



**CITY OF MOOSE JAW**

# **Property Tax Bylaw, 2017**

Bylaw No. 5536

Date of Passage May 23, 2017  
(effective date January 1, 2017)

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**BYLAW NO. 5536**  
**PROPERTY TAX BYLAW, 2017**

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**WHEREAS** section 253 of *The Cities Act* authorizes Council to annually pass a property tax bylaw to impose a tax on all taxable assessments in the City of Moose Jaw:

- (a) at a uniform rate considered sufficient to raise the amount of taxes required to meet the estimated expenditures and transfers, having regard to estimated revenues from other sources, set out in the City's budget; and
- (b) at any other rates required by *The Cities Act* or any other Act;

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 254(1) of *The Cities Act* authorizes Council to establish classes and sub-classes of property for the purposes of establishing tax rates;

**AND WHEREAS** section 255 of *The Cities Act* authorizes Council to set mill rate factors, which factors, when multiplied by the uniform rate determined by Council, establish a tax rate for each class or sub-class of property established by Council, which tax rates may be different for each class or sub-class of property;

**AND WHEREAS** section 259 of *The Cities Act* provides that the annual property tax bylaw may provide for:

- (a) a uniform base amount of base tax payable as property tax;
- (b) either a base amount of tax or a method of calculating the amount of base tax; and
- (c) different amounts of base tax or different methods of calculating base tax for different classes or sub-classes of property;

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 259(6) of *The Cities Act* authorizes Council to impose a tax with respect to property in addition to any amount collected as base tax;

**AND WHEREAS** section 290 of *The Education Act, 1995* requires the City to levy against the properties in the school divisions within the City, the tax rates determined under section 288 of that Act by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the different property classes and/or different property tiers as set out in section 288 of that Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the City has not received notice pursuant to section 288.1 of *The Education Act, 1995* that the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 22 intends to determine its own tax rates pursuant to section 288.1 of that Act;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOOSE JAW ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

### Definitions

- 1 In this Bylaw “**taxable properties**” means properties that are not fully exempt from taxation pursuant to *The Cities Act* (the “CAct”) or any other Act.

### City Mill Rates

- 2 Pursuant to section 253 CAct, the City levies a tax rate of 8.4735 mills per dollar on all taxable properties within the City of Moose Jaw to, in addition to the base tax payable under section 5 of this Bylaw, raise the amount of money required in the year 2017 to meet the City's estimated expenditures and transfers having regard to the estimated revenues from other sources.

### Property Class and Subclasses

- 3 Pursuant to subsection 254(1) of the CAct, for the purposes of establishing tax rates, Council:
- (a) adopts the classes of property set out in section 12 of *The Cities Regulations*;
  - (b) establishes the following sub-classes of property:
    - (i) Golf Courses as a subclass of the Commercial and Industrial Class of property, which subclass includes land and improvements used for the playing of golf on standard or short courses;
    - (ii) Resource Properties as a subclass of the Railway Rights of Way and Pipeline, which subclass includes pipelines and land and improvements used in conjunction with a pipeline;
    - (iii) Condominium Properties as a subclass of the Multi-unit Residential property class, which subclass includes any condominium unit within the meaning of *The Condominium Property Act, 1993* that is used for residential purposes; and

### Mill Rate Factors

- 4 Pursuant to section 255 of the CAct, the following mill rate factors are established by Council, to be multiplied by the uniform rate established by Council under section 2 of this Bylaw, respecting the following classes and subclasses of property:

<u>Property Classification</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Mill Rate Factor</u>
Residential		0.7512
Multi-Unit Residential		0.7512
Multi-Unit Residential	Condominium Properties	0.7512
Commercial and Industrial		1.4916
Commercial and Industrial	Golf Courses	0.4882

Elevators	1.3240
Railway Rights of Way and Pipeline	1.3240
Railway Rights of Way and Pipeline      Resource Properties	1.3240
Other Agricultural Land and Improvements	0.5608
Non-Arable (Range) Land and Improvements	0.2297

### **Base Tax**

- 5(1) Pursuant to section 259 CAct, a uniform base tax shall be payable as property tax with respect to all taxable properties within the City of Moose Jaw to, in addition to the taxes levied under section 2 of this Bylaw, raise the amount of money required in the year 2017 to meet the City's estimated expenditures having regard to the estimated revenues from other sources.
- (2) The base tax payable under subsection (1) is \$96.00 per:
- (a) taxable property for all classes and subclasses of property excluding Multi-unit Residential properties; and
- (b) taxable residential dwelling unit for Multi-unit Residential properties.
- (3) Partially exempt properties shall pay the full amount of the base tax in accordance with subsection (2).
- (4) All monies raised by the base tax in this section shall be credited to the Hospital Fund.

### **School Division Mill Rates**

- 6 Pursuant to section 290 of *The Education Act, 1995*, on behalf of the school divisions within the City of Moose Jaw, for the year 2017, the City levies the following tax rates on all taxable properties within each school division using the property classes and property tiers as established by the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to section 288 of that Act:

<b><u>Property Classification</u></b>	<b><u>Mill Rate</u></b>
Agricultural Property	1.43
Residential Property	4.12
Commercial and Industrial Property	6.27
Resource Property	9.68

### **Severability**

- 7 If any section, subsection or other portion of this bylaw is, for any reason, found to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, that portion of the bylaw shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct and independent provision and such finding of the Court shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Bylaw.

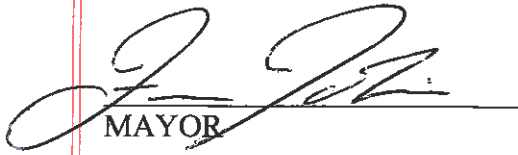
**Coming into Force**

8 This Bylaw comes into force on the day of passage but shall be deemed retroactive to January 1, 2017.

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MAYOR

(seal)



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