



Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: March 25, 2025

Originated By: Calvin Bespalko, Manager of Assessment Services

Title: Bylaw No. 1894 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

Administration hereby presents the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw for 1st reading. Section 353 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires municipal councils to annually pass a bylaw to raise revenues to be used towards the payment of municipal expenditures and transfers defined in the budget.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

Administration hereby presents Bylaw No. 1894 - 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw (Appendix A) with the following tax rates. These rates result in a \$500,000 assessed residential property receiving a 3.4% tax increase (\$46.89).

Residential	2.85600
Farmland	5.00000
Non-Residential (Vacant)	14.28000
Non-Residential (Vacant)*	9.99600
Non-Residential (Small Business)	11.42400
Non-Residential (Other)	14.28000
Non-Residential (Other)*	9.99600
Machinery & Equipment	14.28000
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**Order in Council O.C. 121 / 2021 Annexation of property*

These tax rates meet the following requirements;

- Order in Council 121/2021 (Ward 6 North Non-Residential Tax Rate at 70% of the MD Non-Residential Tax Rate)
- MGA 358.1 Maximum Tax Ratio (Non-Residential Tax Rate cannot be greater than 5 times the Residential Tax Rate)

The bylaw reflects the 2024 requisition totals for the Greater North Foundation, and the Designated Industrial Properties. The bylaw will reflect the 2025 requisitions when the bylaw is presented to Council at the April 22, 2025 Council Meeting for 2nd reading.

The bylaw reflects a 3.4% residential municipal tax rate increase as per Council Resolution 24.563. Unbudgeted growth revenue to be transferred to the Cash Flow Reserve, as per Council Resolution 24.456, will be defined on the April 22, 2025 Council Meeting.

Appendix B is attached to provide Council with some additional information pertaining to 1st reading.

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Municipal Government Act Section 353, 358.1
Order in Council 121/2021

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

N/A

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Property owners can expect to receive their 2025 Assessment & Tax Notice in late May. Administration will also provide notice of the 2025 Assessment & Tax Notice mailing in the local newspapers, on the municipal website, and on social media.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

THAT Bylaw No. 1894, being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessed properties within the municipality for the 2025 taxation year, be given first reading.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Bylaw No. 1894, being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessed properties within the municipality for the 2025 taxation year, be given first reading. *CARRIED (Bylaw will proceed)*
2. Bylaw No. 1894, being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessed properties within the municipality for the 2025 taxation year, be given first reading. *DEFEATED (Bylaw will NOT proceed)*
3. Bylaw No. 1894, being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessed properties within the municipality for the 2025 taxation year, be amended by _____, and be given first reading.
4. Bylaw No. 1894, being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessed properties within the municipality for the 2025 taxation year, be postponed until _____ for additional information.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Bylaw No. 1894 - 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw (1st Reading).docx
Attachments:	- Appendix A - Bylaw No. 1894 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw.pdf - Appendix B - Bylaw No. 1894 - 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw (1st Reading).pptx
Final Approval Date:	Mar 19, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**No Signature - Task assigned to Susan Walker was completed by workflow administrator
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