

Your Mayor's Message #29

Upon the receipt of this month's Mayor's message you should have received your property Assessment Notice for 2020. Assessments are based on the value of your property from last year (2019) and are affected by a number of factors such as the condition and age of your property and may change every year if you make improvements or sometimes just based on inflation. For this year, Council has approved a budget that will **NOT** change the Village portion of the mill rate, so changes to individual property taxes will be because the assessment of your property changed.

Taxes also change based on requisitions such as education and the seniors lodge; each year the Village collects taxes and sends the amounts to either the Provincial Government (for education) and the seniors foundation (for the lodge). We know that property taxes will rise this year because the province is taking more money for education and that is unfortunately out of our control.

Utilities are generally considered to include: electricity, gas, water and sewage and sometimes communications services, for which you receive a separate utility bill each month. Earlier this year council made the decision to remove the garbage and landfill charges from the village utility bill as this is deemed to be a service much the same as snow removal, street cleaning etc. With all the changes that were made, most utility bills will drop by \$17.00 per month or \$204.00 per year. Garbage and landfill costs will be covered by taxes in the future and Council worked hard this year to make sure this did not increase the mill rate as noted above.

Thoughts for the Month:

"The person says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it." - Chinese Proverb

"Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time." - George Bernard Shaw

THANK YOU

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Mayor