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Westlock County Council Approves 2025 Operating Budget and 2025 Property Tax Rate Bylaw

WESTLOCK COUNTY, AB - Each year, Council is required to pass a property tax rate bylaw that establishes the rates to be used on the property assessments. The tax rates include a municipal rate which is used to fund the operating budget, along with provincial school requisition to support education, homeland housing for seniors and designated industrial property (DIP) requisition.

Westlock County Council has approved the 2025 Final operating budget of \$21,519,719 and the 2025 property tax rate bylaw with \$12,196,884 in municipal tax, \$715,077 for Senior Requisition, \$3,209,248 in School requisition and \$11,384 in DIP requisition.

The County's taxable assessments increased by 10.39 per cent, while the province also increased the school requisition, these factors triggered a substantial increase in tax levy if rate remained the same. County Council chose to provide a relief of a 5 per cent decrease in mill rates for residential and non-residential properties while keeping the same mill rate for farmland. The decrease in rates will fundamentally provide some relief to some rate payers.

"In a time when many costs are rising, Council wanted to do our part to ease the pressure on residents and businesses," said Reeve Christine Wiese. "Lowering the property tax rate supports affordability, strengthens our regional competitiveness, and helps attract and retain investment. It's a responsible decision that aligns with our strategic plan and benefits all of Westlock County"

At the April 24, 2025, Special Council Meeting Council, Westlock County Council approved the 2025 Property Tax Rate Bylaw (57-2024). Below are the tax rates for each class of assessment expressed in Mill rate for the 2025 taxation.



2025 Total Tax Rates (expressed in Mills)					
Assessment Class	Municipal Tax Rate	Homeland Housing Tax Rate	Education Tax rate	Designated Industrial Property Tax Rate	Total Tax Rate
Residential	5.0326	0.5867	2.5538		8.1731
Residential - Resort	5.0326	0.5867	2.5538		8.1731
Residential - GIL	5.0326				5.0326
Farm Residential	6.1408	0.5867	2.5538		9.2813
Farmland	25.0000	0.5867	2.5538		28.1405
Farmland - GIL	25.0000				25.0000
Non-residential	22.3250	0.5867	3.3595		26.2712
Non-residential - GIL	22.3250				22.3250
Machinery & Equipment	22.3250	0.5867			22.9117
Linear	22.3250	0.5867	3.3595	0.0701	26.3413
Electric Power Generation	22.3250	0.5867		0.0701	22.9818
DIPs (buildings)	22.3250	0.5867	3.3595	0.0701	26.3413
DIPs M & E	22.3250	0.5867		0.0701	22.9818

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Residential	5.1928	5.1928	5.2450	5.2975	5.0326
Farm Residential	6.3359	6.3359	6.4000	6.4640	6.1408
Farmland	28.0000	28.0000	25.0000	25.0000	25.0000
Non-residential	28.6087	28.6087	25.0000	23.5000	22.3250

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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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