

TAXES RECOMMENDED FOR CANCELLATION (WRITE-OFF)

Cancellation of Uncollectible Taxes and Penalties

Recommendation

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That the cancellation (write-off) of \$198,365.88 in uncollectible taxes, including all accrued penalties, as at December 31, 2023, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the February 7, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02200, be approved.

Requested Action	Decision		
ConnectEdmonton's Guiding Principle	ConnectEdmonton Strategic Goals		
CONNECTED This unifies our work to achieve our strategic goals.	N/A		
City Plan Values	N/A		
City Plan Big City Move(s)	N/A	Relationship to Council's Strategic Priorities	Conditions for service success
Corporate Business Plan	Managing the corporation		
Council Policy, Program or Project Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 		
Related Council Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 		

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Executive Summary

- This annual report recommends the cancellation (write-off) of uncollectible property and Business Improvement Area taxes and penalties.
- There are 102 inactive accounts for a total write-off of \$198,365.88.

REPORT

Administration has reviewed the inactive accounts on the City's tax roll with outstanding property and Business Improvement Area (BIA) taxes. These accounts reflect unpaid taxes and penalties as of December 31, 2023. As all methods of collection have been exhausted, or the amount owing being smaller than the cost to collect, these account balances are recommended for cancellation (write-off).

The annual write-off of uncollectible BIA taxes represents 0.7 per cent of the annual BIA tax levy and reflects account balances related to 2022 and prior years. The increase in uncollectible amounts is attributable to the suspension of collection activity during 2020 and into 2021, due to COVID-19 pandemic impacts.

The criteria for cancellation (write-off) is described in Attachment 1. The inactive account types and balances are listed in Attachment 2.

Budget/Financial Implications

Administration has budgeted for uncollectible taxes and penalties.

Community Insight

This annual report to City Council requests approval to write-off uncollectible taxes and penalties on inactive property and Business Improvement Area tax accounts, for which all methods of collection have been exhausted.

GBA+

The GBA+ considerations of this report, as with nearly all property tax policy matters, relate to the individuals who own property. Property taxation does not consider any individual's gender, race, ethnicity, religion, age or disability, in that the amount of taxes paid is based solely on a property's value.

Attachments

1. Cancellation (Write-Off) Criteria By Category
2. Account Balances Recommended for Write-Off by Category