



CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Impact of Assessment Model Changes for Clear Hills County

If you pay property tax within Clear Hills County, you need to know this:

The Provincial Government is proposing to make major changes to municipal oil and gas industry assessments that will cause:

**A HUGE increase in your taxes, possibly as high as 10 times what you pay NOW!
SIGNIFICANT decrease or loss of services.**

Example: (based on 10 quarters of farmland and one residence)

***If you currently pay \$1,700.00 in Municipal taxes (not including school or seniors' taxes, as these taxes are not set by the municipality)**

***Potential impact to YOU would be as high as 10 times that**

YOU would pay \$17,000.00

The provincial plan is to make a major reduction in the taxes payable by large oil & gas companies which would significantly reduce the revenue to rural Alberta. Clear Hills County stands to lose up to 4.6 million in revenue each year. These changes will disproportionately benefit multinational oil and gas companies and **HURT SMALLER COMPANIES AND RESIDENTIAL TAXPAYERS.**

While we have always supported the oil & gas industry, this proposed change will destroy the economic viability of municipal government, place a major burden on your personal finances, and cause a major cut in services.

Over the years, Counties have increasingly been funding important services to the community as Provincial budgets have withdrawn. Just to name a few: Clear Hills County contributes to STARS Ambulance, all fire fighting, school enhancement programs, senior and recreation services, libraries, annual assistance to the Village of Hines Creek, cemeteries not to mention the core services such as roads, bridges and safe drinking water. With careful budgeting we have made this happen, this unprecedented change by the province has thrown us off the rails.

These Provincial Government changes were made behind closed doors with little, if any, consultation with municipal government. The response by municipal elected officials has been immediate and strong from every corner of the province. There are other options but so far it appears our top elected leaders are not listening to the very people who elected them.





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THIS DIRECTLY AFFECTS ALL OF US IN MANY WAYS!

This loss in municipal revenue will impact the taxpayers (You!) – through increased taxes and/or decreased services.

What are we doing?

Council had a meeting with MLA Mr. Todd Loewen and letters have been sent out to the Provincial Government Officials as well as RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) to express our concerns over these proposed changes.

What can you do?

Contact your government officials and express your disapproval on this issue.

- Premier Jason Kenney-780.427.2251 premier@gov.ab.ca
- Minister of Municipal Affairs, Kaycee Madu-780.427.3744 minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca
- Minister of Energy, Sonya Savage-780.427.3740 minister.energy@gov.ab.ca
- MLA Todd Loewen – 780.835.7211 centralpeace.notley@assembly.ab.ca

Call your local Councillor or Chief Administrative Officer if you have questions about this or want additional information.

The final decision by the Government of Alberta and Premier Jason Kenney on this proposal is expected by mid to late August so we MUST ACT NOW!

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