



Report Number: EC2024-0132

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2024 January 23

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: 2024 Residential Tax Rebate

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Cllr Wong, Cllr Chabot, Cllr Sharp, Cllr Wyness, Cllr Chu, Cllr McLean

WHEREAS on 2023 November 22, City Council approved the recommendations of 'C2023-1148 November Adjustments to the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets';

AND WHEREAS Council approved Recommendation #1 '...shift the tax share from non-residential to residential by 1 per cent per year for the next 3 years...' resulting in an approximate 47% Non-Residential/53% Residential Tax Share for 2024 and a further 1% shift in each 2025 and 2026;

AND WHEREAS Approved Recommendation #1 improved Calgary's perceived municipal non-residential tax competitiveness and lowered the non-residential to residential tax rate ratio from 4.59 projected without a 1% tax share shift to 4.41 helping to ensure that the tax rate ratio remained lower than the Municipal Government Act threshold of 5:1;

AND WHEREAS Approved Recommendation #1 tax share shift results in a \$23.1 million shift of taxes from non-residential to residential taxpayers, thus increasing the 2024 residential tax by just over 2%;

AND WHEREAS the approval of Recommendation #1 was done in consultation with, support from and benefits to Calgary's economic, business, and commercial taxpayer advocates and in alignment to a recommendation of the Financial Task Force;

AND WHEREAS Approved Recommendation #1 was not introduced in consultation with Calgary's residential taxpayers prior to the 2021 municipal elections nor in the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets;

AND WHEREAS Calgary's residential taxpayers have indicated to The City that households are becoming excessively challenged with rising home and household costs due to rising municipal taxes, fees, utilities, and other non-municipal costs including insurance, food, and consumer inflation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Council reconsider its decision regarding Report C2023-1148 from its 2023 November 07 Meeting of Council to approve the '2023 November Adjustments to the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets';
2. That Council direct Administration to return:
 - a. to the Regular Council meeting of 2024 February 27th with a list of one-time, operating, and capital budget adjustments to reduce the 2024 operating and/or capital budget by \$23.1 million in order to rebate the tax increase to residential taxpayers due to the 2024 1 per cent tax share change approved by Council; and
 - b. with \$23.1 million in ongoing budget adjustments to reduce the 2025 operating budget through the Mid-Cycle Adjustments process in order to negate the bow wave effects related to a one-time budget adjustment.

Attachment

1. Notice of Motion Checklist