



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES July 7th, 2020

The Special Meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, July 7th, 2020 at 7:05pm By Video Conference Call

Present: Mayor Kandis Jameson, Deputy Mayor Bouchard, Councilors Duford, Anderson, Chambers, Groenewegen and Willows

Staff: SAO – Glenn Smith, Director of Recreation – Stephane Millette, Director of Protective Services – Ross Potter, Director of Public Works – Mike Auge, Director of Finance – Sam Mugford, Council Administrator – Stacey Barnes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

This Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with Mayor Jameson presiding.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#20-159

MOVED BY CLLR DUFORD

SECONDED BY: CLLR CHAMBERS

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, July 7th, 2020.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Letter of Support

RECOMMENDATION:

#20-160

MOVED BY: CLLR ANDERSON

SECONDED BY: CLLR GROENEWEGEN

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER directs Administration to draft a letter supporting the Persons with Disabilities’ application for “Youth Centre Initiatives” for Youth programs.

CARRIED

BACKGROUND:

See attachment for the background information supporting this letter of support.

COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

N/A

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

N/A



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Other levels of government do not pay property tax however they do pay a “grant in lieu” of tax. Municipal properties are exempt from tax as are a few other properties such as churches, etc.

Property assessments for government land and improvements are categorized according to predominant use property class (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, etc.) and calculation of grants in lieu are derived using the same mill rates that apply for taxable properties (by class). Therefore, for the purposes of this paper the revenues earned through grants in lieu are included as a source of revenue derived from property assessments and any recommended increases will apply to properties that are grantable.

The 2020 mill rates are applied to 2019 assessment values to generate the revenue that is approved during the 2020 O&M budget process.

On December 11, 2019, Council approved a targeted 2% increase in property tax revenues, which would equate to a gross increase of \$126,000.

School Tax Levy

The Town of Hay River administers a school tax levy on behalf of the GNWT. School tax is collected and remitted to the GNWT and the rate is set by the GNWT. On March 13, 2020, the Town received notice (see attached) that the school tax levy would be set at 2.27 for 2020. The 2019 school tax levy was 2.23. School tax applies to all taxable property as well as all non-GNWT grantable property.

The School tax levy is applied in the same manner as the municipal levy and is assessed per \$1,000 of value.

Proposed Mill Rate:

Property Class	Municipal Mill Rate	School Tax Levy Rate	Total Mill Rate
01 Residential	12.950	2.27	15.220
02 Commercial	15.600	2.27	17.870
03 Industrial	17.700	2.27	19.970
04 Institutional	34.250	2.27	36.520
05 Urban Other	12.950	2.27	15.220
06 Rural Residential Developed	11.655	2.27	13.925
07 Rural Residential Non-developed	11.755	2.27	14.025
08 Rural Commercial	11.755	2.27	14.025
09 Rural Industrial Developed	11.755	2.27	14.025
10 Rural Industrial Non-developed	11.755	2.27	14.025
11 Rural Agriculture	11.755	2.27	14.025
12 Rural Quarries and Minerals	11.755	2.27	14.025

The revenue to be earned from these proposed rates (excluding school tax which is a flow through to the GNWT) is \$6,454,000. In the case of Class 04- Institutional, very few of the properties under this classification will be charged the Education Mill rate as they are own by the Territorial Government.



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COUNCIL POLICY/STRATEGY OR GOAL:

To provide appropriate stewardship of Town assets and finances.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS OR STUDIES:

Cities, Towns and Villages Act, S.N.W.T. 2003, c. 22, Sections 107, 108 and 109
Financial Administration By-law 2252/FIN/11
NWT Property and Assessment Tax Act

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

2020 Education Mill Rates – Hay River

Prepared by:
Sam Mugford, CPA, CA
Director of Finance and Administration
Date: June 30, 2020

Reviewed by:
Glenn Smith
SAO
Date: July 3rd, 2020

c. EXCUSED ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER excuses Councillor Dohey from the Special Meeting of Council, Tuesday, July 7th, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

Councillor Dohey has asked to be excused from the Special Meeting of Council, Tuesday, July 7th, 2020

COUNCIL POLICY / STRATEGY OR GOAL:

N/A

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

N/A



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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

Prepared by:
Stacey Barnes
Council Administrator
Date: July 7th, 2020

Reviewed by:

5. BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 2420 – Mill Rate Bylaw – First Reading

#20-163

**MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR BOUCHARD
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD**

CARRIED

Bylaw 2420 – Mill Rate – Second Reading

#20-164

**MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR BOUCHARD
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD**

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

#20-165

MOVED BY: CLLR WILLOWS

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:16pm.

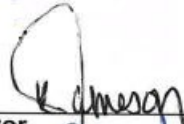
CARRIED




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Certified Correct as Recorded on the 7th Day of July 2020

These minutes were accepted by motion #20-193.



Mayor



Senior Administrative Officer