

Subject: **2024 Tax Rate Bylaw**  
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024  
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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

1. That Council give second reading to Bylaw #1897 that being a bylaw for the 2024 Tax Rates.
2. That Council give third reading to Bylaw #1897 that being a bylaw for the 2024 Tax Rates.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)**

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

**Provincial (cite)-**

The County is required under the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* to approve a Tax Rate Bylaw which reflects the revenues as required by the County’s current year operating & capital budget.

Designated Industrial Property Lloydminster Charter *MGA* Section 359.3(2)

Alberta School Foundation Fund Regulation

Alberta Housing Act (Section 7)

**Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)-** N/A

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

This report is intended to provide Council with a summary of previous recommendations relating to municipal taxes and requisitions, and then move forward with the second and third reading of the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw and authorizes Council to impose a tax in respect of property in the municipality to raise revenue to be used toward the payment of the expenditures as set out in the County’s Operating Budget.

Administration will mail out the combined assessment/taxation notices on or before June 15th. The Current Due Date & Penalty Bylaw #1890 states that taxes are due on or before October 31st.

Motions from April 9th Council Meeting

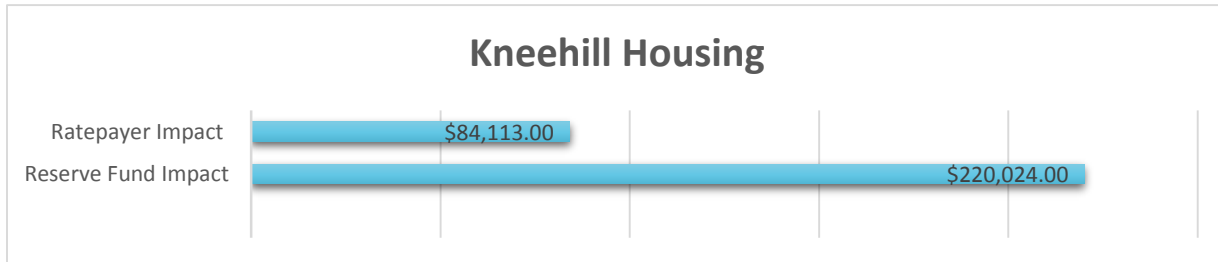
On April 9th Council gave first reading to Bylaw #1897 that being a bylaw for the 2024 Tax Rates. Motion 092/24



***Kneehill Housing Motion 090/24***

On April 9<sup>th</sup> Council approved a draw from the Revenue Stabilization Reserve in the amount of \$220,024 to fund the increase in the Kneehill Housing requisition for 2024. Motion 090/24

The Kneehill Housing Corporation requisition portion to be billed to rate payers will be 28% of the total cost in the amount of \$84,113. Council accepted the 2024 Requisition and Ratepayer Impact report and directed Administration to draw a reserve funded portion of 72% in the amount of \$220,024, to be applied to the 2024 Kneehill Housing Corporations Requisition that was a total of \$304,870



***Alberta School Fund Motion 091/24***

On April 9<sup>th</sup> Council approve a draw from the Revenue Stabilization Reserve in the amount of \$640,286 to fund the 2023 under-levy related to the Alberta School Fund. Motion 091/24

The Alberta School Fund requisition increased in 2024 by \$343,003, in addition, due to a provincial error, the County under-levied for the requisition in 2023 by \$640,286. This resulted in a significant impact to projected tax bills, and Council recommended to fund the 2023 under-levy of \$640,286 from reserves to mitigate some of the impact to ratepayers on their annual tax bills. Council approved to draw \$640,286 from the Revenue Stabilization reserve on April 9<sup>th</sup> Motion 091/24

On April 9<sup>th</sup> Council directed Administration to request that the Province waive the \$640,286 error in Education School Foundation funding in 2023 made by the Province. Motion 093/24

***2024 Assessment Report Motion 089/24***

In a separate report on April 9<sup>th</sup>'s Council meeting Administration recommended to Council to amend the budgeted increase in non-residential tax rates to maintain the MGA legislated 5:1 non-residential to residential tax rate ratio. Council moved to amend the 2024 Operating Budget by reducing Property Tax revenues by \$51,356 and increasing Transfers from Reserves by the same amount through a draw from the Revenue Stabilization reserve in Motion 089/24.

