



**Town of Bowden - Special Council Meeting**  
**AGENDA**

A Special Council Meeting of the Town of Bowden  
to be held in Council Chambers, at 2101 – 20 Avenue, Bowden,  
on **Wednesday 2026-05-13**, at **7:00pm**.

1. CALL TO ORDER
  
2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
  
3. BYLAWS & POLICIES  
3.a Taxation Bylaw, 05/2026
  
4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
  
5. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

<b>Special Council Meeting:</b> 2026-05-13	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 3.a
<b>Prepared by:</b> Jacqui Molyneux	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Laurie Miller
<b>Report Type:</b> RFD	<b>Attachment(s):</b> 1. Taxation Rate Bylaw 05/2026

### Taxation Rate Bylaw 05/2026

#### 1 Background:

The attached draft Taxation Rate Bylaw is submitted to Council as a Request for Decision.

#### 2 Legislative Requirement

Part 10, Division 2 Property Tax, of the MGA applies.

- i. Section 353(1) states that, *“each council must pass a property tax bylaw annually”*.
- ii. Section 353(2) states that, *“the property tax bylaw authorizes the council to impose a tax in respect of property in the municipality to raise revenue to be used toward the payment of: (a) the expenditures and transfers set out in the budget of the municipality, and (b) the requisitions”*.
- iii. Section 354 states that, *“the property tax bylaw must set and show separately all the tax rates imposed under this Division to raise the revenue required under section 353(2)”*.

#### 3 Background Information:

The 2026 Operating Budget provided for a 1 (one) percent increase residential taxes and 1.5 (one point five) percent on non-residential taxes over the 2025 tax revenue.

The amendment is to change the mill rate from .006652489 to .006625853 as the calculation of the mill rate does not amount to the tax levy. With the mill rate as per the bylaw would have the tax levy at \$863,772.54 and it should have been as per the 04/2026 bylaw of \$860,314.04, the new mill rate will change the tax levy to \$860,314.07.

The mill rate will be lower than the previous bylaw. With the new mill rate and the tax levy at \$860,314.07 plus the Residential OIC 034//25 of \$3,458.43 total residential/farm \$863,772.50 and the budget for this is \$863,772.40 a difference of .10.

#### 4 Request:

Administration requests that Council by resolution adopt the Taxation Rate Bylaw 05/2026.

#### 5 Recommended Action:

That Council:

- i. grants first reading to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05/2026 as presented,
- ii. grants second reading to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05/2026 as presented,
- iii. after second reading unanimously vote in favour of allowing a third reading,
- iv. adopt Taxation Rate Bylaw 05/ 2026.

### **Taxation Rate Bylaw 04/ 2026**

#### **7 Suggested Motions:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council gives first reading to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05/2026.

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council gives second reading to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05/2026.

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council unanimously considers a third reading of Taxation Rate Bylaw 05/2026.

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council gives third and final reading to Taxation Rate 05/2026 and is adopted accordingly and made effective once duly signed.



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**Town of Bowden – Province of Alberta  
TAXATION RATE BYLAW  
05 / 2026**

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**Whereas** the Municipal Government Act, RSA2000, Chapter M-26 provides that Council must pass a property tax bylaw annually (section 353),

**And whereas** the Town by bylaw wishes to establish rates of taxation to be levied against assessable properties within the Town of Bowden for the 2026 taxation year,

**And whereas**, the Town of Bowden has prepared and adopted estimates of the Town's revenues and expenditures, as required, at the Special Council meeting held on May 13, 2026.

**And whereas**, the estimated municipal expenditures and transfers set out in the budget for the Town of Bowden for 2026 totals \$3,464,494.62.

**And whereas**, the estimated municipal revenues and transfers from all sources other than taxation is estimated at \$2,338,818.25 and the amount to be raised by general municipal taxation, is \$1,125,676.37.

**Now therefore**, the Municipal Council of the Town of Bowden hereby enacts as follows:

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**1 SHORT TITLE**

This bylaw may be known as, and cited as, the "Taxation Rate Bylaw".

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**2 DEFINITIONS**

In this bylaw the following definitions apply:

**Council**

Means the duly elected Municipal Council of the Town of Bowden.

