



CITY COUNCIL

**Monday, April 10, 2017
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Henry Baker Hall, Main Floor, City Hall



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**Agenda
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CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

TABLED DELEGATIONS AND RELEATED REPORTS

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| DE17-29 | John Hopkins – Regina & District Chamber of Commerce: 2017 Reassessment Tax Policy |
| CR17-24 | 2017 Reassessment Tax Policy |

Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - MARCH 7, 2017

1. That the following principles be adopted in establishing mill rate factors for 2017:
 - a) That the relative share of property taxes between the Residential and Non-Residential Properties does not change due to reassessment.
 - b) That long-term stability be considered in establishing tax policies for mill rate factors.
2. That mill rate factors be set for the group of residential classes of properties and the group of non-residential properties such that the above recommendations are applied.
3. That the subclass for Golf Courses be continued and the mill rate factor set so that the effective tax rate is equal to 65 per cent of the effective commercial tax rate.
4. That a phase-in of property tax changes be implemented for the Commercial and Industrial class of properties for changes in property taxes as a result of the 2017 reassessment, whereby the phase-in shall be revenue-neutral by phasing in decreases and increases, with decreases and increases applied as



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follows:

- 2017 increases and decreases limited to 1/3 of the property tax change.
- 2018 increases and decreases limited to 2/3 of the property tax change.
- 2019 the full increase or decrease would be applied.

5. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary bylaws.

DELEGATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATED REPORTS

DE17-36	Brandon Wright - Bike Regina: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-37	Wilma Staff: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-38	Jim Elliott: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-39	Chad Novak – Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group: Boundary Alteration – 2017 Property Tax Exemptions
DE17-40	Chad Novak – Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-41	John Klein: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-42	Doug Normand – Regina Lawn Bowling Club: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-43	John Hopkins - Regina & District Chamber of Commerce: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-44	James A. Holmes: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-45	Marilyn Pollock – Canadian Condominium Institute – South Saskatchewan Chapter: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-46	Kelly Mentanko: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-47	Richmond Graham, John Aston and Derrick Thue - Regina Airport Authority: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
DE17-48	Michelle Benrot-Carnie: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
CP17-5	Canadian Federation of Independent Business: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget



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- CP17-6 Suzanne and Robin Lendvoy: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- CP17-7 Regina Public Library: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- CM17-3 2017 Annual Property Tax Exemptions

Recommendation

1. That City Council approve the property tax exemptions outlined in Appendix A.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the necessary bylaw to the April 24, 2017 City Council meeting to provide for the property tax exemptions listed in Appendix A to the April 24, 2017 Council meeting.

- CM17-4 Boundary Alteration – 2017 Property Tax Exemptions

Recommendation

1. That the property tax exemptions as outlined in this report be approved.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the necessary bylaw to provide for the property tax exemptions listed in Appendix A, B and C to the April 24, 2017 Council meeting.

- CM17-5 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Recommendation

1. That the following be approved to address the shortfall of \$10.3 million in 2017 created by the 2017-18 Provincial Budget:
 - a) 2017 tax-supported General Operating Budget, with gross expenditures of \$435,738,700 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$220,190,100.
 - b) 2017 mill rate, approved by City Council on February 13, 2017, be increased by a further 2.5%, resulting in a total mill rate of 7.4553.
 - c) Street use permit fees in *The Regina Traffic Bylaw*, Bylaw 9900 (the “Traffic Bylaw”) be amended in accordance with the Temporary Street Use Permits detailed below in this report, effective July 1, 2017.
 - d) Program and services be reduced as outlined in Appendix A, providing an annual ongoing financial saving of \$1.69 million plus a one-time saving of \$874,000.



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2. That the Regina Police Service 2017 Capital Budget of \$3,143,000 be reduced by \$572,000 to \$2,571,000 and a transfer of \$428,000 be made from the Regina Police Service General Reserve to fund the Regina Police Service's capital program.
3. To address a potential further shortfall in 2018 created by the 2017-18 Provincial Budget, that Administration undertake the following work in 2017 and make recommendations to Council in preparation for the 2018 budget:
 - a) Review the funding relationship with City service partners to ensure best value for funding invested.
 - b) Review the implications of the repeal of *The Wascana Centre Authority Act* and the introduction of *The Provincial Capital Commission Act*, which changes the relationship and may impact the future financial obligations of the City to Wascana Park.
 - c) Review property tax exemptions to build alignment with the community grant program to ensure equitable treatment and value for funding invested across all stakeholders.
 - d) Review the split of property tax between residential and non-residential property tax payers to ensure equity and fairness.
 - e) Identify other tax opportunities including expanded application of the Amusement Tax.
 - f) Review recreation services and service levels in response to the recommendations of the Recreation Master Plan.
 - g) Explore opportunities to establish solid waste management as a self-sustaining utility.
 - h) Review fees for Planning and Building applications. In support of this review, approve a one-time transfer of \$60,000 from the Planning and Sustainability Reserve in 2017.
4. That property tax notices issued in 2017 and 2018 clearly describe the impact of the 2017-2018 Provincial Budget.
5. That the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare all necessary bylaws to



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implement the above recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT