

TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY COUNCIL REVIEW | MAY 6, 2020



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BUDGET 2020

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**0% INCREASE TO
2020 TAXES!**



**FINANCIAL
RELIEF MEASURES**



COUNCIL DECISION ITEMS

2020 PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES TEMPORARY REDUCTION BYLAW 2020/02/F

In light of current hardships presented by COVID-19 Administration proposed to amend the current Bylaw 2002/01/F to replace the due date of June 30th with September 30th for property taxes, and to amend the penalty rate from 15% to 3% by way of Temporary Bylaw. In addition, Administration proposed to amend the current Bylaw to replace the due date of December 31 with January 15 the following year and to amend the penalty rate from 15% to 10% by way of Temporary Bylaw.

This decision item was presented for First, Second, and Third Reading, and Council carried all readings.

BYLAW 2020/07/F - 2020 PROPERTY TAX EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Administration proposed Bylaw 2020/07/F to implement a Property Tax Early Payment Discount Incentive Program. This Bylaw would see residential and non-residential property owners, who pay their current year property tax levy balance in full on or before June 30th, 2020, have a 5% discount applied to the municipal portion of their tax bill.

This Bylaw was presented for First, Second, and Third Reading and carried by Council.

SUPPORT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH!

The COVID-19 pandemic, and increased isolation and self-distancing measures being put in place, can amplify feelings of stress and anxiety for many people! It's important to take good care of yourself, and maintain good mental health!

Many mental health tools are available to those who may need them. Visit our website at draytonvalley.ca/covid-19/ for information and resources!

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and are open to the public.

MAY 2020						
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COUNCIL DECISION ITEMS

AMENDING BYLAW 2020/08/F - AMENDEMENT OF TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY BORROWING BYLAW 99-14

In October 1999, Town Council passed Bylaw 99-14 to address the highly seasonal nature of Town revenues. At that time, a borrowing limit of \$750,000.00 was approved to meet current expenditures and obligations of the Town until such a time that taxes levied could be collected. In 2017, an amendment was made to increase the borrowing limit to \$4,000,000.00, however in light of the current economic situation, it is necessary to make another amendment from \$4,000,000.00 to an amount not exceeding \$9,000,000.00. This will ensure funds are available to maintain operations and capital commitments incurred throughout the year.

This decision item was presented for First Reading, and Council carried the First Reading. Going forward, the Amending Bylaw will be advertised as per MGA section 251 and upon third and final reading, the Bylaw 2017/02/F will be repealed.

MILL RATE BYLAW 2020-09-F

Each year, the Town sets its mill rates, which are required to be collected to meet the operational and capital expenses for the Town. The mill rate is a figure used to calculate the amount of property tax. All residential and commercial property in Drayton Valley is assessed, and the mill rate and mill rate factor are multiplied by the taxable assessment. The mill rate for 2020 supports the tax levy requirements of the 2020 Operating and Capital Budget.

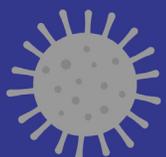
Council was presented the Mill Rate Bylaw 2020-09-F for First, Second, and Third Reading and all readings were carried.

2020 FINAL TOTAL WORKS FITNESS CENTRE FEE SCHEDULE

In conjunction with the 2020 Final Budget considerations, Administration from each Town facility and department has reviewed its respective fees for the coming year. The 2020 Final Total Works Fee Schedule reflects the Town's goal to provide affordable services while balancing fiscal responsibility, and achieve cost recovery where possible. The 2020 Final Total Works Fee Schedule was presented for Council's consideration and was approved with amendments.

2020 FINAL FEE SCHEDULE

In conjunction with the 2020 Final Budget considerations, Administration from each Town Facility and department has reviewed its respective fees for the coming year. The 2020 Final Fee Schedule reflects the Town's goal to provide affordable services while balancing fiscal responsibility and achieve cost recovery where possible. The Final 2020 Fee Schedule was presented to Council, and was approved.



DRAYTON VALLEY
COVID-19
Update to the Public

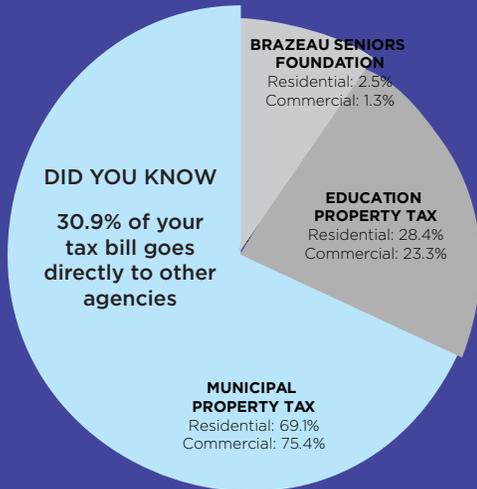
For the most up-to-date information about the COVID-19 pandemic visit www.draytonvalley.ca/covid-19/

