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## WELL DRILLING EQUIPMENT TAX RATE REGULATION

A new Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulation was signed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on December 2, 2014. The regulation will take effect January 1, 2015 for a period of five years.

Municipal Affairs conducted targeted consultations with stakeholders throughout 2013/14 on the future of the Well Drilling Equipment Tax, and a new regulation containing a new formula and rate structure has been established. The Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulation maintains the calculation formula from the current regulation for 2015 to provide a transition period for municipal and industry stakeholders, and introduces a new more linear formula for 2016-19, indexed annually by a road maintenance factor.

The Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulation will be available on the Municipal Affairs website at <a href="http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc\_property\_assessment\_and\_taxation\_legislation.cfm">http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc\_property\_assessment\_and\_taxation\_legislation.cfm</a>.

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