

2023 Residential and Non-Residential Tax Share Options

February 14, 2023



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Federal and Provincial Update

Potential for ongoing Operating Support

- Long-standing ask, repeated to Provincial Government in 2023 Pre-Budget submission
- Premier has suggested exploring reducing or ending the provincial portion of the property tax also repeated in the Premier's Mandate Letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Unlikely to take shape in the next months



Fiscal Stability Reserve (FSR) and Budget Savings Account (BSA) Merged Reserve Capacity (December 31, 2022)

\$626 million Outstanding Commitments Minimum Policy Balance \$182 million Uncommitted above Minimum \$47 million Policy Balance Does not include the 2022 year end variance that will be transferred after finalizing the 2022 Financial **Statements** \$854 million Balance



Tax Share –Recommended Options

	Option A Recommended	Option B Recommended	Option C Recommended
	Status Quo	Cut Non-Residential tax by ~\$21.7 million by transferring 1% of tax share responsibility from Non-Residential to Residential, raising Residential tax by ~\$21.7 million	Cut Non-Residential tax by ~\$43.4 million by transferring 2% of tax share responsibility from Non-Residential to Residential, raising Residential tax by ~\$43.4 million
Tax Share	52:48	53:47	54:46
Tax Ratio	4.26	4.09	3.93
Municipal Tax for Typical Single Residential home (\$555,000) yearly / monthly	\$2,404 / \$200	\$2,450 / \$204	\$2,497 / \$208
% Change from 2022	5.5%	7.6%	9.6%
Residential Tax Rate	0.0043319	0.0044152	0.0044985
% Change from 2022	-7.7%	-6.0%	-4.2%
Municipal Tax for Non-Residential Property with Typical Assessment Change (\$5.1 million)	\$94,010	\$92,051	\$90,093
% Change from 2022	5.1%	3.0%	0.8%
Non-Residential Tax Rate	0.0184334	0.0180493	0.0176653
% Change from 2022	3.1%	0.9%	-1.2%
2023 Residential tax increase		•	•
2023 Non-Residential tax decrease		•	•
Requires one-time funding			
Paying for recurring expenses from our savings account			
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^{*} Forecasts based on 2023 assessment, budgetary changes, and provisions. Final rates subject to change until approved by Council in the Property Tax bylaw.



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