**Municipal Government Act / MGA**

Means the Municipal Government Act, RSA2000, Chapter M-26 (as amended over time).

**Municipal**

Means (of) the Town of Bowden

**Town**

Means the municipal corporation of the Town of Bowden.

### 3 REQUISITIONS

<b>Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF)</b>	
Residential and Farmland	\$335,107.23
Non-Residential	\$72,684.18
<b>Opted Out School Fund (Red Deer Catholic Regional Division No 39)</b>	
Residential and Farmland	\$11,028.76
Non-Residential	\$0.00
<b>Over / Under Levy</b>	
Residential and Farmland	0.00
Non-Residential	418.73
<b>Total School Requisitions</b>	<b>\$419,238.90</b>

### 4 ASSESSMENTS

#### 4.1

Council is required to levy on the assessed value of all property, tax rates sufficient to meet estimated expenditures and the requisitions for the financial year.

#### 4.2

Council is authorized to sub classify assessed property, and to establish different rates of taxation in respect to each class of property, subject to the Municipal Government Act.

#### 4.3

The assessed value of all taxable property in the Town as shown on the assessment roll is:

<b>Assessment</b>	
Residential	\$129,842,010.00
Non-Residential / Machinery & Equipment	\$20,258,580.00
Residential Order in Council 034/25	844,900.00
Farm Order in Council 290/08 034/25	\$30,300.00
<b>Total Assessment</b>	<b>\$150,975,790.00</b>

## 5 TAXATION RATES

Council authorizes that the Chief Administrative Officer is to levy the following rates of taxation on the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of the Town.

### 5.1 General Municipal Tax Levy

Description	Assessment	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential/Farm	129,842,010.00	.006625853	\$860,314.07
Non-Residential / Machinery & Equipment	20,258,580.00	.012928047	\$261,903.87
Residential Order in Council 034/18-034-25	844,900.00	.004093300	3458.43
Farm Order in Council 034/18-034/25	30,300	.014229000	\$431.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,975,790.00</b>		<b>\$1,126,107.51</b>

### 5.2 Education Requisitions

Description	Assessment	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	126,817,210.00	.002642443	\$335,107.23
Residential (Catholic)	3,900,000.00	.002827887	\$11,028.76
Non-Residential	20,258,580.00	.003608492	\$73,102.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,975,790.00</b>		<b>\$419,238.90</b>

### 5.3 Designated Industrial Property Tax Requisition

Descriptions	Assessment	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Designated Industrial Property Tax	3,605,130.00	.000072800	\$262.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,605,130.00</b>		<b>\$262.45</b>

### 5.4 Government of Alberta - Police Funding Model Requisition

Descriptions	Assessment	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
RCMP Police Funding Fiscal 2026	150,975,790.00	.000462445	\$69,818.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>129,018,910.00</b>		<b>\$69818.00</b>

## 6 PENALTIES

### 6.1 Current Taxes

Subject to the provisions of Section 344 of the Municipal Government Act, a penalty of 12% will be levied on all current year taxes remaining unpaid after July 1, 2026.

### 6.2 Tax Arrears

Subject to the provisions of Section 345 of the Municipal Government Act, a further penalty of 15% will be levied on all taxes remaining unpaid after December 31, 2026, and in each following year as long as the taxes remain unpaid.

## **7 SEVERABILITY**

Every provision of this bylaw is independent of all other provisions. If any provision of this bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.

Nothing in this bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any Federal, Provincial, or municipal law or regulation or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or license.

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## **8 BYLAW PRECEDENCE**

### **8.1**

This bylaw supersedes and takes precedence over all previously passed bylaws that establish rates of taxation levied against assessable properties and requisitions.

Bylaw **04/2026** and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

This bylaw will come into effect on the date of the third and final reading and signature thereof.

### **8.2**

All references in this bylaw to an act, statute, regulation, or other bylaw refer to the current version of that enactment, as amended or replaced from time to time including all successor legislation.

**Read a first time in open council this, 13th day of May 2026,**

**Read a second time in open council this, 13th day of May 2026,**

**and finally passed by unanimous consent of the Councillor's present.**

**Read a third time in open council this, 13th day of May 2026.**

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Laurie Miller, Mayor

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Jacqui Molyneux, Interim Chief Administrative Officer