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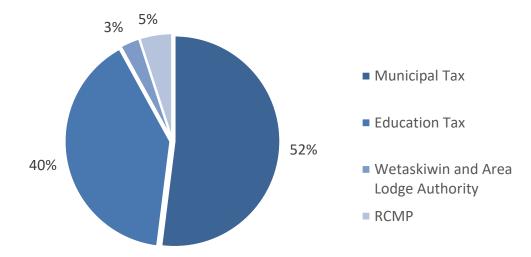
May 31, 2024

County Council Approves 2024 Tax Rates

On May 21, 2024, the Council of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 approved the Mill Rates for 2024 to fund the year's final budget. The overall budget for the County stands at \$45.8 million, with municipal tax support contributing \$24.9 million.

The 2024 budget will impact municipal taxes as follows: the average homeowner will experience a 2.77% municipal tax increase. This adjustment includes an increase for RCMP funding, as mandated by the Government of Alberta. Businesses and commercial properties are set to see a 1.42% rise in their municipal taxes, while agricultural landowners will see a 4.80% increase. Please be aware that your tax notice covers not only municipal taxes but also provincial education tax, costs for RCMP services, and contributions towards the Wetaskiwin and Area Lodge Authority, which supports senior housing in our community.

Reeve Josh Bishop emphasized council's strategy, stating, "County Council is committed to small incremental tax increases to minimize impact on our residents and businesses. We are dedicated to proactive budgeting to mitigate tax impacts while maintaining core services."



In accordance with Section 311 of the *Municipal Government Act*, please be informed that the Assessment Notices for the County will be mailed by June 6, 2024. Following this notification, all assessed individuals are considered to have received their Assessment Notices. Ratepayers who wish to discuss their assessments in more detail are encouraged to contact the Assessment Department at (780) 361-6237.

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Tax payments for the year are due by August 31, 2024. For detailed information on payment methods and instructions, please visit the County of Wetaskiwin's official website at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/277/How-do-l-pay-my-taxes

For further information on the County's budget, please contact Eric Hofbauer, Director of Finance, at (780) 361-6228 or via email at ehofbauer@county10.ca.