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## **MAY 21, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE**

### **“When Vision becomes Reality”**

***The Town of Blaine Lake is dedicated to fostering a peaceful, vibrant, and thriving community by delivering exceptional services and driving growth and prosperity.***

***Through open governance, meaningful engagement and communications with stakeholders, and partnerships with all those committed to making a positive impact, we prioritize innovative community development, sustainable economic growth, and outstanding customer service.***

***Our commitment is to enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors while ensuring the town’s long-term success and vitality.***

1. 2025 is a re-assessment year and properties in Blaine Lake saw an overall increase:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| ➤ Commercial/Industrial  | 6 % decrease in assessment   |
| ➤ Multi-unit Residential | 25% decrease in assessment   |
| ➤ Agricultural           | 267 % increase in assessment |
| ➤ Residential            | 12% increase in assessment   |

Councils’ goal was to, as much as possible, ensure that most property owners would see a 2025 municipal property tax bill the same as 2024 plus a 3% increase. This is difficult as properties with assessment that increased more than 12% residentially would see a larger increase than 3%. Conversely, properties that assessment increased less than 12% would see a lessor increase than 3%.

To achieve this, the Town was able to reduce the mill rate from 6.5 to 6.0 mills with the following mill rate factors:

	2025	2024
➤ Commercial/Industrial	1.55	1.3
➤ Multi-unit Residential	1.5	1.0
➤ Agricultural	0.7	1.0
➤ Residential	1.0	1.0

There will be no increase in the 2025 base tax and that helps to soften the impact as a 9% increase in property taxes based upon assessment equates to \$ 17.95 monthly. The assessment portion of your municipal property tax bill is less than 40% of the total municipal property taxes as the remainder is the base tax.

Property Tax Notices will be sent in June, 2024.

2. Major Progress continues towards the 2025 to 2030 Strategic Plan as the 2025 Budget has been crafted to support the strategic plan:

- The start of a long-term road dust control program that will see all Town streets completed over the next four to five years reducing potholes and increasing drivability. **Expect to see contractor before July.**
- Applying under the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund for a grant to assist in funding a long term +10 year watermain and sewermain replacement program. **Grant application was made and waiting to hear results.**
- Replacing the Grader - **new to us Grader expected in June, 2025.**
- Greater funding to support drainage by removing undersized culverts and install end caps – **fall work**
- Greater funding for sidewalk repairs - **quotes being obtained**
- Greater emphasis on beautification, flower beds and planters. Enhancing the campground and preparing for a walking path to be phased in starting in 2026 **1<sup>st</sup> phase of walking path will be marked and mowed in the golf course that will tie into the campground loop in May, 2025. Enhanced maintenance in the golf course including sand green maintenance and the installation of disk golf this summer.**  
**New flower planters being installed at the Main Street/Highway 40/Highway 12 Intersection.**  
**New Banners installed on Main Street.**
- Preparing the Blaine Lake Community Centre to house the Blaine Lake Library – **work ongoing.**
- Completing a structural analysis on the Blaine Lake Arena to determine longevity of the facility – **completed in May, 2025.**
- Greater emphasis on economic development and actively marketing the community. Partnerships with regional neighbours encouraging development and growth – **multiple meetings and partnerships being discussed.**  
**Updated logo being designed.**

3. Summer maintenance is underway with a full crew and even more emphasis on the appearance of Blaine Lake. People may not be aware that there are **over 5,300 vehicle movements per day** at the Main Street/Highway # 12/Highway # 40 Intersection. To put that into perspective, that is approximately the same vehicle movements as Highway # 16 heading west out of North Battleford and twice the number of vehicles that pass-through Waldheim.

4. Council received a delegation requesting that Council consider **allowing a small number of hens** to be raised within the Town. That would require a bylaw amendment and Council requested that Administration research bylaws from other communities to determine what the

regulations may be. The Town would also be interested in receiving feedback from community members. Please e-mail [cao@blainelake.ca](mailto:cao@blainelake.ca) with your thoughts and comments.

5. The **free spring clean-up weekend** at the Transfer Station has been set for June 7 and June 8, 2025 with hours as follows:

- June 7, 2025 – 10:00 to 12:00 & 1:00 to 4:00
- June 8, 2025 - 1:00 to 4:00