

**Bylaw 11-2019 – Property Tax Rate****Report Purpose**

To give three readings to a bylaw that will authorize the 2019 tax rate structure in order to levy the property taxes that are sufficient to cover budget and requisition requirements.

**Recommendations**

1. THAT Bylaw 11-2019, a bylaw to authorize the 2019 tax rates for Strathcona County, be given first reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 11-2019 be given second reading.
3. THAT Bylaw 11-2019 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw 11-2019 be given third reading.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Governance Requirement

**Report**

On January 8, 2019 Heartland Housing Foundation (HHF) confirmed a requisition requirement of \$4,827,827 to provide for a portion of their 2019 operating requirements. No provincial education requisition has been provided by the province so the 2019 Alberta School Foundation Fund requisition has been estimated at \$69,518,967. The 2019 Designated Industrial Properties requisition is \$971,358 (Enclosure 2).

As illustrated by Enclosure 3, residential municipal property taxes will represent 60% of the total residential property taxes levied by Strathcona County. Education taxes, which are dictated by the province, comprise 36% of total residential property taxes levied. Library and HHF requisitions comprise the remaining 4% of the residential property taxes levied.

Enclosure 3 summarizes the impact that the recommended 2019 tax rates will have on a sample single family residential property with an approximate assessment of \$432,000. Municipal taxes amount to \$1,827 for this sample residential property (assumes average increase in assessment due to market value changes) and is based on a 0.83% tax dollar increase for 2019. Total projected property taxes for this sample property are expected to increase approximately \$54 (1.77%).

**Council and Committee History**

December 6, 2018 Council approved the 2019 consolidated operating budgets for Municipal, Utility, Library and Pioneer Housing Foundation operations, which require municipal regular and supplementary taxes of \$217,988,561, and library regular taxes of \$9,717,369.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** The *Municipal Government Act* requires that a Tax Rate Bylaw be passed annually by Council for the establishment of property tax rates for Strathcona County. The Tax Rate Bylaw is required to authorize tax rates that are sufficient to generate property tax revenues required to support municipal and library programs and services pursuant to approved budgets, provincial and separate school board education requisitions, and other requisitions.

**Interdepartmental:** Assessment and Taxation, Corporate Planning, Corporate Finance

**Communication Plan**

Media Release

Newspaper advertisement

Other: Information brochure

**Enclosures**

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| 1 | Bylaw 11-2019 – 2019 Tax Rate         |
| 2 | Schedule “A” - Tax Rate Bylaw 11-2019 |
| 3 | Presentation – Tax Rate Bylaw 11-2019 |