
LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTS 2026 PROPERTY TAX RATE BYLAW, DELIVERING RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE FISCAL MANAGEMENT

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A newly elected Council has taken a confident step forward in its first year of governance, approving Property Tax Rate Bylaw 12-2026. The bylaw delivers tax rate decreases for both residents and local businesses—with residential municipal tax rates decreasing by 2.00%, and non-residential/small business tax rates decreasing by 2.75%. This outcome reflects a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility, long-term sustainability, and maintaining the services residents rely on.

This milestone decision underscores Council's focus on balancing community needs with prudent financial management, ensuring taxpayer dollars are used effectively while positioning the municipality for continued stability.

"From day one, this Council has been focused on making thoughtful, responsible decisions on behalf of our residents," said Reeve Jurgen Preugschas. "Passing the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw demonstrates our commitment to living within our means, protecting essential services, and planning for the future without placing unnecessary burden on taxpayers."

The 2026 tax rate was established through a thorough and collaborative budget process, with Council reviewing service levels, identifying efficiencies, and aligning expenditures with community priorities. The result is a measured and thoughtful approach that supports both current needs and future growth.

County CAO Ann Mitchell emphasized the organization-wide effort behind the budget, "This bylaw is the result of extensive work across the entire organization. Our staff carefully analyzed financial pressures, identified efficiencies, and provided Council with the information necessary to make informed decisions. I want to sincerely thank our team for their professionalism, diligence, and commitment to serving Lac Ste. Anne County."

With Bylaw 12-2026 now approved, property tax notices will be issued in accordance with municipal timelines. Residents are encouraged to review their notices carefully and contact the County Administration Office with any questions.

This bylaw represents a strong start for a new Council—one grounded in accountability, transparency, and a shared commitment to the long-term well-being of the community as outlined in the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan. For further information and to explore this core guiding document, please visit LSAC.ca/strategic-plan.

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