

BYLAW 20894

To Fix the Fees for Assessment and Tax Services of the City of Edmonton - Amendment #9 to Bylaw 17693

Recommendation

That Bylaw 20894 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 20894 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 22, 2024, to provide notice to account holders of the change in fees effective January 1, 2025.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 20894 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 2025 fees for existing services recommended for Council approval are set out in Schedule “A” to Bylaw 20894 (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 2025, the majority of the fees are unchanged. A small number of minor fee adjustments were made to provide consistency in charges across service types. This resulted in the fees for six

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services being adjusted from \$18.75 to \$19.50, to better align with the existing fee structure. The fee for requesting a Property Tax Account Transaction History was also increased from \$18.75 to \$39.00 to better reflect the complexity of the manual work involved in performing this service. A redline version showing the changes to Schedule A of Bylaw 20894 is included as Attachment 3.

Minor amendments were also made to three sections of Bylaw 17693 for administrative purposes and to clean up items such as the removal of male and female gender references. A redline version showing the changes to Bylaw 17693 is included as Attachment 4. The bylaw, as amended, is included as Attachment 5.

Budget/Financial Implications

Passage of this bylaw is not expected to significantly change the Assessment and Taxation revenues associated with fees for services. The current 2025 forecast for Tax Services and Certificate revenues is \$3.86 million.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 20894 - To Fix the Fees for Assessment and Tax Services of the City of Edmonton - Amendment #9 to Bylaw 17693
2. Survey of 2024 Fees for Municipalities
3. Bylaw 17693 - Schedule A - Redline Version
4. Bylaw 17693 - Redline Version
5. Bylaw 17693 As Amended

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor