

BYLAW 20577

To Fix the Fees for Assessment and Tax Services of the City of Edmonton - Amendment #8 to Bylaw 17693

Recommendation

That Bylaw 20577 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 20577 is ready for three readings.

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

Three readings are required by October 24, 2023, to provide notice to account holders of the change in fees effective January 1, 2024.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 20577 be considered for third reading.”

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 2024 fees for existing services recommended for Council approval are set out in 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 (Attachment 2).

For 2024, 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

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the descriptions of services offered as well as to ensure the fees were aligned under the appropriate heading in Schedule A. The fees for these services were also increased slightly to adjust for increased staff costs and to reflect the complexity of performing these services.

A comparison showing the changes to the bylaw is provided in Attachment 3. A redline version showing the changes to Bylaw 17693 is included as Attachment 4.

Budget/Financial Implications

Passage of this bylaw is expected to increase the Assessment and Taxation revenues associated with fees for services by approximately \$0.1 million; the current 2024 forecast for Tax Service and Certificate revenues is \$3.79 million.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 20577 - To Fix the Fees for Assessment and Tax Services of the City of Edmonton - Amendment #8 to Bylaw 17693
2. Survey of 2023 Fees for Municipalities
3. Side by Side Comparison to Bylaw 17693 and Bylaw 20577
4. Redline Version of Bylaw 17693

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor