

For any comments and/or complaints about taxes collected on behalf of the Provincial Government (this includes requisitions for education and senior's housing), please contact MLA for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, Mrs. Jessica Littlewood.

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Assessment Complaint Deadline: July 31, 2017

Assessment Open House

Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. will be available for three days in June to anyone with questions about how their property has been assessed.

June 8—5-7 p.m.
St. Michael Hall

During the Lamont County Open House

June 21 & 22 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Lamont County Administration Building

Contact Tiffany at 780-895-2233 ext. 214 or email tiffany.d@lamontcounty.ca to book an appointment. Ratepayers will otherwise be seen on a first-come-first-served basis.

Taxes are due June 30, 2017

Penalties will be applied July 1, 2017

Additional penalties on anything outstanding will be applied January 1, 2018

Payments can be made:

- By mail
- Through internet banking
- Through telephone banking
- At most financial institutions
- At the Lamont County Admin Office 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- After hours in the Mail Slot in the side door of the Admin Building 5303 -50 avenue, Lamont (no cash please).

Any properties assessed a tax levy of less than \$50 will be taxed a minimum tax rate of \$50.

Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP)

Lamont County offers taxpayers the ability to pay their property taxes in monthly installments by pre-authorized withdrawals from their bank account, rather than in one single payment.

In order to use the TIPP program, **enrollment must occur before December 31 of the year.** Payments start in January and are withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of the month. Each monthly payment for the first half of the year is 1/12th of the tax levy from the previous year. For the second half of the year, payment is re-calculated based on the current year's tax levy, less the amount already paid. Once you have signed up for the TIPP you are automatically enrolled each year.

Using the TIPP program makes budgeting easier by breaking the annual tax payment into 12 monthly payments. It is a convenient, reliable form of payment that helps to avoid penalties and saves money on postage and travel. All taxpayers are eligible for the program, provided all property taxes, arrears and penalties are paid in full on or before December 31st of the previous year, so sign up today!

2017 Budget

The 2017 Budget includes \$18.3 million in tax revenue, of which \$14.3 million represents the municipal portion. The remaining portion represents taxes received for municipal requisitions such as Education, Senior's Housing and Solid Waste. No increases/decreases have been made to the municipal millrates, however the millrates associated with the requisitions have been adjusted in order to cover the requisitions. The Alberta Education requisition millrate has increased 1.9%, whereas the millrates for Senior's Housing and the Solid Waste Commission have slight decreases.

Property taxes are calculated based on the market value assessment for 2016. Each property (Residential, Farm, Commercial and Linear) pays fees based on its portion of the total value of all assessed properties.

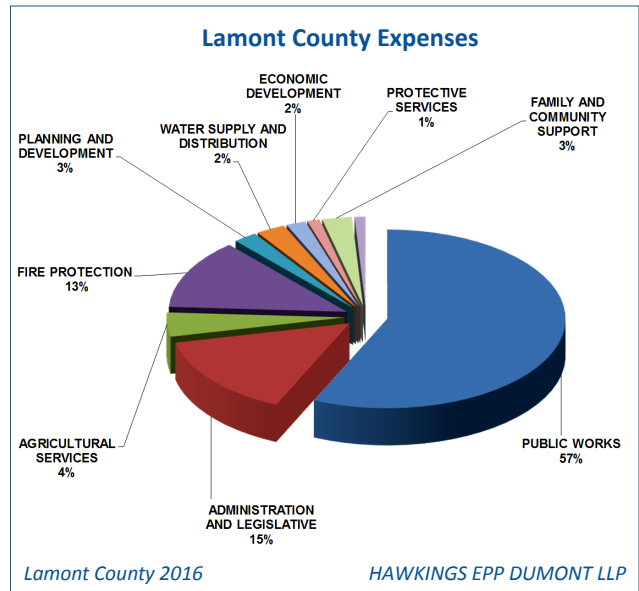
Assessment categories for Farm, Residential, Commercial, & Machinery & Equipment properties showed a slight increase over 2016, whereas Linear properties showed a significant decrease of 8%. The total residential & Farm assessments increased over 2016 by 2%. The actual increase for each property will be affected by the change in the market value of the property in relation to the total assessment increase.

Lamont County is required to collect taxes on behalf of the Provincial Government for Education & Senior's Housing. As Lamont County is not responsible for the increase in millrate for Education, please send any comments or feedback regarding this directly to your MLA.

Should you have any questions regarding your tax bill or assessment, please contact the Finance Department at 780-895-2233.

Property Inspections & Assessment

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act Part 9, Division 1, assessment inspections will be conducted at various properties within the County in regards to new/progressive construction, sold properties, development permit applications, and reassessment. The assessment contractors are Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. phone: 1-877-438-2305, or Direct: 780-417-6840).



2015 Compared to 2016 Assessment

Lamont County	2015	2016	Difference	
	Totals	Totals	\$	%
Residential	\$443,223,640	\$454,942,840	\$11,719,200	103%
Non-Residential	\$52,556,630	\$53,402,030	\$845,400	102%
Industrial	\$234,634,620	\$238,799,680	\$4,165,060	102%
Linear	\$335,984,610	\$309,971,450	(\$26,013,160)	92%
Farmland	\$95,595,600	\$95,543,200	(\$52,400)	100%
Exempt	\$91,123,380	\$91,200,160	\$76,780	100%
Grand Total:	\$1,253,118,480	\$1,243,859,360	(\$9,259,120)	99%

* chart prepared by Accurate Assessment Group Ltd.

2016 Tax Levy

In 2016 taxes accounted for 84% of the total revenue received by the County. Forty-six percent (46%) of the assessments were due to farmland and residential properties, however these properties accounted for 23% of the overall tax revenue. Non-residential and non-farm property taxes accounted for 77% of the overall tax revenue. Of this amount, Linear properties accounted for 42% of the non-residential & non-farm tax revenue.

Copies of the Lamont County 2016 Audited Financial Statements are available at the Lamont County Administration Building.