

When will I know how much I am paying in taxes?

You will get your 2010 annual tax bill in May after Council determines the final tax rates. Your May tax bill represents your share of the municipality's revenue requirement and your share of the provincial education tax.

When must I pay my taxes?

You will be receiving your 2010 tax bill in May (after Council sets the final tax rates), it is important to note that your 2010 taxes cover the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. This means a couple of different payment options are available to you:

1. You may take advantage of the municipality's monthly payment plan that spreads the tax payment out over the year.* The monthly payments for the first half of 2010 are based on 2009 taxes. The installments for the balance of the 2010 calendar year are adjusted to reflect the finalized tax bill mailed to you in May. If you wish to sign up now for the Monthly Tax Payment Plan and pay your 2010 taxes in monthly installments by automatic bank withdrawal, contact your municipality.
2. Alternatively, you can wait for your final tax bill to come in May and choose to pay your property taxes in a lump sum by June 30, 2010.

* *Monthly payment plan is not available in Kapaskwin, Lakeview, Larkspur and Seba Beach*

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Lakeview	(780) 797-3863
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Poplar Bay	(780) 586-2494
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Assessment information for:

Residential Property Owners 2010

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What is market value assessment?

The Alberta government requires all Alberta municipalities to update property values annually to reflect the market value **on July 1 of the previous year**.

This assessment notice gives you the market value assessment of your property.

My assessment is lower than last year. Will my property taxes decrease?

Your property taxes will decrease only if your property's value dropped more than the average decrease municipal-wide and the drop is low enough to offset any Council budget increase and/or a change in the provincial education tax.

How does the change in my assessment affect my property taxes?

How your property assessment changed from the previous year compared to the average assessment change of all residential properties in the municipality **determines the change in the share you'll pay of the municipality's property tax requirement**.

How is my property's market value determined?

Your property's assessed value is determined by similar criteria as real estate agents use, such as:

- Location
- Lot size
- Building size
- Age and condition of house
- Selling prices of similar properties in similar areas

Your 2010 assessment reflects the most probable value your property would have sold for on the open real estate market on **July 1, 2009**. If your home was only partially complete on December 31, 2009, your assessment reflects the value of the lot and value of the building based on the percentage completed. **In order to maintain equity, similar properties should have similar assessed values.**

Access to assessment information

If you have any questions or concerns about your property assessment, please contact the municipal office.

What if I don't agree with this assessment?

Talk with the municipal office first, who will arrange a meeting with your assessor. If you still feel your assessment does not reflect what your property would sell for on the open market, on July 1, 2009, you may file a complaint with the Assessment Review Board (ARB).

New complaint process for 2010

The complaint process for 2010 has changed as a result of amendments to the Municipal Government Act and its regulations. Please refer to the CRASC website at www.crasc.ca.

How do I make a complaint?

Your completed complaint form, agent authorization form, attachments (if any) and the required fee (as indicated on your Assessment Notice) must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date (as indicated on your Assessment Notice) at your municipal office.

Complaint forms and agent authorization forms are available at the ARB office or at www.crasc.ca.

Each assessment in dispute requires a separate fully completed complaint form and required fee. Section 460 of the Municipal Government Act and its regulations set out other requirements with which you must comply, including disclosure requirements.

Please be advised that the Assessment Review Board CANNOT, and will not hear any matters or reasons that are not clearly described on the complaint form.

Assessment/Tax Process

