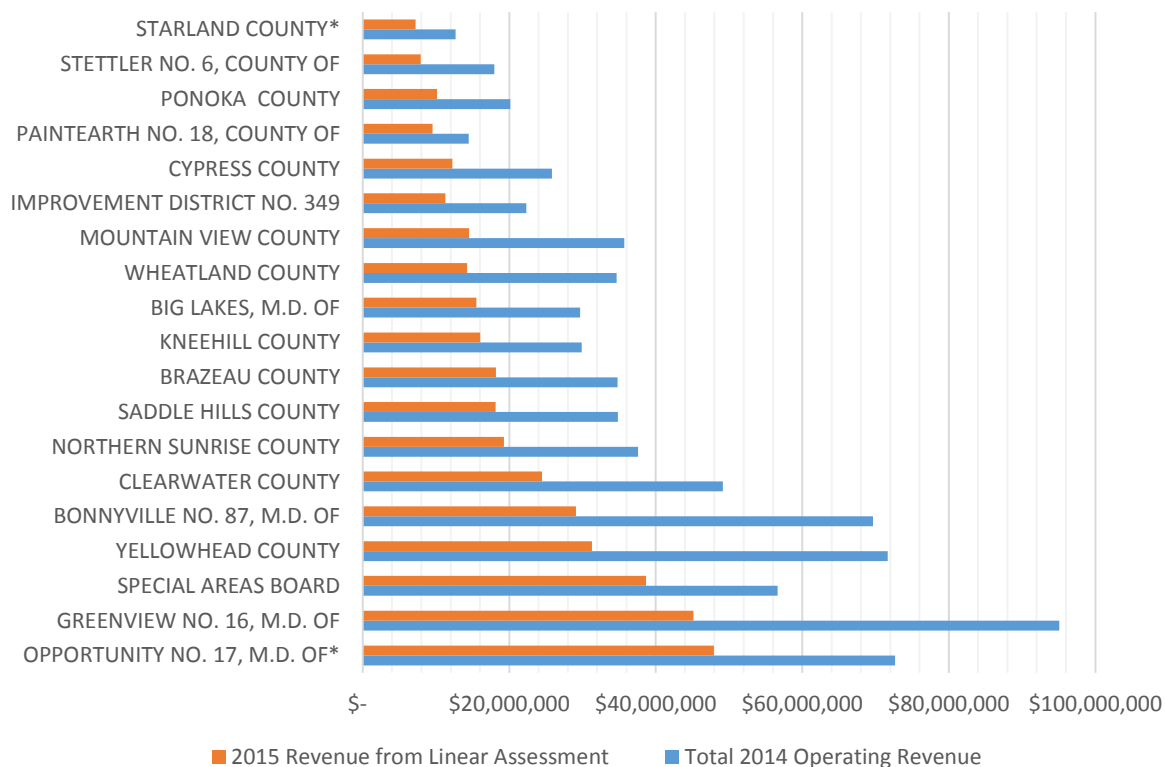


¹ Municipal Affairs Linear Property Assessment, 2015 Annual Report, Page 12.



Municipalities with Significant Linear Revenues

The chart below displays twenty municipalities that receive over 40% of their total revenue from linear assessment.



² Municipal Affairs Linear Property Assessment Report/ 2014 Operating Revenue from 2014 Audited financials

Infrastructure & Industrial Activities

Rural municipalities generate considerably more linear tax revenue than urban municipalities. However, rural municipalities spend significantly more per person to maintain the basic infrastructure needs of their community.

Although rural municipalities commonly have smaller populations to serve, they are responsible for maintaining the majority of Alberta's roads (72%/ 131,000 km) and bridges (59%/ 8500)³.

With more industrial activity in rural municipalities, local infrastructure such as roads and bridges often deteriorate at a faster rate than if just local populations were using that same infrastructure.

Rural municipalities receive the majority of industrial taxation revenue because that is where heavy industries are located – the same industries that provide strain or damage to rural municipal infrastructure.

Industrial tax revenue is currently proportional to the amount of industry in the area, and that revenue helps municipalities maintain infrastructure, which in turn allows industrial activity to occur across the province.

