



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW

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Council Highlights – April 26, 2022

Valleyview, Alberta

Greenview Approves 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw 22-907

Council passed the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets on April 12, 2022, at the regular Council meeting. The 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw provides the authority to levy taxes to support those budgets. The 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw is consistent with Council direction to maintain municipal tax rates at 2021 levels. Council approved the bylaw as presented with a 0% increase in municipal tax rates. Residential and non-residential tax assessments will see an incremental increase in the provincial government education requisition and increased funding for senior housing requisitions, which the MD of Greenview does not govern.

A highlight summary of changes from 2021 to 2022 appears below:

- The Rural residential municipal tax rate is the same at 2.4977%
- The Grande Cache residential municipal tax rate is the same at 7.1748%
- The Non-Residential municipal tax rate is the same at 6.6850%

Expansion for DeBolt Public Service Building Approved

In 2020 Administration started building an Operations base in DeBolt to reduce the amount of travel time from Grovedale to DeBolt. Equipment was relocated to DeBolt, but no shop space was allocated for operations at the time. In the fall of 2020, it became apparent that a shop would be required to house and service the equipment. To help with the funding for a shop, Administration was able to secure a grant to cover the first \$435,000 of the project. That grant money is still to be available to offset the total project costs. Council awarded the DeBolt Public Service Building Addition to Southwest Design and Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$859,170.00 with funds to come from the 2022 Facility Maintenance Capital budget project FM20013.

Grande Cache Landfill Gets a New Skid Steer

Council has approved the purchase of one new Skid Steer for Environmental Services in the 2022 Environmental Services Capital Budget for \$95,000.00. The intended Bobcat unit that was planned for purchase was discontinued, so Administration has recommended a Bobcat TL619 Telehandler with airless tires as it would be well suited for the work at the Grande Cache Landfill and future Transfer Station while still utilizing skid steer type attachments. This unit will replace the current L16, 1996 Volvo L90C. Council moved to approve the purchase of one new 2022 Bobcat TL619 Telehandler from Bobcat of The Peace with an upset limit of \$118,664.88, with funds to come from the Environmental Services 2022 Capital Budget ES22001, and the additional funds of \$23,664.88 to be transferred from Fleet and Equipment Reserves.

Greenview to Send Letter of Support for Smoky Hemp Decortication Ltd.

On March 23, 2022, the Agricultural Services Board received a Smoky Hemp Decortication Ltd (SHDL) presentation detailing their efforts to construct a hemp decortication facility in Donnelly, Alberta. The construction of such a facility will provide Greenview agricultural producers with a viable crop rotational option and spur secondary and tertiary industry companies to manufacture products from the hurd, fibre and dust of

industrial hemp grown by local producers. Council directed Administration to send a letter to Honourable Minister Nate Horner with copies sent to local MLAs and the RMA in support of the Smoky Hemp Decortication Ltd. initiative and efforts to diversify the Peace Region agricultural industry.

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Upcoming Events and Meetings

- **April 27, 2022 - Agricultural Services Board Meeting, Valleyview Council Chambers**
- **May 10, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting, Valleyview Council Chambers**
- **May 17, 2022 – Committee of the Whole, Valleyview Council Chambers**
- **May 23, 2022 – Victoria Day Statutory Holiday, All Administrative Offices Closed**
- **May 24, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting, Valleyview Council Chambers**

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