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Brazeau County Council Grants 30% Tax Rebate for 2021

BRAZEAU COUNTY, March 26, 2021 — At a special meeting March 23, Brazeau County Council passed a motion to again offer a 30% tax rebate to residential and commercial property owners.

Residential, farmland and commercial property owners who pay the full amount of their taxes by the due date will once again be eligible for a 30% rebate on their municipal taxes in 2021.

As the struggling oil and gas sector continues to create economic challenges for the families and individuals in the area, now compounded with the added financial strain that has come with the COVID-19 pandemic, Council voted to provide tax relief in the form of a 30% rebate on the municipal portion of taxes for residential and farmland property as well as a 30% rebate on the municipal portion of taxes for commercial businesses.

In order to be eligible to receive the rebate property owners **must pay their current taxes and any tax arrears (unpaid tax amounts from previous years) in full by June 30, 2021**. Tax and assessment notices that will be mailed in late May will not reflect the rebate amount in the total owing. The rebate will be applied at time of payment, and property owners will be informed of their rebate amount via an insert in the tax and assessment notices.

“This will mark the sixth year Council has granted a municipal tax rebate to commercial businesses in Brazeau County and the second year the rebate has also been applied to residential and farmland properties,” says Reeve Bart Guyon. “We believe strongly in leaving as much money as possible in taxpayers’ pockets.”

The 30% municipal tax rebate on residential and farmland property is in addition to a 30% reduction in the tax rate (also known as mill rate) that was introduced in 2015 and has been retained every year since then.

A reminder to residents that the 30% applies to the **municipal portion of taxes only**. Requisitions for the Alberta School Foundation Fund and Brazeau Seniors' Foundation are not subject to the rebate, but must be part of the full payment required by June 30.

As Information will be included in the tax and assessment notices outlining the rebate for eligible properties it is important for property owners to read all items included with their tax notices prior to submitting any payment.

If you have any questions about the municipal tax rebate, please contact the Taxation and Assessment Coordinator at 780-542-7777.