

Financial Task Force May 2020 Update

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Financial Task Force by the Numbers

12

Number of External Members on the Financial Task Force

04

Broad Categories of Recommendations – Priorities, Practices, Processes and Policies 14

Unique Half-Day or Full-Day Discussions on Potential Solutions

07

Stakeholder Groups to Engage Leading up to the June 2020 Strategic Session

2



Transition between Task Forces

Financial Task Force

Economic Resilience Task Force

What problem are we trying to solve?

Structural change in the economy (affecting some industries)

COVID-19 Recommendations

pandemic + Oil supply shock due to struggle for market share

+ COVID-19

Deep and broadbased economic recession

How has it impacted City and local economy?

Slow economic growth (2018-19) and Downtown Tax Shift

When can we expect the final results of the work?

The Final Recommendations June 2020

Recommendations/ Mandate Review December 2020



COVID-19 Recommendations (1 of 3)



- 1. Municipal Property Tax Deferral Program
 - Delay Collection
 - Delay effective date for penalties
- 2. Provincial Property Tax Deferral (opt-in)
- 3. Municipal Property Tax Deferrals (provincial backstop)
- 4. Property Tax Payment Schedule
- 5. Approach Property Tax Rebates and Abatements with extreme caution
- 6. Municipal property Tax Rebate (needs coordination with Feds)
- 7. Plan for 2021 Phased Tax Program for Non-Residential
- 8. Plan for 2021 BIA Tax Relief
- 9. Program to prepare for unusually high default rate following deferral



- 1. Communication Services: Increase supply to meet higher demand
- 2. Resource Use: Need for General Cost Control
- 3. Resource Use: Vendor/ Contractual Obligations Review
- 4. Resource Use: Review Level of Service for City Services
- 5. Reallocation: Existing City Funds
- 6. Reallocation: Existing City Staff and Facilities
- 7. Pitch to Businesses: Explore positioning Calgary's available office space



COVID-19 Recommendations (2 of 3)



- 1. General Advocacy with the Province on behalf of City
- 2. Engage Province for Provincial Education Property Tax Reduction
- 3. Work with Provincial Authorities on Designated Essential Business Activity
- 4. Explore Federal Backstop for Liquidity Support to Individuals/Businesses
- 5. Work with Province and Federal governments on a Financial incentive/ interest-free loan program
- 6. Leverage City resources to link citizens/businesses with help from the various Federal and Provincial resources available
- 7. Work with the Provincial and Federal governments on the Mandated Rent Relief Program
- 8. Emergency grant transfer program supported by the Provincial and Federal governments





- 1. Designated Essential Services for The City
- 2. Provide for all (not some) Businesses
- 3. Enhance their digital capabilities
- 4. Support for Accommodation/ Hospitality Industry
- 5. Support for Food and Agri-business Industry
- 6. Rollback Utility Rates



COVID-19 Recommendations (3 of 3)



- Delay in payment for Fines and Penalties:
- 2. Utility Rebates
- 3. Utility Payment Deferrals
- 4. Food Security
- 5. Focus on the vulnerable



- 1. Short-Term Non-Income Support (Household and Business)
- 2. Medium- to Long-Term Non-Income Support (Household and Business)



1. Coordinated Municipal Programs



QUESTIONS?