

Rates Increase Justification

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Justification for the Rates Increase

This year, the First Nation's annual property tax bills will increase beyond the criteria established in the First Nations Tax Commission's *Standards for First Nation Annual Tax Rates Laws, 2016*.

As described in a letter from the First Nation's Chief Financial Officer, the First Nation's cost of providing local services has increased significantly from the previous year, as a result of, among other things:

- A new water supply from the City of Edmonton and associated infrastructure; new pump house, and installation of meters
- Chief Lapotac Road construction and other road maintenance; and
- New School construction;

The tax rates are being increased to partially offset these increased costs.