

Village of Hawarden

Council Meeting Highlights

July 23, 2025 Special Meeting - Budget & Ministry of Government Relations Compliance.

Council approved the 2025 Budget as presented. The Mill Rate for the year 2025 will be 6.5 Mills.

Council acknowledged the Education Property Rates for the year 2025 as provided by the Government of Saskatchewan:

- Agricultural 1.07 Mills
- Residential 1.47 Mills
- Commercial/ Industrial 6.37 Mills
- Resource 7.49 Mills

Council then adopted a Bylaw to establish Base Tax. The rates for 2025 are as follows:

Classification		Base Tax
Agriculture	Improv	
	Land	300.00
Residential	Land with Improv.	500.00
	Land only	300.00
Comm/Ind	Land with Improv.	830.00
	Land only	800.00

Please be advised that the residential base tax for land with no improvements [empty lots] has increased from \$200 to 300 per year, per lot.

Next, council reviewed the current bylaw to establish tax penalties. The Bylaw has not been revised since 2014. In the original bylaw interest was charged at a rate of 1% per month, excluding any penalties previously added during the current year that remain unpaid at the end of month preceding the month in which the penalty is being applied.

Council was approved a new bylaw to establish tax penalties. Bylaw 002-14 is hereby repealed.

On Jan 1, 2026 interest will be charged at a rate of 18% per year to all tax accounts with an outstanding balance. If your account is not current please contact administration to make payment arrangements. Let us work together to get these totals manageable before the new interest calculation takes place. Tax Enforcement Procedures will be implemented for all properties in arrears without current payment arrangements in place. Please be sure to contact me directly should arrangements be required.

Council has appointed Councilor Lorrie Harrison to liaison with legal council regarding on-going Human Resources matters. Councilor Harrison will provide updates compliant with Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Council has authorized the KGS Group to facilitate a water study as outlined by the Water Security Agency. This step is imperative towards achieving our goal of providing potable water to our community.

Council and administration remain committed to achieving compliance with the Ministry of Government relations regarding legislated requirements of a municipality. Council confirmed which items are compliant and which items require attention via motion. Administration was authorized to update the Ministry accordingly. The next update regarding compliance will be provided at the Aug 6 regular meeting of council. A special meeting will be held on Aug 19 to further discuss compliance requirements. Audited financial statements will be presented at the Aug 19 special meeting.

The 2024- 2028 council will review all information available in early September to determine if they wish to resubmit the Application to restructure into the RM of Loreburn No. 254. If so, a special meeting will be held September 11, 2025 to pass a motion authorizing administration to move forward.

As always, if you have questions please ask.

Cemetery clean up was held yesterday. Thank you to all who participated. There will be a general community clean up help in the early fall.

Sincerely,

Kelly Dodd, RMA
Administrator