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Council Notes

May 1st, 2018

1. **Mill Rate Bylaw.** Council has given three readings to the 2018 Mill Rate Bylaw. The Town of Edson's overall taxable assessment has decreased slightly by 0.96%. This is used to generate the taxation revenue and is what drives the mill rate calculations for Municipal taxes, School, and Evergreens Requisitions. The Municipal taxes for 2018 are set at a 1.9% increase, which has led to a slight increase in the municipal residential and non-residential mill rates.

2018 Residential Mill rates:

Municipal mill rate – 5.4640 mills (2017 mill rate – 5.3205 mills)
Evergreens Foundation mill rate – 0.3739 mills (2017 mill rate – 0.3276 mills)
School mill rate - 2.5921 mills (2017 mill rate – 2.5619 mills)
2018 Total Combined mill rate – 8.43 mills (2017 mill rate – 8.21 mills)

2018 Non-residential Mill rates:

Municipal mill rate – 13.6291 mills (2017 mill rate – 13.2060 mills)
Evergreens Foundation mill rate – 0.3739 mills (2017 mill rate – 0.3276 mills)
School mill rate - 3.7970 mills (2017 mill rate – 3.8564 mills)
2018 Total Combined mill rate – 17.80 mills (2017 mill rate – 17.39 mills)

2. **Updated Capital Budget.** Council has approved the 2018 Updated Capital Budget with the additions of landscaping for the entrance signs area (left over from the existing 2017 project budget), an increase in well exploration, and an increase in Park Trails funding to reflect grant money left over from 2017.
3. **Revised Operating Budget.** The Operating budget is prepared with a 1.9% municipal tax increase, as directed by Council. Aside from some grants to organizations (Wilmore Park Bike trails - \$350,000 and Yellowhead Agricultural Society - \$400,000), there have been limited changes to the Operating budget from the 2018 Budget approved in December. However, the School and Evergreens requisitions are now included.

A full budget recap can be found online at <http://www.edson.ca/departments/finance-administration/budget-and-financial-statements>

4. **Multiplex Steering Committee.** Council has appointed Councillor Currie as an alternate on the Steering Committee for the Recreational Multiplex Facility Project.
5. **Road Closure.** As no submissions were received during a public hearing held for two proposed road right of way closures in the area of 70th Street and 5A Avenue, the matter will now be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for approval.
6. **Waste Management Bylaw.** Three readings were given to Bylaw 2217 – Waste Management Bylaw. This adjusts the bylaw to match up with the new Waste Collection Program, which is now scheduled to begin the first week of June.

**Next meetings - The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for May 8th, 2018 at 10:00 am.
The next Council Meeting is scheduled for May 15th, 2018 at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers.**

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