

2022 Business Improvement Area Budgets & Enabling Bylaws

Combined Meeting of Council

2022 January 11

CITY OF CALGARY
RECEIVED
IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
JAN 11 2022
ITEM: 11.3.1 - C2022-0013
Distribution
CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT



Overview

C2022-0013
PRESENTATION

The *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) and the *Business Improvement Area Regulation* (BIA Regulation) require that, for each calendar year, Council:

- 1) 2022 BIA Tax Bylaw-Pass a BIA tax bylaw authorizing the imposition of a tax on businesses operating within a BIA subject to certain exempt businesses.
- 2) BIA Budgets-Approve the BIA budgets as prepared and approved by each BIA Board.
- 3) 2022 BIA Tax Rates Bylaw-Pass a BIA tax rates bylaw establishing the tax rates applicable to each BIA.



2022 BIA Tax Bylaw (Attachment 2)

C2022-0013
PRESENTATION

- The approval of the BIA Tax Bylaw is needed to authorize The City to impose and collect the BIA tax.



BIA Budgets (Attachment 3)

- The approval of the BIA budgets is needed to allow the BIAs to receive the funding to serve their business communities.
- The BIAs that increased BIA levies between 2021 and 2022 are as follows (details are in Attachment 3):

| | | | |
|---|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| Montgomery on the Bow BIA | 60% | Chinatown BIA | 10% |
| Bridgeland BIA | 52% | Victoria Park BIA | 9% |
| International Avenue BRZ | 51% | Calgary Downtown Association BIA | 6% |
| 17th Avenue Retail & Entertainment District BIA | 41% | | |



2022 BIA Tax Rates Bylaw (Attachment 4)

C2022-0013
PRESENTATION

- The approval of the 2022 BIA Tax Rates Bylaw is needed to allow the BIAs to receive the funding to serve their business communities.



Other Issues

C2022-0013
PRESENTATION

- With the large turnover of new Council members in 2021 a “Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Information Sheet” has been provided as Attachment 5
- In the past this report has been two reports but, due to Assessment and Tax merging, they are now being combined.
- This year the report is bypassing the Executive Committee and going straight to Council due to timing issues. Requiring review by the Executive Committee would not have allowed BIA tax bills to be mailed on time.
- The City will continue to advocate to Alberta Municipal Affairs to permit BIA tax to be imposed using property assessment rather than business assessment. If permitted, it is estimated that it would save The City of Calgary over \$2 Million in capital and operating cost.



Recommendations

C2022-0013
PRESENTATION

That Council:

1. Give three readings to the proposed 2022 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Tax Bylaw (Attachment 2);
2. Approve the proposed 2022 BIA budgets (Attachment 3) and if budget amendments are needed authorize each BIA board to amend its respective budget by:
 - a) transferring amounts to or from a BIA board's reserves, and
 - b) transferring amounts between expenditures so long as the amount of the total expenditures is not increased; and
3. Give three readings to the proposed 2022 BIA Tax Rates Bylaw (Attachment 4)