

2020 Tax Rate Bylaw Finalized, Payment Deadline Extended by Wetaskiwin City Council

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(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) - Wetaskiwin City Council finalized the 2020 tax rates and deferred the tax deadline for ratepayers as part of the City's COVID-19 response efforts.

The 2020 Property Tax Rate Bylaw 1961-20 was approved by City Council at their regular April 27, 2020 Council meeting, resulting in a **net municipal tax rate decrease of 2.41 percent** for both residential and non-residential properties. The 2020 tax payment deadline was also extended to September 30, 2020 to reduce the financial strain on taxpayers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Council understands these are challenging times for many and has extended the usual tax payment deadline to help reduce the financial strain on local ratepayers," said Wetaskiwin Mayor Tyler Gandam. "The City of Wetaskiwin relies heavily on tax revenue to fund its operations and—like other municipalities around the province—would not be able to function without them. If you can pay your taxes on time, please do so."

If you pay taxes within the City of Wetaskiwin, here is what you need to know:

- The tax deadline for 2020 has been set as September 30, 2020. If you do not pay your current year's taxes by this date, a late payment penalty of five percent will be applied to your account on October 1, 2020.
- An arrears penalty of 10 percent will be applied to your account if you do not pay your outstanding tax balance by January 1, 2021.

While Wetaskiwin City Hall remains closed to the public, the City is still accepting payments online or by cheque (delivered to the night box on the north side of Wetaskiwin City Hall at 4705 -50 Avenue). An insert outlining the new tax rates and the allocation of municipal tax dollars will be included in all 2020 tax notice letters. Call 780.361.4400 with any questions or visit www.wetaskiwin.ca/taxes for more information.

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community home to a diverse population of 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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