

Deadline for Payment of 2021 Property Taxes

The deadline for payment of the 2021 property taxes is as follows:

4:30 PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

(if paid in person at the County Office),

or

Postmarked on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021 (if paid by mail).

or

Payment processing dated on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021 (if paid online).

To avoid line-ups, please consider early remittance. Postdated cheques are being accepted. INTERAC, cheques, online, pay simply and telephone banking are encouraged. Please ensure adequate time for payment processing.

If you missed us during regular office hours, please use the mail drop box at the Beaver County Service Centre located at 5120 50 Street, Ryley, Alberta. Payments received in the drop box will be cleared from the box at 8:30 am each morning and deemed received the previous business day. A penalty of 6% will be added to outstanding CURRENT taxes on November 2, 2021. Hours for the Beaver County Service Centre are: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (weekdays). Please call ahead (780-663-3730) if an appointment with the Assessor is required.

COUNTY TAX COLLECTION AND COVID-19

Beaver County continues to monitor the COVID outbreak, and our commitment to the health and safety of our community and our staff remains our top priority.

Staff are diligently practicing “physical distancing” and taking other necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the virus, and we ask that you respect the health and safety protocols we have implemented when paying your property taxes this year.

Please consider the off-site payment options outlined above.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

The Federal Government recently passed legislation to create September 30 as the *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*. This was one of the 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s report.

Beaver County Council applauds the Government of Canada for the creation of this day of recognition. The legacy of residential schools and indeed, the role of indigenous people in our country, our Province, and in our area should be acknowledged and commemorated.

While September 30 is a federal statutory holiday, the Alberta Government has not yet designated September 30 as a Provincial holiday under the *Employment Standards Code*.

Since the County mirrors Provincial holidays as paid holidays for its staff, September 30 will not be a holiday in 2021 and the office will be open.

However, Council is committed to taking some time to consider how best to provide a meaningful recognition of the residential school system, and how to honour and respect the history and culture of indigenous people. They will be considering the matter further in 2022.

Day of Older Persons

October 1 has been proclaimed Day of Older Persons in Alberta and in Beaver County. Day of Older Persons is an occasion for Beaver County to celebrate the profound contributions of seniors in our homes, communities, and workplaces.

For all they have done for us and all they continue to do as friends, partners, parents, grandparents, volunteers, colleagues and so much more, seniors deserve our heartfelt thanks. One of the best ways to demonstrate our appreciation is to ensure that our County is a good place to grow up and grow older. We hope you’ll join us in recognizing and anticipating the needs of our aging residents.