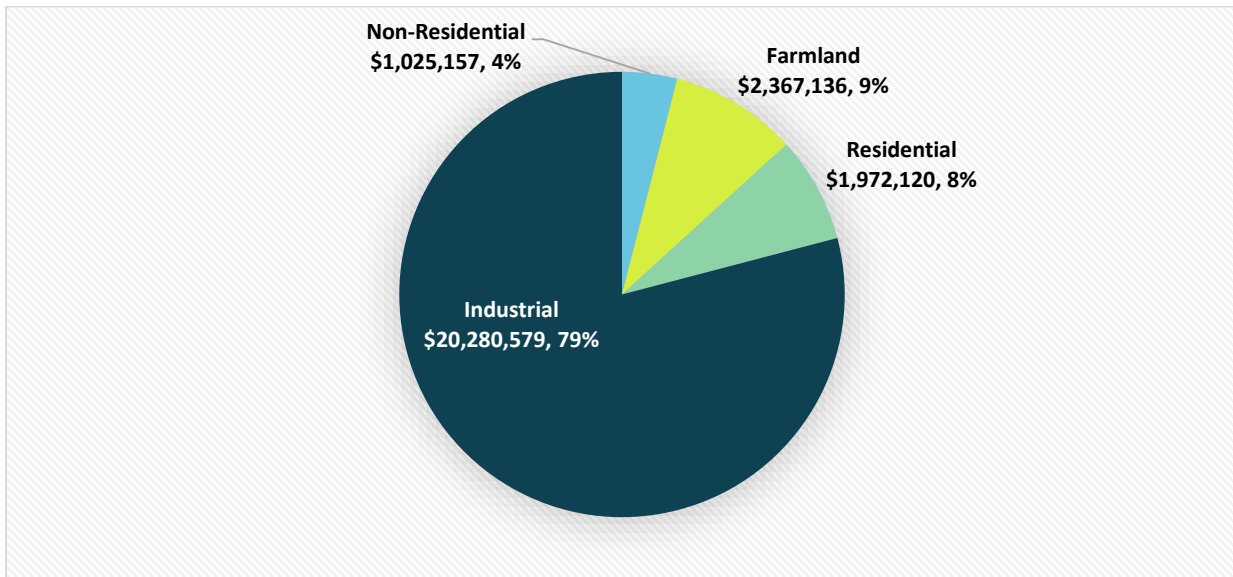


**DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Tax Rate Bylaw**

The annual budget determines the total amount of taxes to be levied on residents and businesses of the community for the budget year. The 2024 Operating and Capital budget was passed at the December 12, 2023, Council meeting and requires that \$25,644,991 be collected from ratepayers to maintain the municipality's operations.

The dollars and percentages each class of ratepayer contributes related to \$25,644,991 of Property Tax revenue is represented in the chart below:



**Requisitions**

In addition to the funds collected in relation to Kneehill County operations and services, municipalities are required by legislation to collect and remit funds for various requisitions.

***Kneehill Housing***

Kneehill Housing Corporation is a housing management body in Alberta who requisition municipalities for financial support to maintain Lodges in their communities for seniors. This is an agreement made between the Government of Alberta and the local Municipalities when the Housing Management Bodies (HMB) were created under a Ministerial Order.

***Alberta School Fund***

The province of Alberta calculates the amount each municipality contributes towards the public education system based on assessment values. Municipalities collect the education property tax from ratepayers and forwards the amount collected to the province.



**Designated Industrial Property**

Designated Industrial Property (DIP) requisition is a fee charged by the province to assess linear properties within Kneehill County (wells, pipelines, telecommunications assets, etc.) The County's 2024 obligations are \$100,946 to be collected from Linear and Designated Industrial Owners, through a separate tax rate to pay the requisition.

**FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

The approval of the Tax Rate Bylaw ensures that Administration can issue the tax notices which provide the total taxation revenues as shown in the operating budget for the County.

**RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:**

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:	
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

2024 Tax Rate Bylaw

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Give second and third reading of the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw.
2. Amend the budget and resulting tax rate.
3. Accept for information.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:**

Administration will mail out combined taxation/assessment notices as per approved Bylaw.

**APPROVAL(S):**

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

