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JUST OUT FOR A RIP Andrew Keevers rides a BMX at the Canmore Skateboard Park on Thursday (April 21).

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Canmore tourist home taxation to face potential changes

GREG COLGAN

CANMORE – The property tax rate for tourist homes used for commercial purposes could be increasing in Canmore.

The Town's finance committee recommended at its Tuesday (April 26) meeting council direct staff to prepare an increase for commercial tourist homes to have their tax rate fall more in line with the non-residential

mill rate.

The final tax rates will be decided at the May 3 meeting, leaving the potential for a quick change for what is often a contentious class of homes in the community.

“Part of it is how the tourist home has changed in nature in our community and thinking the taxation of that should change as well,” said Coun. Joanna McCallum, who brought forward the motion.

“I want to make it clear I’m not speaking of personal use. I’m speaking of the tourist home class itself. When the tourist home concept came to Canmore – I want to say about 15 years ago – the idea behind it was giving people the ability to rent out their home for four to six weeks, go on a holiday and there’d be a benefit to the community in doing so.

TOURIST HOME

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