



Council approves 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw

Rebate for select airport properties also approved

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 (Wetaskiwin, Alberta) — Ahead of tax notices being issued, City Council approved the *2023 Tax Rate Bylaw 2031-23* during its [regular Tuesday, May 23 meeting](#).

The bylaw sets a tax rate increase of 5.7 per cent for both residential and non-residential properties.

“Council has worked through the 2023 budget and you will see an increase this year,” said Mayor Tyler Gandam. “We saw changes to the RCMP contract which increased our budget and that was out of our control. Through our budget process, Council worked through levels of service, as well as addressing some of our aging infrastructure. The City saw an increase to its overall assessment, so Council will be putting more money into reserves with the ability to offset some of the increases we’ve seen due to funding decreases or expenses received by the provincial government.

“It is important that your input is received by Council regarding our annual budget and services. We do budget open house meetings and our [budget deliberations](#) are also open to the public.”

Property tax notices were mailed out to all Wetaskiwin property owners on Friday, May 26. **Payment is due by Friday, June 30 at 4:30 p.m.** Residents who have not received their notices are asked to contact the City immediately. All questions or concerns about property taxes should be directed to taxation@wetaskiwin.ca or call 780.361.4400. Visit wetaskiwin.ca/taxes for more information.

Tax rebate approved for select airport properties

In addition to setting this year’s tax rates, City Council also approved rebates for certain airport properties. During its regular [September 26, 2022 meeting](#), Council received a request from users at the Wetaskiwin Regional Airport that the tax rate applied to airport properties with security suites be reviewed.

At the 2023 budget deliberations, Council decided airport properties with security suites not being used for commercial purposes would be taxed at the residential rate for the 2023 taxation year and all other properties at the airport not used for commercial purposes be taxed at a rate between the residential and non-residential rate.

Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the levels of service provided by the City by reaching out directly to council. Contact information for mayor and council is available at wetaskiwin.ca/mayor-council.

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community, home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of 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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