

C2021-1106 Hotel and Motel Property Tax Deferral Program – Report Back

Combined Meeting of Council

2021 September 13

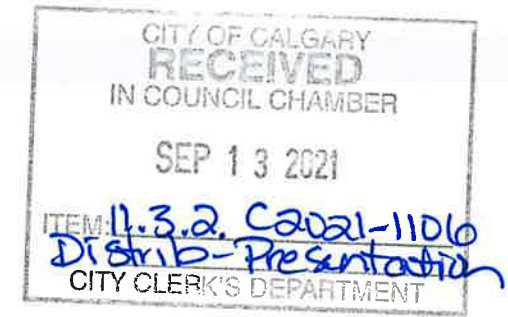
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Background

- Pandemic created a challenging environment for the hospitality industry.
- Hotels in Calgary saw record low occupancy rates in the early 2021.
- Calgary Hotel Association advocated for relief on behalf of members.
- Council directed Administration to allow hotel and motel properties that had not paid their 2021 property tax to be considered for a deferral, and to report back with a list of qualifying properties for approval.
- This report fulfills the requirement to report back for approval.



Council's Authority



Council has the authority to cancel, reduce, refund or defer property tax under Section 347(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* for a taxable property or class of taxable property, if it considers it equitable to do so.



Results

Tax year	Number of properties	Value of taxes deferred
2021	62	\$12,860,158.66

- Total of 96 eligible properties.
- 62 chose to participate.
- 34 chose to remain on Tax Instalment Payment Plan or make alternate payment arrangements.
- Administration remained in contact with property owners to ensure questions and concerns were addressed.

Administration Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the list of qualifying properties contained on Attachment 2 for the deferral of 2021 municipal and provincial property tax to 2022 December 31, without penalty.