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Westlock County Council Approves the Final 2026 Operating Budget and 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw

WESTLOCK COUNTY, AB – Westlock County Council has approved the 2026 Final Operating Budget and the 2026 Property Tax Rate bylaw.

The approved 2026 Final Operating Budget of \$23,701,515 focuses on long-term financial sustainability while maintaining essential services and investing in Westlock County's core infrastructure, systems, and people. It is a lean and responsible budget, with few new spending initiatives and no service-level reductions, reflecting the Administration's commitment to managing costs carefully and delivering the services residents rely on.

The County continues to prioritize its commitment to serving the community and making it a more welcoming place to live. "Our Council is proud to share this budget that will help shape the future of the municipality and provide real growth in the community." Reeve Christine Wiese.

The approved 2026 Property Tax Rate bylaw (#85-2026) provides a reduction in municipal tax rates compared to last year as follows: 1.4% decrease in Residential, 1.2% decrease in Farmland, and 10.4% decrease in non-residential. The final assessment increased by 9.02 %, 1.33% due to growth and 7.69% due to inflation. Therefore, Council directed Administration to keep the municipal levy close to the same as the interim budget and provide municipal tax rate relief to the ratepayers.

However, there are mandated requisitions (Taxes) and downloads from the province, like school, seniors and police services, that keep increasing. Collected on behalf of other entities such as the Province of Alberta and Homeland Housing, the Council does not have the authority to change the requisition amount. Ratepayers are advised to properly read through their tax notices about these differences and contact their MLA. The only amount that goes directly to your local municipal services is the municipal tax.



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Westlock County is a rural municipality located North of Edmonton. Covering an area of 3,169.66 km². Westlock County is a community of over 7,000 people and has seen generations of families continue to enjoy country and farm living.

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