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CYPRESS COUNTY TAKES BALANCED APPROACH TO 2026 TAX RATES

DUNMORE, ALTA. – Following careful deliberation over two council meetings, Cypress County council has passed the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw, including a two per cent increase to residential and farmland tax rates and a seven per cent increase to non-residential tax rates.

Council recognized this was not an easy decision and took time to consider the impacts on ratepayers, while also ensuring the county can continue to provide essential services and plan responsibly for the future.

“Council carefully considered the 2026 tax rates with a focus on maintaining responsible service levels while continuing to plan for the future,” said Mayor Dan Hamilton. “This decision supports essential municipal operations while remaining mindful of the impact on ratepayers.”

The approved tax rate structure supports the continued delivery of municipal services, infrastructure maintenance, and long-term planning priorities, while balancing tax responsibility between property classes. The increases reflect council’s measured approach to keeping tax adjustments manageable for households and agricultural producers.

As part of its long-term planning, council is addressing aging infrastructure and buildings. This includes taking a responsible, forward-looking approach to maintaining and renewing municipal assets to ensure they continue to support safe, reliable service delivery for residents, businesses, and communities.

The Tax Rate Bylaw establishes the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within Cypress County for the 2026 taxation year. Notices will be mailed out later this month.

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