

TAX SHIFT RESPONSE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHMENT, PFC2019-0751

BACKGROUND:

By motion of Council on 2019 May 27, the Priorities and Finance Committee was directed to place an agenda item on the 2019 June 04 Regular meeting in order to establish a working group.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of Council, held 2019 MAY 27:

“11.3.4 Establishment of Working Group, With Respect To Report C2019-0352, Downtown Tax Shift Response (Recommendation 10 Only)- PFC2019-0451

Moved by Councillor Gondek

Seconded by Councillor Sutherland

That with respect to Report PFC2019-0451, the following be adopted:

In accordance with the Procedure Bylaw 35M2017, as amended, Appendix B, B.9. (a), (c), (e) and (l):

1. Council direct Priorities and Finance Committee (PFC) to form a tax shift response working group by June 30, 2019, with a mandate to assess the best options for greater tax parity between assessment classes, based on an analysis of root problems that include but are not limited to disparity in proportional share of operating budget and absence of zero-based budgeting on an annual basis.
2. Council direct that PFC add an agenda item to its June 4, 2019 meeting that allows committee to:
 - a. appoint a PFC member to lead the working group,
 - b. determine which other members of Council will be part of the working group,
 - c. determine which members of Administration will be part of the working group, and
 - c. enable the lead of the working group to reach out to external stakeholder groups and bring back a list of names for the working group to finalize by June 30, 2019.
3. The tax shift response working group shall provide updates to PFC at each meeting until November 2019, at which time final recommendations will be presented to inform Council's budget deliberations so that an informed tax shift decision can be made as part of the budget process, providing certainty and predictability for property owners by November 29, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED”