



**Report Number:** EC2022-0366

**Meeting:** Executive Committee

**Meeting Date:** 2022 March 15

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: Targeted Relief to the Hotel/Motel and Hospitality Industries Due to the Effects of COVID-19**

**Sponsoring Councillor(s):** Councillor Sharp, Councillor Chabot, Councillor McLean, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Wong

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WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a decrease in global tourism and reduced hotel/motel occupancy, and thereby caused financial strain for hotel owners;

AND WHEREAS the hotel/motel industry is an important part of Calgary's economy;

AND WHEREAS Council previously directed property tax relief for hotel/motel property owners at the 2021 May 31 Combined Meeting of Council;

AND WHEREAS further property tax relief should account for the timing of the previously deferred amount coming due on 2022 December 31;

AND WHEREAS Council may defer the collection of a tax for a class of taxable property or business where it considers it equitable to do so under section 347(1)(d) of the *Municipal Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the financial pressures that caused Council to direct property tax relief for hotel/motel property owners in 2021 have arisen again as a result of the Omicron variant of COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS hotels and motel owners may face additional financial pressures as a result of decreased consumer confidence for travel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to develop a similar program to the 2021 Hotel/Motel Property Tax Deferral Program to allow hotel/motel non-residential property owners who have not paid their 2022 property taxes to be considered for a deferral of 2022 municipal and provincial property taxes, without penalties, with one-half of the amount owing deferred to 2022 September 30, and the remaining balance deferred to 2023 December 31;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Administration bring a report to Council no later than 2022 Q4 with a list of roll numbers of qualifying properties for approval;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor submit a letter to the Government of Alberta on behalf of Council requesting additional financial support for the hotel/motel and hospitality industries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to allocate \$300,000 from the Fiscal Stability Reserve to Tourism Calgary to support a hotel/motel promotional tourism campaign.