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THE AVERAGE MUNICIPAL TAX BILL IS COMPRISED OF 3 ELEMENTS:

BRAZEAU SENIORS FOUNDATION
EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX
MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX



The average homeowner will pay an average of

\$194.58 PER MONTH **\$2,335.00*** PER YEAR

OR

The average business owner will pay an average of

\$1,270.50 PER MONTH **\$15,246.00**** PER YEAR



Visit draytonvalley.ca/budget-2020/ for full 2020 Budget details!

COUNCIL DECISION ITEMS

2020 FINAL OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS (EXCLUDING THE FITNESS CENTRE)

As per the Municipal Government Act s242(2) and s245, Council must adopt operating and capital budgets for each calendar year.

Administration presented the 2020 Final Operating Budget (excluding the Fitness Centre) and 2020 Final Capital Budget for Council's consideration and adoption, with the intention the budgets be implemented January 1, 2020. Council approved the budgets as presented.

2020 FINAL BUDGET FOR FITNESS CENTRE

Administration presented the 2020 Final Operating Budget for the Fitness Centre for Council's consideration and adoption, with the intention the budget be implemented January 1, 2020. Council approved the budget as presented.

2019 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The annual audit of the Town's Financial Statements is conducted by an independent accounting firm, Metrix Group LLP, and were presented to Council to accept as information. Following the acceptance of the audit results, the Finance Department will finalize its year-end reporting, and once signed, publish the information on the Town's website. Council approved the audited financial statements as presented.

COMMUNITY GRANTS, SECOND QUARTER ALLOCATION

The Town recognizes there are non-profit organizations that host community events to raise funds or require donations for worthwhile projects, programs, and services. In an effort to support these organizations, the Town provides grants and two eligible applications were received for the second quarter allocation. Council did not award any money at this time, and moved that this grant be carried over to August, 2020.

APPOINTMENT OF PROHIBITED NOXIOUS WEEDS & NOXIOUS WEED INSPECTORS FOR 2020 SEASON

On March 20, 2020, the Town of Drayton Valley made an agreement with Brazeau County, requesting that Brazeau County provide weed control inspection services within the Town. The County has appointed Rhiannon Gressler, Dawnia McCann and Corbyn Pankonin as Weed Inspectors for Brazeau County, and for 2020 Town staff will also be appointed. Town staff have received training to assist with noxious weed inspections and enforce compliance, and Council appointed Dale Host and Joan Elworthy from the Town of Drayton Valley.

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TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

Due to COVID-19, all in-person services of the Town of Drayton Valley have been closed to the public, however, phone and email support continue to be available to Town residents. In addition, all indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and hard surface play areas have been closed. This measure supports Alberta Health's priority to limit large social gatherings and help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Council approved the closure of the following facilities to the public during the pandemic: Civic Centre, Omniplex/MacKenzie Conference Centre/Total Works Fitness Centre/Park Valley Pool/Early Childhood Development Centre/Playgrounds/Skate Park.

ICF/IDP COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT

Brazeau County has established a committee to re-open and review the ICF and IDP between Brazeau County and the Town of Drayton Valley. They have appointed three members of their Council to it, and have asked the Town to appoint members as well. Council moved to neither establish nor appoint any members to an ICF/IDP Committee and this was carried.

FREE TIPPING DAYS

MAY 15 - 18, 2020



Visit www.draytonvalley.ca for the details!

DRAYTON VALLEY

NO YARD/GARAGE SALES PLEASE!

We're asking residents to please refrain or delay their yard or garage sales until the Government of Alberta has lifted it's guidelines on gatherings and physical distancing measures!

Let's work together to help prevent the spread of COVID-19!



REPORT A POTHOLE



Visit our website:
[DRAYTONVALLEY.CA/
REPORT-A-POTHOLE-2/](http://DRAYTONVALLEY.CA/REPORT-A-POTHOLE-2/)
to report a pothole in your area!

92%

respondents want to learn how to reduce their home energy use

The Town is developing a Local Energy Stewardship Plan and we want to hear from you! Tell us what energy technologies, initiatives and programs you want to see in Drayton Valley in the next ten years with an online survey, available on our website at: www.draytonvalley.ca/draytonvalley-energy/

So far, most survey respondents agree that they want to reduce their home energy use.

Agree? Disagree? Make your voice heard at www.draytonvalley.ca/draytonvalley-energy/

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