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## **2018 BUDGET**

On December 5, 2017, Council for the Town of Vermilion gave first reading to the 2018 Tax Rate Bylaw which gives approval to the 2018 Operating and Capital Budget. Council wrestled with the need to address inflation, the carbon tax, low assessment growth, and planning for the replacement of aging infrastructure. Council also responded to the need to encourage sustainability and growth in local business.

School requisitions are not yet available and have been included as status quo. The Town of Vermilion collects the education tax on behalf of the province and has no control over the School Tax Rate. The municipality is requesting approximately 5% increase resulting in a levy of \$5,229,842. The municipal tax rate results in an increase of 5.2% for the residential properties and the non residential properties an increase of 5.5%.

The utility rates include the Water Flat rate increasing by 13.5% while consumption is decreasing by 2%. The Sewer rate increased by \$10 for the addition of an infrastructure charge. Recycling Rate will remain the same as 2017. The residential garbage rate will remain the same but non residential garbage rate will increase by 2%. Overall, it will affect the average residential user by \$12.50 per month.

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The tax rates have been established based on a very small 0.16% expected growth in residential. On average, residential properties will see a monthly increase of \$11-\$15/month in their property taxes excluding the effects that market value may have on their assessment and whether the province increases the school requisitions; non residential properties will be slightly higher than residential with a 5.5% increase. Council is looking diligently to reduce this increase for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to the tax rate bylaw and will review the 2018 budget when assessment and school requisitions are available in April of 2018.

Sample Tax Properties (assuming no change in assessment due to market value):

Taxes on a **Residential Property** with an attached garage 30yrs old approx. 1250 ft<sup>2</sup>

2017 Assessment	341,270	2017 Taxes Levied	\$3405.46
2018 Assessment	341,270	2018 Taxes Levied	<u>\$3536.58</u>
		increase	\$ 131.12/12 = \$10.93/month

Taxes on a **Residential Property** with an attached garage 5 yrs old approx. 1500 ft<sup>2</sup>

2017 Assessment	418,090	2017 Taxes Levied	\$4172.04
2018 Assessment	418,090	2018 Taxes Levied	<u>\$4332.66</u>
		Increase	\$ 160.62/12 = \$13.39/month

Taxes on a **Commercial Property**:

2017 Assessment	461,480	2017 Taxes Levied	\$6598.56
2018 Assessment	461,480	2018 Taxes Levied	<u>\$6866.77</u>
		Increase	\$ 268.21/12 = \$22.35/month

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