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City does a redo of mill rate bylaw

Some will pay more, some less

By John Cairns
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The City of North Battleford performed a redo of its 2022 mill rate bylaw after it was found they would be collecting more revenue than expected.

In a special meeting held Monday over the Zoom platform, council approved revising the mill rate bylaw, so that the mill rates accurately matched revenue in their budget.

City Director of Finance Brent Nadon explained that during the preparation for tax notices, they discovered an issue with some property tax adjustments not being taken into account in the new rate, which could potentially result in collecting about 1.2 per cent more revenue than required.

He said a small change to the mill rates would mean a reduction or no change to all but the multi-residential, personal care home subclasses, which will see a small increase.

Nadon outlined to council what the revisions mean compared to the rates that had been approved at council last Monday.

According to Nadon, the mill rate impact on average residential properties will be reduced from an increase of 4.3 per cent down to 3.8 per cent, or a dollar increase of \$78. For average commercial, instead of a 3.94 per cent average increase, it will be 1.66 per cent or \$136.39.

For most rate categories, there will be either no change or a decrease compared to what was originally approved last week, but the multi unit residential subclass will see its mill rate revised up from 1.9583 to 1.0780 mills, and the personal care home subclass is revised up from 1.0583 to 1.0780 mills. For the residential/condo class, commercial/industrial class, and the commercial/industrial large retail subclass, there will be a slight decrease in the mill rate as a result.

The revised bylaw passed in three readings at the meeting Monday. The expectation was that tax notices would go out to North Battleford residents later this week. The deadline to pay remains Aug. 31.

Safe!



Despite the leap by North Battleford's Skyler Dimmick, the ball passes him by and Unity's Carter Johnson's slide will get him to second base safely, in the first game at the U22 provincial championships in Unity, July 23. Unity won the best-of-three series but both teams will compete at Western Canadians in Manitoba Aug. 12-14. | Photo by Helena Long

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