



Request for Decision

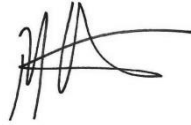
Title	Amendment of Bylaw 1366/16 – 2016 Taxation Rates
Proposed Motion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Council give first reading to Bylaw 1370/16 Amendment to 2016 Taxation Rate Bylaw 1366/16.2. That Council give second reading to Bylaw 1370/16 Amendment to 2016 Taxation Rate Bylaw 1366/16.3. That Council provides unanimous consent to proceed with third and final reading to Bylaw 1370/16.4. That Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 1370/16 Amendment to 2016 Taxation Rate Bylaw 1366/16.
Administrative Recommendation	That Council approves this Bylaw in a manner that is consistent with the budget and fiscal planning direction through Council’s approval of the 2016 Budget and the recently approved Bylaw 1366/16.
Previous Council Direction	April 26, 2016: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Motion 133/16 - That Council give second reading to Bylaw 1366/16 2016 Taxation Rates as amended.2. Motion 134/16 - That Council give third reading to Bylaw 1366/16 2016 Taxation Rates. April 12, 2016 - Motion 113/16: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Council gives first reading to Bylaw 1366/16 2016 Taxation Rates.
Report	<u>Background Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As was the case in the 2015 Taxation Rates Bylaw, a minimum tax of \$25 is included in the 2016 taxation year to address the cost of assessing and maintaining tax records on properties that pay less than \$25 in municipal taxes. However, the line in the approved bylaw stipulating the minimum tax was inadvertently omitted from Bylaw 1366/16.• While the minimum \$25 taxation rate was referenced in the Request for Decision, Bylaw 1366/16 which was brought forward for second and third readings on April 26, 2016, did not include this minimum tax amount.

	<p><u>External Communication</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <p>Section 353 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, RSA 2000 c.M-26, requires Council to pass an annual property tax bylaw.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County will raise approximately \$10,000 in municipal property tax revenue from a minimum tax of \$25.
<p>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</p>	<p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>Due date for payment will be June 30, 2016, similar to regular tax payments. Printing of tax notices will commence early May, following the amendment of the Bylaw.</p> <p>Combined tax/assessment notices must be ready for mailing May 27, 2016. Assessment complaints must be submitted by July 26, 2016.</p>
<p>Alternatives Considered</p>	<p>None. It was the intention to include the minimum levy in the original Bylaw 1366/66 passed on April 26, 2016.</p>
<p>Implications of Alternatives</p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>Due date for payments will be June 30, 2016, similar to regular tax payments. Printing of tax notices will commence early May, following the amendment of the Bylaw.</p> <p>Combined tax/assessment notices must be ready for mailing May 28, 2016. Assessment complaints must be submitted by July 27, 2016.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
<p>Follow up Action</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Services to mail tax notices and Corporate Communications will advertise that the tax notices have been mailed
<p>Attachment(s)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bylaw 1370/16 Amendment to 2016 Taxation Rate Bylaw 1366/16 Bylaw 1366/16 2016 Taxation Rates

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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

Mission: Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans,, policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect the Natural Environment			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensure effective environmental risk management</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Identity & Spirit			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Streamlines operational processes and policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>