



Report Number: EC2023-0609

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2023 May 23

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: 2023 CALGARY HOUSING COMPANY (CHC) PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Penner, Walcott

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

AND WHEREAS jurisdiction within this legislative framework as part of the process of maintaining the municipality's property assessment roll;

AND WHEREAS, Calgary Housing Company (CHC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of The City of Calgary;

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

AND WHEREAS, in years 2017 to 2022 Council has passed a Notice of Motion to cancel the total municipal property taxes incurred by CHC in those respective years.

AND WHEREAS, in 2023, CHC will be levied property taxes of \$2,419,004.14, consisting of municipal property taxes of \$1,594,522.67 and provincial property taxes of \$824,481.47 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 equitable to do so;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the 2023 property taxes for the Calgary Housing Company (CHC) properties be cancelled for the Municipal portion of \$ 1,594,522.67, representing the 12 months in 2023;

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 2023 tax year, with City Administration following through on this request with the Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that City Council consider passing a bylaw to exempt properties owned by Calgary Housing Company, from property tax, in future years.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED as part of the promised Provincial review of Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation that The City continue to advocate for reforms to exempt CHC and other non-profit housing providers from municipal and provincial property taxes, working with Alberta Municipalities and through other avenues as needed.

Attachment(s):

1. Notice of Motion Checklist