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Brazeau County Council Approves 2019 Final Budget and Tax Rate Bylaw

Drayton Valley, Alberta, May 8, 2019 — At its April 24th budget meeting, Brazeau County Council passed the final budget for 2019, re-affirming Council's commitment to road and infrastructure improvements; and at the May 7 regular meeting, Council passed the 2019 Tax Rate Bylaw, maintaining the 30% reduction in residential taxes from 2015, and again implementing a 30% tax rebate for some commercial property classes.

"Connecting to our community and emphasizing customer service quality is the main core of the budget; which is why we again provided the commercial tax rebate, and made no increases whatsoever to taxes or fees, says Reeve Bart Guyon. "Like last year, we've balanced aggressive infrastructure investment while maintaining healthy financial reserves.

More than \$35 million is being invested in capital projects, with more than \$22 million going into roads. The infrastructure improvements are spread out geographically to enhance the entire County. Nearly \$22 million has been maintained in reserves.

"All of this was accomplished despite an unstable economy," Guyon says.

It is important to note that in the absence of a 2019 Provincial budget, Brazeau County prepared the 2019 Property Tax Bylaw using the Education Property Tax Requisition amount provided by Alberta Education in 2018. Once the 2019 Provincial budget is passed any shortfall or overages due to the Provincial budget will be included in the 2020 Property Tax Bylaw. Brazeau County levies and collects the Education Property Tax on behalf on the provincial government and has no control over the amount.

All final budget documents will be available on the County website at www.brazeau.ab.ca no later than June 10th. Tax notices will be mailed in late May, and the deadline for payment is June 30, 2019.