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**Brazeau County 2021 Interim Budget maintains service levels with no projected tax increase**

BRAZEAU COUNTY, December 1, 2020 — On November 26, Brazeau County Council passed an interim budget for 2021, re-affirming Council's commitment to maintaining a high level of service without an increased burden on taxpayers.

In keeping with the customer-first and economic development focus philosophies adopted by Council, the interim budget has no tax increase and a commitment to zero or minimal fees for permits and services. In 2015, Council reduced municipal taxes by 30 per cent, and has maintained that lower rate ever since.

Council passes an interim budget in order to proceed on approved operational and capital projects in the period between now and when the County receives final property assessment information, and approval of a final budget in April.

Administration has found efficiencies in order to support Council's direction not to increase taxes while maintaining service levels.

"As in previous years, even before a recommendation to do so from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, we are focusing on critical infrastructure and maintenance, while investing smartly in roads that will benefit ratepayers and economic development," says Reeve Bart Guyon.

For more information on the Interim Budget, please contact Chief Administrative Officer Jocelyn Whaley at 780-542-7777 or [jwhaley@brazeau.ab.ca](mailto:jwhaley@brazeau.ab.ca).