



COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE Problem Properties Initiative Update

Recommendation 1 of the Committee

1. That the Fire Rescue Services Branch, Office of the City Manager, 2022 operating budget be increased by up to \$850,000 on a one time basis with one-time funding from the Edmonton Police Services funds held within Financial Strategies, for the purpose of extending the Community Property Safety Team pilot for up to 18 months, and prepare an unfunded service package for consideration at the 2023-2026 budget.
2. That the Community Standards and Neighbourhoods Branch, Community Services, 2022 operating budget be increased by \$915,000 on a one-time basis with one-time funding from Edmonton Police Services funds held within Financial Strategies, to enhance dedicated resources for problem properties as outlined in the April 11, 2022, Community Services report CS00896, and prepare an unfunded service package for consideration at the 2023-2026 budget.

Recommendation 2 of the Committee

That Administration provide a report to Committee outlining:

1. Options for definitions of “derelict” residential and non-residential properties for the purposes of creating tax subclasses, including:
 - a. a discussion of tax rate differentials for a “derelict properties” subclasses, including the maximum allowable rate ratio associated with a derelict non-residential tax subclass;
 - b. details of an off-setting grant program, along with a draft policy, that could further incentivize redevelopment of “derelict properties”; and
 - c. methodology for monitoring and proving that derelict non-residential property are unoccupied for at least one year to ensure compliance with the Edmonton City Charter, 2018 Regulation.
2. An approach for increasing the demolition and/or disposition of problem properties, including but not limited to increased acquisition of properties through tax forfeiture.

Due Date: October 28, 2022, Community and Public Services Committee

History

- At the April 11, 2022, Community and Public Services Committee meeting, the April 11, 2022, Community Services report CS00896, was considered.
- The Committee heard from K. Gingras, Edmonton Community Development Company; C. Morin, Arts on the Ave; S. Grasso; E. Estrada, Alberta Avenue Community League; C. Shaw; K. Hurtado; D. Piquette; M. Glasgow; J. Samson; and J. Peverett.

Related motion passed at the April 11, 2022, Community and Public Services Committee meeting

- That Administration provide an update on the Housing Redevelopment Grant program, including lessons learned and opportunities to align with efforts around problem properties.

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Attachment

April 11, 2022, Community Services report CS00896