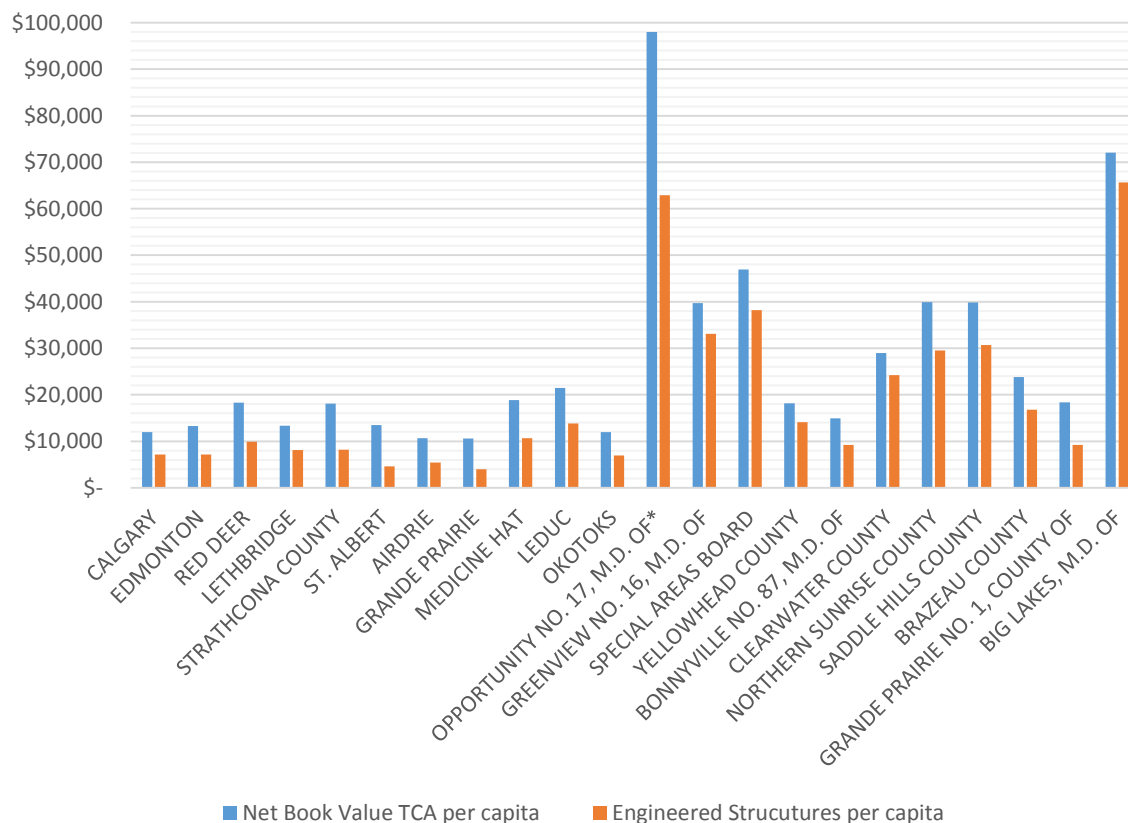


³ AAMDC, Linear Assessment Editorial - Bob Barss.

Rural Municipal Finances & Infrastructure

Local governments are responsible for managing various capital assets, such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems. Municipalities with lower density of populations, such as in rural areas, require a higher per capita investment to develop and maintain infrastructure (assets).

Per Capita Audited TCA Net Book Value & Audited TCA Engineered Structures



Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) are non-financial assets such as roads, buildings, vehicles, equipment, land, water & other utility systems, aircraft, computer hardware & software, dams, canals, & bridges. Engineered Structures are a proportion of TCA, which exclude building and machinery.⁵

Clearwater County's TCA book value depicts the County's significant investment in infrastructure – including 175 bridge structures and 2300 kilometers of roads (352kms paved) that move both people and industry in the County.



⁴ 2014 Audited Financial Statements

⁵ GFOA Regional Workshop PowerPoint, 2007.

Industrial Activity & Landowners

With pipelines crossing nearly every quarter section in Clearwater County, rural landowners also bear the adverse effects from linear assessment.

Landowners are compensated at the time of the installation of linear property, for crops damages for example. However, on-going compensation is infrequently provided, despite complications and potential restrictions to land development for landowners.

Rural landowners also live and work in the areas of these industrial activities, and deal with the quality of life impacts, which include infrastructure damage to local roads and bridges from heavy truck traffic and dust on gravel roads that access industrial sites.

In Clearwater County, rural residential taxpayer's tax rates are lower compared to urban centres such as the City of Calgary or the City of Edmonton. However, residents receive different service levels and contend with the adverse effects of living in an area of high industrial activity.

The chart below provides an example of urban and rural municipal tax rates for 2015.

	Residential Tax Rates	Non-Residential Tax Rates
City of Edmonton	0.0055434	0.0151319
Red Deer County	0.0037406	0.0100550
City of Calgary	0.0035409	0.0107367
Mountain View County	0.0027200	0.0098000
Clearwater County	0.0025612	0.0074670
Brazeau County	0.0020020	0.0090460



Linear Assessment & Pooling – What’s at Stake?

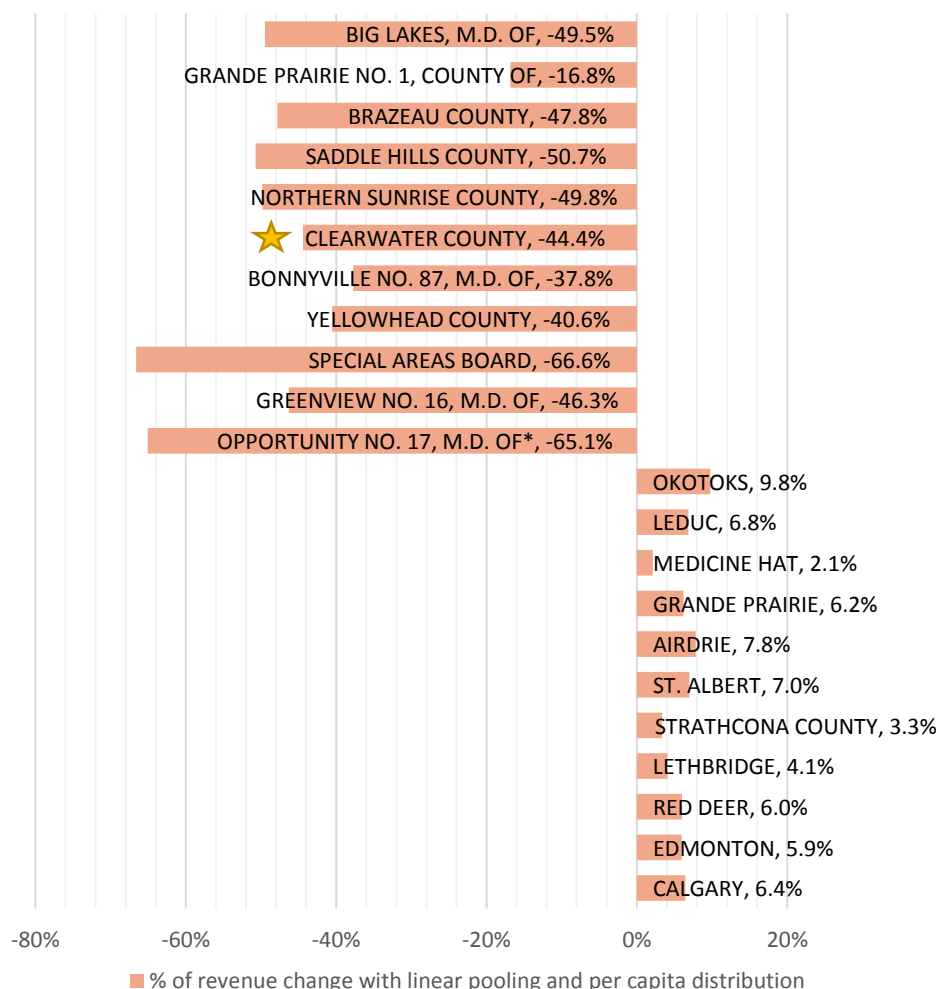
Little gain for urban centres, huge loss for much of rural Alberta

If linear assessment was to be pooled and redistributed on a strict per capita basis, the largest cut of linear revenue would go to Calgary or Edmonton, while many rural municipalities throughout Alberta would lose a significant portion of their tax revenue.

Although the majority of Alberta’s populations reside in these urban centers, lesser populated municipalities often have more area to cover, and higher infrastructure costs.

At Stake Clearwater County could potentially lose \$24.4 million (44.4%) of its annual revenue and on a per capita basis receive back an estimated \$2.5 million, resulting a net loss of \$21.9 million

Possible Effects of Per a Capita Linear Distribution on Rural and Urban Municipalities



⁶ Municipal Affairs, 2014 Population List, Municipal Affairs Linear Property Assessment 2015 Annual Report ISBN 9978-1-4601-2328-7 (PDF) & 2014 audited financial statements.

Clearwater County's View on Linear Pooling

- The current distribution of industrial taxation is fair, and reflects the expenses absorbed by municipalities from industrial development within their jurisdiction.
- Reallocating linear taxation based on population would have significant negative impact on Clearwater County - and all municipalities whether rural or urban, with the exception of Calgary or Edmonton.
 - Should linear pooling become a reality, the loss of \$21 million in revenue would mean other tax revenue categories in Clearwater County may be impacted, along with revenue sharing agreements.
 - Industry would continue to pay the same linear tax (or a higher tax – as tax rates vary significantly from municipality to municipality) – and the investment through taxes that industry currently makes in communities that they operate will instead be funnelled to the major cities.
- Local communities or regions are best suited to determine the needs of their areas, and need to work together to come up with regional solutions for municipal sustainability.





AGENDA ITEM

PROJECT: Red Deer College Requests for Support		
PRESENTATION DATE: September 22, 2015		
DEPARTMENT: CAO	WRITTEN BY: Ron Leaf	REVIEWED BY: Ron Leaf
BUDGET IMPLICATION: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reallocation		
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) Bylaw: _____ Policy: _____		
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME:	PRIORITY AREA:	STRATEGIES:
RECOMMENDATION: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That Council accepts report for information. 2) That Council responds to the RDC request for funding. 3) That Council responds to request for support of the RDC application to the Province of Alberta to become a Polytechnic University. 		

BACKGROUND:

During Council's September 8 meeting Red Deer College (RDC) submitted two requests. One request was for financial support in the amount of \$1.4 M relating to the development of a Sport & Wellness Centre. RDC also requested that Clearwater County Council support the College's application to the Provincial Government to become a Polytechnic University.

Following the RDC report, Council requested staff to determine which other municipalities have been contacted and what funding, if any, has been provided.

I subsequently contacted Michael Donlevy, Vice President - Enterprise and Community Relations, with RDC and was advised the following:

- RDC has contacted City of Red Deer, Red Deer County, Lacombe County and Clearwater County. The College has requested an appointment with Stettler County in the next few weeks.
- Based on my discussions with Mr. Donlevy and the CAOs for Red Deer and Lacombe County I can advise that in terms of municipal contributions:
 - No requests have been made to urban municipalities other than the City of Red Deer, at this time.
 - The City of Red Deer has committed \$11.5 M to be paid over 5 years

- Red Deer County has provided a one-time payment of \$500,000, to be paid in 2015
- Lacombe County has provided a one-time payment of \$1M, to be paid in 2015. (Of note, Lacombe County indicated that subsequent to the RDC request they have received a funding request from Olds College with respect to a capital project on the Olds Campus.)

Additionally, Mr. Donlevey advised:

- Funding commitments have been made by the Provincial Government.
- Funding applications to the Federal Government (Infrastructure & Western Diversification) which are currently on hold due to the Federal election.

Conclusion:

In both the Lacombe County and Red Deer County Councils decisions the Councils determined the levels of funding they were prepared to make following which staff provided options on how the donation might be funded.

Clearwater County

Councilor and Board Member Remuneration Statement

For the Year of ...2015.....

EARL GRAHAM

Name of Councilor / Board Member

Payment Periods

January	February	May	June
March	April	July	August
September	October	November	December

Supervision Rate – \$550.00 Monthly
Reeve Supervision Rate - \$850.00 Monthly

Date	Type of Meeting Attended	First 4 Hours \$156.00	Next 4 Hours \$124.00	Next 4 Hours \$124.00	Regular Council Meeting \$283.00	Lunch \$16.00	Mileage @ \$0.55 / km
Aug 11/15	COUNCIL				✓		92
Aug 13/15	MPC				✓		92
Aug 25/15	COUNCIL				✓		92

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Remuneration Calculation

3	Meetings @ \$156.00=	276	Kms @ \$0.55=	151.80
	Meetings @ \$124.00=	—	Lunch @ \$16.00=	—
	Meetings @ \$283.00=	849.00		
	Supervision=	550.00		
	TOTAL=	1399.00	TOTAL=	151.80

Signature {Councilor / Board Member}