

# YOUR 2019 PROPERTY TAXES

## Enclosed in this envelope are your property assessment and tax notices for 2019.

Lac La Biche County Council approved the County's official budget for the year on December 11, 2018, and approved the Tax Rate Bylaw on April 30, 2019. Tax rates have remained the same, though some property owners could see a reduced bill this year due to lower assessments.

Other variables affect overall tax rates, including provincial requisitions to fund education and seniors' lodges, but these are outside the County's control.

LAC LA BICHE COUNTY TAX RATES	
Residential and Farmland	3.0000
Urban Non-Residential	10.0000
Rural Non-Residential	18.3647

*\*These rates (also known as the mill rate) represent how much tax you owe per \$1,000 of assessed value. For example, a residential property assessed at \$100,000 in value will pay \$300 in County property taxes (plus requisitions for education and seniors' lodges).*

## Provincial Requisitions

The Government of Alberta sets a budget for education each year, and then requisitions funding from the province's municipalities. Your portion of this education tax is included in this municipal tax bill. For 2019, the education requisition has seen a slight increase.

The County is also a member of the Greater North Foundation, which operates seniors' lodges in Lac La Biche, Athabasca, and Boyle. The Foundation's requisition and tax rate have decreased slightly in 2019.

The Provincial Assessor bills the County for the assessment costs related to designated industrial properties. For 2019 the rate for this requisition is set at \$0.0786 per 1000 dollars of assessment. Refer to the Tax Account Details on your Property Assessment and Tax Notice to see how the total amount of your taxes is broken down.

## Assessment

Another factor that impacts your tax bill is the assessed value of your property. The 2019 property assessments are based on typical property values as of July 1, 2018.

## Payments

**The deadline to pay taxes without penalty is Tuesday, July 2, 2019.** Lac La Biche County accepts property tax payments using the following methods:

- **In person** at the County Centre office (13422 Highway 881) with cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard. Payments cannot be made at McArthur Place.
- **Cheques by mail** at:  
Lac La Biche County  
P.O. Box 1679  
Lac La Biche, Alberta T0A 2C0
- **Internet and telephone banking** (please contact your financial institution to arrange payment). Please allow five to seven business days before the penalty deadline to ensure payments are processed on time. Select Lac La Biche County - Taxes as the payee for online banking and use your roll number as the account number.
- **Autopay:** The County has a program that allows tax payments to be electronically debited to your bank account monthly without penalty. Please call the County's Finance department at (780) 623-1747 for more information.

## Questions?

If you have questions about your assessment and tax notice, please contact the County's Finance department at (780) 623-1747 or via e-mail at [taxes@lACLAbichecounty.com](mailto:taxes@lACLAbichecounty.com).

If you have specific questions about how your 2019 property assessment was set, please contact the County's assessor, Mr. Ian Ferguson of Municipal Assessment Services at (780) 939-3310.

Formal assessment appeals must be made to Lac La Biche County within 60 days of the date listed on the assessment and tax notice.

**The deadline for  
property tax payment is  
Tuesday, July 2, 2019.**

Taxes that are outstanding after July 2 will start to accrue penalties. A five (5) per cent penalty will be levied on all unpaid taxes on July 3, 2019 and a further seven (7) per cent penalty will be levied on all unpaid taxes after November 15, 2019.