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Time is Running Out - contact your MLA!

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For the last month, Beaver County, like most rural municipalities, has been urging rural taxpayers to support the County in its efforts to oppose the Provincial Government's plan to change the method by which oil and gas properties are assessed. For more information on this issue, go to www.beaver.ab.ca.

The Province has not yet indicated when it will make a decision, however the input period will soon come to a close. Recent indications are that the Province is staying the course and has not yet been persuaded to abandon legislation that will reduce the method by which oil and gas industries are assessed.

These proposed changes are catastrophic to rural municipalities and especially to Beaver County. Older oil and gas inventories will receive the greatest benefit from the changes and Beaver County is home to these types of industrial assets. In fact, Beaver County ranks in the top 10 rural municipalities most affected by the new assessment model.

The County risks losing up to 15% of its revenue, reducing staff by up to 64%, or increasing taxes by 58% (non-residential) to 103% (residential)!

Of course, there are other strategies the County could employ to offset this impact, such as reducing or eliminating its contributions to services offered by our regional partners - fire protection, emergency services, recreation, and library services. However, these are quality-of-life services that we all enjoy and they enhance the rural lifestyle that makes Beaver County a great place to live.

It appears that the public engagement efforts are having an impact. Even organizations that support the proposed changes are noticing that rural Albertans are standing up and speaking out against these changes.

Unfortunately, the large oil and gas companies are hoping to dissuade rural taxpayers by suggesting that without significant tax cuts, the companies cannot be competitive in today's economy. A closer look at the solution proposed by the Provincial Government indicates that the large companies will be the primary beneficiaries of the change, yet there is no guarantee that the money saved on taxes will be reinvested in Alberta. In fact, struggling small to mid-sized companies - the companies that exist and employ residents in our communities - may actually experience tax increases of their own.

Likewise, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, a nationwide citizens' advocacy group dedicated to lowering taxes and promoting accountable government, recently released a report suggesting that municipalities could easily reduce spending to respond to this looming revenue crisis. The Rural Municipalities of Alberta has analyzed this report and is concerned with the limited scope of CTF's review. To read RMA's response, go to www.beaver.ab.ca.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!! Beaver County encourages rural municipal taxpayers to continue to reach out to your MLAs to express your concern over the proposed assessment model changes. The impact will be far-reaching and long-lasting and there is no better time than now to be heard.

Contact MLA Jackie Lovely at 780-672-0000 or camrose@assembly.ab.ca
Honourable Rick Wilson at 780-360-8003 or maskwacis.wetaskiwin@assembly.ab.ca
The new Minister of Municipal Affairs, Honourable Tracy Allard, at 780-538-1800 or grandeprairie@assembly.ab.ca.

Beaver County Land Lease

Land for Lease by Tender

Beaver County is accepting tenders for the lease of the following parcel of land:
Plan 1670 TR, Lot R1 in SE 16-50-20-W4 (13.35 ac).

More information regarding this property can be found on the County's website at <https://www.beaver.ab.ca/departments/planning-development/land-for-lease>. A bid form is available at the Beaver County Service Centre, 5120 - 50 Street, Ryley, or on the County's website at <https://www.beaver.ab.ca/departments/planning-development/land-for-lease>. The highest or any bidder will not necessarily be accepted.

Sealed offers will be accepted by the undersigned no later than 4:30 pm, Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

Kim Vana Development Officer
Beaver County
Box 140 Ryley, AB T0B 4A0

Notice of Development Permits

The following Development Applications have been APPROVED (except where otherwise noted) by the Development Officer under the provisions of Land Use Bylaw No. 98-801, subject to the right of appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

APPEAL DEADLINE: September 23, 2020

Application No. 020020-20-D0044

Applicant: Steve Sigaty
Location: SW 30-48-14-W4
Development: Change in Use from a Religious Institution to a Single-Family Dwelling. Variance for front yard setback from 25ft to 3ft, interior renovations, add weeping tile and return grade to original level.

APPEAL DEADLINE: September 23, 2020

Application No. 020020-20-D0045

Applicant: Matthew Janzen
Location: NW 12-50-19-W4
Development: Home Occupation - Blacksmith

Any person wishing to appeal a decision may do so by serving written notice on the prescribed form (stating reasons for the appeal) and submitting the applicable fee of \$200.00 to the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at the following address. The notice of appeal must be submitted before 4:30 pm on the appeal deadline date shown above, or be postmarked by the appeal deadline date. The prescribed form is available at www.beaver.ab.ca or at the County office. Further information regarding the above decision(s) may be obtained from the County Office, Ryley, Alberta.

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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

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Due to COVID-19 all appeal hearings will be by electronically until further notice.

Construction Update

All of our new construction areas have now received both lifts of chip seal. Following this application, there will be loose rock chips which can damage vehicles, especially at higher travelling speeds. You are encouraged to drive slowly on the fresh chips until the road can be brushed off, or avoid the road altogether.

Please note that these dates are weather dependent and can be affected by changing weather.

During this construction phase, please use another route, or be cautious when you need to drive through construction zones (local traffic only). Beaver County's goal is to provide a healthy, injury free work environment for all employees, contractors, visitors and general public. Already this year we have had people exceeding the posted speed limit through our construction zones, endangering staff, contractors and the public.

Thank you for your support and patience while we improve the road network.

World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10

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