

November 19, 2019

Finance Committee Report #2019-11-06B

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

Your Finance Committee submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on November 6, 2019:

1. External Auditor Annual Independence Letter/Engagement Letter/Audit Plan [Financial Impact – None], 2019-626

THAT Report No. 2019-626 regarding the Independence of the City's external auditor, the Engagement Letter and the Audit Plan, BE RECEIVED.

2. Amend Finance Policy 002 (Budget Items Balanced by Reserves) [Financial Impact - \$0], 2019-692

A. THAT Report 2019-692 regarding Amendments to Finance Policy 002 (Budget Items Balanced by Reserve Funds) BE RECEIVED; and

B. THAT the necessary by-law to amend Finance Policy #002 Budget Items Balanced by Reserves to effect the following changes BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption:

ITEM DESCRIPTION: John Noble Apartments (addition)
RESERVE / RESERVE FUND: Affordable Housing

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Marlene Avenue Supportive Housing
RESERVE / RESERVE FUND: Affordable Housing (change in reserve)

3. Debenture Issue for Golf Bunkers Projects and the Purchase of the Debentures Internally as an Investment Within the Cemeteries Care and Maintenance Trust Fund [Financial Impact - \$100,000], 2019-642

A. THAT report 2019-642, Debenture Issue for Golf Bunkers Projects and the Purchase of the Debentures Internally as an Investment Within the Cemeteries Care and Maintenance Trust Fund, BE RECEIVED; and

B. THAT a By-law to authorize the issuing of a debenture on December 2, 2019 in the amount of \$100,000 at 2.48% to be amortized over 10 years in respect of financing the cost of the Northridge Bunkers project BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption on November 19, 2019; and

C. THAT the Arrowdale Bunker project GF1502 in the amount of \$26,955.29 BE FUNDED from the Golf Reserve RF0499; and

D. THAT the City PURCHASE the debenture issue internally as an investment within the Cemeteries Care and Maintenance Trust Fund.

4. Debenture Issue for Seniors Affordable Housing Project at the John Noble Home and the Purchase of the Debenture Internally as an Investment Within the Cemeteries Care and Maintenance Trust Fund [Financial Impact - \$190,000], 2019-657

A. THAT report 2019-657, Debenture Issue for Seniors Affordable Housing Project at the John Noble Home and the Purchase of the Debenture Internally as an Investment Within the Cemeteries Care and Maintenance Trust Fund, BE RECEIVED; and

B. THAT a By-law to authorize the issuing of a debenture on December 2, 2019 in the amount of \$190,000 at 2.81% to be amortized over 25 years in respect of financing the cost of the Seniors Affordable Housing Project at the John Noble Home BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption on November 19, 2019; and

C. THAT the City PURCHASE the debenture issue internally as an investment within the Cemeteries Care and Maintenance Trust Fund.

5. 2020 Tax Policy [Financial Impact: none], 2019-646

A. THAT no commercial or industrial optional property classes BE ADOPTED; and

B. THAT no graduated tax rates BE ADOPTED for the commercial or industrial property classes; and

C. THAT no tax reduction mechanism BE ADOPTED for the multi-residential, commercial or industrial property classes; and

D. THAT no phase-in of property taxes BE ADOPTED; and

E. THAT no relief from hardship be adopted for the residential, farmland or managed forest property classes; and

F. THAT the tax rate reduction for vacant and excess land in the commercial and industrial property classes REMAIN at 30%; and

G. THAT the tax rate reduction REMAIN as follows:

i. for farmland awaiting development phase 1 at 25% of the residential tax rate

- ii. for farmland awaiting development phase 2 at 30% for commercial, industrial and multi-residential class property; and
- H. THAT the 2020 tax decreases in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes BE REDUCED as a means of funding the capping limit requirement; and
- I. THAT the 2020 capping limitation percentage BE SET at 10%; and
- J. THAT a minimum annual increase of 10% of Current Value Assessment level taxes BE SET for the 2020 tax year; and
- K. THAT \$500.00 BE SET as the amount for moving capped properties directly to their Current Value Assessment level taxes for the 2020 tax year; and
- L. THAT the 2020 taxation year minimum percentage taxation level for new construction property BE SET at 100% of the tax level for up to 6 comparable properties; and
- M. THAT the necessary by-laws, being by-laws to; provide for an interim tax levy for 2020, set tax rate reductions for prescribed property subclasses for general purposes for 2020, establish capping parameters on commercial, industrial and multi-residential property for 2020, set tax ratios for general purposes for 2020, set tax rates for general purposes for 2020, provide for the collection of taxes for 2020 and limit tax decreases on commercial, industrial and multi-residential property as a means of funding the capping limit on tax increases in 2020, BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption within the legislated time frames.

6. MPAC Large and Special Purpose Property Stakeholder Engagement [Financial Impact: None], 2019-673

THAT Report 2019-673 MPAC Large and Special Purpose Property Stakeholder Engagement report BE RECEIVED.

7. Quarterly Status Report of Contracts Awarded [Financial Impact – None], 2019-670

THAT Report 2019-670 titled “Quarterly Status Report of Contracts Awarded” for the period of July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019 BE RECEIVED.

8. Quarterly Reserve and Reserve Fund Update [Financial Impact – none], 2019-639

THAT Report No. 2019-639 Quarterly Reserve and Reserve Fund Update, BE RECEIVED.

9. 3rd Quarter Casino Report [Financial Impact-\$1,518,439], 2019-693

THAT the 2019 3rd Quarter Casino Report 2019-693 BE RECEIVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Martin, Chair