

Tax Shift Assessment Working Group of PFC**Meeting 5: September 13, 2019****Attendees:**

- Mayor Nenshi
- Councillor Druh Farrell
- Councillor Jeromy Farkas
- Councillor Jyoti Gondek
- Robyn Ferguson, MNP
- Dave Mewha, Altus Group
- Paul Fairie, University of Calgary
- Nelson Karpa, City of Calgary
- Katie Paton, Mayor's Office
- Chris Carlile, Ward 11 Office
- Ally Bates, Ward 3 Office

General Discussion:

- Recommendation to Council should come with a warning that the solution to the tax shift problem will not be solved by this year, and fixing the systemic issues will require a longer timeline
- We should look at implementing this working group earlier next year
- Developing a new fiscal framework with the province should be explored as a more long term solution
- TSAWG will remain neutral on the 3 scenarios in the report, but will offer "if/then" clarification for each (if you choose that scenario, this is what it would look like on this type of property)
- Confirmation of the recommendations discussed at August 27th meeting:
 - TSAWG recommends that Council be provided with assessment values and number of properties in both classes to make an informed budget decision. In addition, TSAWG will provide PFC with proportion scenarios accompanied by calculations that show impact to average homeowner and average non-residential property owner:
 - 1) Residential 48%/Non-Residential 52% (this is our current state which is 47/53 but results in 48/52 when the \$60 million in reductions are factored in)
 - 2) Residential 50%/Non-Residential 50%
 - 3) Residential 52%/Non-Residential 48%

Outcomes for October 1st Meeting:

- Councillor Gondek and Ally Bates will work on presentation to PFC (including general discussion and longer term recommendations)
- Robyn Ferguson and Nelson Karpa will finalize the scenario spreadsheets
- Dave Mewha and Edwin Lee will provide a one page guide that explains to Council how they can read the spreadsheets
 - Katie Paton will review the document to make sure it is easy to read
- Paul Fairie will provide a one page document that will compare Calgary to other jurisdictions, and pros/cons of those models

Next Meetings:

- October 1st is next and final TSAWG meeting, from 8:00 – 9:30 am
- October 8th is the PFC meeting where recommendations will be presented