

BYLAW NO. 25/010

A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AUTHORIZE A PROPERTY TAX AND ESTABLISH PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS Sections 353 and 354 of the *Municipal Government Act* require a municipality to pass a property tax bylaw annually and to set and show all tax rates for the year;

AND WHEREAS the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) has issued the following requisitions to the Municipality:

(i)	for residential and farmland	\$24,508,129.31
(ii)	for non-residential property	\$46,818,263.78

AND WHEREAS the Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School District #32 has issued the following requisitions to the Municipality:

(iii)	for residential and farmland	\$2,310,219.15
(iv)	for non-residential property	\$2,189,168.28

AND WHEREAS the Rotary House, being a management body under the *Alberta Housing Act*, has issued a requisition to the Municipality in the amount of \$1,819,842;

AND WHEREAS Section 10 of the Order in Council No. 817-94 allows the Municipality to establish different rates of taxation for the Urban Service Area and the Rural Service Area, in respect of each assessment class or sub-class referred to in Section 297 of the *Municipal Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the tax revenue requirement (which does not include Special Assessment and Local Improvement Taxes or Well Drilling Equipment Taxes) of the Municipality for 2025 is estimated to be \$505,840,997;

AND WHEREAS the total 2025 assessment of land, building, and improvement in the Rural Service Area, from which taxes may be raised, is \$51,614,733,503;

AND WHEREAS the total 2025 assessment of land, building and improvements in the Urban Service Area, from which taxes may be raised, is \$11,527,551,560;

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

1. The following tax rates are hereby authorized and imposed against the assessed value of taxable lands, buildings, and improvements as shown on the municipal assessment roll:

TAX RATES IN RESPECT OF EDUCATION REQUISITIONS, IMPOSED IN BOTH THE RURAL SERVICE AREA AND THE URBAN SERVICE AREA:

Alberta School Foundation Fund:

- Tax Rate for Residential and Farm Property: 0.0030060
- Tax Rate for Non-Residential Property: 0.0039863

Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School District #32:

- Tax Rate for Residential and Farm Property: 0.0030060
- Tax Rate for Non-Residential Property: 0.0039863

TAX RATES IN RESPECT OF REQUISITIONS OTHER THAN EDUCATION REQUISITION, IMPOSED IN BOTH THE RURAL SERVICE AREA AND THE URBAN SERVICE AREA:

Rotary House

- Tax Rate for Residential and Farm Property: 0.0000302
- Tax Rate for Non-Residential Property: 0.0000302
- Tax Rate for Machinery and Equipment 0.0000302

TAX RATES IN RESPECT OF DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REQUISITIONS, IMPOSED IN BOTH THE NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT:

- Tax Rate for Non-Residential Property: 0.0000701
- Tax Rate for Machinery and Equipment 0.0000701

TAX RATES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, IMPOSED IN THE RURAL SERVICE AREA:

- Tax Rate for Residential and Farm Property: 0.0015248
- Tax Rate for Non-Residential Property: 0.0094628
- Tax Rate for Machinery and Equipment 0.0094628
- Tax Rate for Small Business Property 0.0070971

TAX RATES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, IMPOSED IN THE URBAN SERVICE AREA:

- Tax Rate for Residential and Farm Property: 0.0023152
- Tax Rate for Other Residential Property 0.0062212
- Tax Rate for Non-Residential Property: 0.0045448
- Tax Rate for Machinery and Equipment 0.0045448

Definitions and Interpretation

2. In this Bylaw:

- (a) “Farm Property” has the same meaning as in Section 297(4)(a) of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended, or any successor legislation;
- (b) “Machinery and Equipment” has the same meaning as in Section 2(1)(g) of the *Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulation*, 2018, Alta Reg 203/2017 as amended, or any successor legislation;
- (c) “Municipality” means the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo;
- (d) “Non-Residential Property” has the same meaning as in Section 297(4)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended, or any successor legislation;
- (e) “Other Residential Property” has the same meaning as in Section 5 of the *Bylaw to Create Residential Sub-Classes* (Bylaw No. 13/012) as amended, or any successor legislation;
- (f) “Residential Property” has the same meaning as in Section 297(4)(c) of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended, or any successor legislation;
- (g) “Rural Service Area” means that portion of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo located outside of the Fort McMurray Urban Service Area;
- (h) “Small Business Property” means the same as in Section 297(3.1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, meeting the conditions under Section 297(3.3), with December 31 established as the date for determining the number of employees; and
- (i) “Urban Service Area” means the Fort McMurray Urban Service Area as established by OIC 014/2020.

3. The Chief Administrative Officer may from time to time establish procedures to allow for the effective administration of the Small Business Property sub-class tax rate, including without limitation a method for determining and counting full-time employees, and the frequency of that count.

4. This Bylaw comes into force when it is passed.

Read a first time this 8th day of April, 2025.

Read a second time this 22 day of April, 2025.

Read a third and final time this 22 day of April, 2025.

Signed and Passed this 22 day of April, 2025.