

Consolidated 2026 General Levy Rate

Second: Councillor Foster

Whereas, according to the Municipal Act, one of the responsibilities of Regional Council is to maintain the financial integrity of the municipality;

Whereas we are confronted with unprecedented economic and financial challenges;

Whereas the consolidated 2025 General Levy inclusive of ABCs, Capital Financing and Program Changes increased approximately \$46 million or 9.6% after assessment growth; and

Whereas the consolidated general levy inclusive of ABCs, Capital Financing and Program Changes in 2025, and previous years, has placed a heavy, unaffordable and an unsustainable tax burden on property taxes for both residents and local businesses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the consolidated 2026 General Levy inclusive of ABCs, Capital Financing and Program Changes **BE ESTABLISHED** at 3.5%;
2. That all regional departments **BE DIRECTED** to achieve this guidance rate; and
3. That all Agencies, Boards and Commissions, **BE ADVISED** of this guidance rate.