

## **BYLAW 20386**

### **To Fix the Fees for Assessment and Tax Services of the City of Edmonton - Amendment #7 to Bylaw 17693**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Bylaw 20386 be given the appropriate readings.

#### **Purpose**

To amend Bylaw 17693, to establish the fees to be charged for assessment and taxation services provided by the City of Edmonton.

#### **Readings**

Bylaw 20386 is ready for three readings.

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

Three readings are required by January 31, 2023, to provide notice to account holders of the change in fees effective January 1, 2023.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 20386 be considered for third reading.”

#### **Position of Administration**

Administration supports this Bylaw.

#### **Previous Council/Committee Action**

The fees for assessment and taxation services were previously approved by Council on October 31, 2022. This report is being generated by Administration to accommodate a subsequent decision made by Council during their budget deliberations to increase the fee for lending institution services from \$19.00 to \$25.00. No other changes are required; as this is the only change, a “redline” version attachment was not created for this bylaw report.

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## **Report Summary**

This Bylaw establishes the fees associated with a number of the Assessment and Taxation information services provided by the City of Edmonton.

## **REPORT**

The 2023 fees for existing services recommended for Council approval are set out of Schedule "A" to this bylaw (Attachment 1). These fees are reviewed annually with consideration to the cost to provide the service as well as the fees imposed by other jurisdictions. For 2023, a number of minor changes were made to the descriptions of the types of services offered by the Assessment and Taxation Branch. These were updated primarily to add clarity to the descriptions of services offered as well as to ensure the fees were located under the appropriate heading in the Schedule.

An updated fee bylaw was passed on October 31, 2022, but City Council subsequently adjusted the lending institution services fee during budget deliberations. This report deals specifically with the decision to increase the fee for lending institution services from \$19.00 to \$25.00.

The Lending Institution Services Fee is charged to support mortgage companies paying property taxes on behalf of their clients. In 2022, that fee was increased from \$10.50 to \$19.00 to reflect additional services and information the City was providing to lending institutions. This bylaw now reflects the further increase approved by Council during its 2023-2026 budget deliberations to \$25.00.

## **Budget/Financial Implications**

Passage of this bylaw is expected to increase the Assessment and Taxation revenues associated with fees for services provided to lending institutions by approximately \$420,000 in 2023, for a total budget of \$1.75 million.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Bylaw 20386 - To Fix the Fees for Assessment and Tax Services of the City of Edmonton - Amendment #7 to Bylaw 17693
2. Side by Side Comparison

## **OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT**

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor