

BYLAW NO. 16/010

A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO PROVIDE RELIEF FROM PENALTIES FOR UNPAID 2016 PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS Bylaw 95/041 of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo provides for penalties on unpaid property taxes, pursuant to the authority vested in the Municipality under section 344 of the *Municipal Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the disaster caused by the destructive wildfires of May 2016 has resulted in hardship for all residents of the Municipality and financial difficulties for many whose lives and income streams were disrupted by mandatory evacuation;

AND WHEREAS the Council considers it just and equitable in the circumstances to over-ride the tax penalty provisions of Bylaw 95/041 for property taxes levied in 2016 so that all property tax payers of the Municipality will be relieved of the need to make payment of those taxes in order to avoid late payment penalties, until December 31, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, in Council duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. No penalties shall be applied under Section 4, Section 5 or Section 6 of Bylaw 95/041 in respect of taxes levied under the 2016 Tax Rate Bylaw, regardless of when the 2016 Tax Rate Bylaw is passed and regardless of when 2016 tax notices are issued or sent.
2. This bylaw comes into force when it is passed.

READ a first time this 31st day of May, 2016.

READ a second time this 31st day of May, 2016.

READ a third and final time this 31st day of May, 2016.

SIGNED and PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer