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Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2021 May 18

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: 2021 Property Tax Cancellation for Calgary Housing Company Properties

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Druh Farrell

WHEREAS property tax exemptions in the Province of Alberta are governed by the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and ancillary regulations;

AND WHEREAS each Alberta municipality administers property tax exemptions in its jurisdiction within this legislative framework as part of the process of maintaining the municipality's property assessment roll;

AND WHEREAS Calgary Housing Company (CHC) operates as a non-profit corporation wholly-owned by The City of Calgary;

AND WHEREAS the MGA does not provide a property tax exemption for all CHC-owned properties;

AND WHEREAS, in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, Council passed Notices of Motion to cancel the total municipal property taxes incurred by CHC in those respective years;

AND WHEREAS, in 2021, CHC will be levied property taxes of \$2,173,917.24, consisting of municipal property taxes of \$1,415,588.36 and provincial property taxes of \$758,328.88, which CHC will be obligated to pay;

AND WHEREAS, through its authority under section 347 of the MGA, Council can cancel property taxes for a particular property when it considers it equitable to do so;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2021 property taxes for CHC properties be cancelled for the municipal portion of \$1,415,588.36, representing the 12 months in 2021;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that City Council request that the Mayor write a letter to the Government of Alberta requesting that the provincial requisition portion of the property taxes on CHC properties be cancelled for the 2021 tax year, with City Administration following through on this request with the Ministry of Seniors and Housing;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that City Council continue to advocate for MGA reforms to exempt CHC properties from both municipal and provincial property taxes, working through Intergovernmental Affairs, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, and other avenues.