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Morinville approves 1% municipal property tax increase for 2026

Morinville, Alta. – Morinville residents will see a modest municipal property tax increase in 2026 after Council approved a 1% tax rate adjustment at its April 28 meeting. The increase is lower than the 2.46% originally approved during budget deliberations and reflects stronger-than-expected assessment growth. Additional revenue will be directed to capital reserves to support future infrastructure needs.

Background and Rate Impact

Earlier estimates projected total assessment growth of 4.5%. The finalized assessment roll reflects growth of approximately 8.2%, driven by both new development and increases in assessed property values. By increasing the municipal tax rate by 1%, Council is able to allocate \$331,403 in additional revenue to capital reserves, strengthening the municipality's capacity to fund future capital priorities. The 1% increase is less than the originally budgeted 2.46% increase approved by Council in November.

Tax impacts reflect both the rate increase and changes in assessed property values:

- A home valued at \$396,351 is estimated to see an increase of approximately \$18.35 per month.
- A commercial property valued at \$1,008,268 is estimated to see an increase of approximately \$46.83 per month.

Individual taxpayers may see the municipal portion vary from the average projected increase due to market adjustments and/or improvements made to their property.

These amounts do not include changes to the Homeland Housing requisition or the provincial education property tax payable directly to the Government of Alberta as part of the tax notice. In the 2026–2027 provincial budget, the Government of Alberta increased the education property tax requisition by \$457,139, or 10.7%, resulting in a 4.4% increase to residential education property tax rates and a 4.3% increase to non-residential rates.

“Stronger-than-expected assessment growth, combined with Council's established financial framework and disciplined financial management, allowed us to keep the increase lower than planned while continuing to build capacity for future infrastructure investment,” said Michelle Hay, Chief Administrative Officer.

“This year's tax rate reflects Council's commitment to responsible planning and investing in the infrastructure our community relies on. We are focused on maintaining strong services today while continuing to build a solid financial foundation for Morinville's future. I appreciate the work of Council and Administration in getting us here,” said Simon Boersma, Morinville Mayor.

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