



Special Service Levy

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 pm

The special service levy is not an additional tax. The purpose of this special service levy is to minimize the tax impact to rural ratepayers as we transition to a single mill rate. Charging properties in a fair manner for these services is of utmost importance to Council.

Single Mill Rate

Through the Municipal Amalgamations Act, the Province of Manitoba has mandated all municipalities to impose a single mill rate by 2024. Council has fought the province for many years to prevent the tax shift on to rural properties.

If Boissevain-Morton switched to a single mill rate today, with no special levy, the impact would be:

- rural taxes would increase 24.4%
- urban taxes would decrease 21.1%

The new levy will prevent unfair tax shift. The special service levy is not additional taxes; the services covered under this levy already exist. The levy is a method to apply the cost of these services to the ratepayers who utilize or benefit from these services.

The proposed special service by-law contains three main components:

1. Broadening the previous Urban Protection Levy (ended in 2023) to include police, fire and EMO for **ALL** residential, commercial and institutional properties in the entire municipality and removing animal control and street lighting.
2. Updating garbage collection costs for the urban community and repealing previous waste & disposal by-law
3. New levy for the urban community of Boissevain for street construction & maintenance, street lights, animal control, tree management and beautification.

Ask questions and provide input

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Council Chambers, 420 South Railway Street, Boissevain
Livestream available upon request

Following Council's presentation of the special service plan, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions or register an objection to the special service plan. All objections, written or verbal, must be filed by the end of the public hearing.