

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Monday May 10, 2021



DELEGATIONS

CALGARY METROPOLITAN REGIONAL BOARD (CMRB): GROWTH & SERVICING PLANS UPDATE

An update on the CMRB Growth and Servicing Plans was presented to Council.

The development of the Plans was managed by CMRB administration with support and active participation by elected representative and administrations of the 10 member municipalities. Public input was received over three public engagement periods and from a panel of external stakeholders approved by the Board.

The Growth Plan is to be delivered to the Minister of Municipal Affairs by June 1, 2021.

Council accepted the CMRB Growth Plan and Servicing Plan Update as information.

BYLAW 04/2021 ANNUAL TAX RATE

This bylaw establishes the 2021 municipal property tax rates.

The average residential property saw a decrease in assessed value and should expect to see a .044% decrease.

The non residential municipal taxes will increase by approximately 1.52% on average.

Council gave second and third reading to the Bylaw.

BYLAW 05/2021 ANNUAL COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION LEVY (CRL) TAX RATE

This bylaw establishes the 2021 tax rates for properties included in the Community Revitalization Levy zone.

Council gave second and third reading to the Bylaw.

BYLAW 06/2021 SUPPLEMENTARY COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION LEVY (CRL) TAX RATE

This bylaw establishes the 2021 tax rates for the supplementary taxation of new CRL properties, in the same way other new properties are supplementary taxed upon completion.

Council gave second and third reading to the Bylaw.

BYLAW 08/2021 SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AMENDMENT

This bylaw proposes to amend the sanitary sewer service bylaw to allow residential sanitary sewer consumption charges to equal the water consumption volume if the winter average (May to October) exceeds the water consumption.

Council gave second and third reading to the Bylaw.

SURETY BONDS AS A FORM OF DEVELOPMENT SECURITY

Administration requested Council approval to accept Surety Bonds as another option of performance security for our development community.

Currently, we accept Letters of Credit from all financial institutions listed in the Bank Act of Canada as well as Funds in Trust provided directly to the municipality. Accepting Surety Bonds provides developers with another option of how they can provide the calculated securities for their development.

The amount of security determined for each development and the process of how they are reduced and/or released is not impacted by this new form of security.

Council accepted the use of Surety Bonds as a form of development security for new Subdivision and Development Permit applications and further, directed Administration to add the needed wording to the standard Subdivision Servicing and Development Agreements to allow for Surety Bonds.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Administration requested a special Council meeting on May 17, 2021 to discuss the CMRB Growth Plan and Servicing Plan. The CMRB is scheduled to vote on the Growth and Servicing Plans on May 21, 2021 which is before the next scheduled Regular Council meeting on May 25, 2021.

The special meeting will provide Council with the opportunity to receive a background report and recommendation from Administration as well as the opportunity to discuss and provide direction on the CMRB Growth and Servicing Plans prior to the vote date.

The Special Council meeting will take place May 17, 2021 at 4pm and will be live streamed.

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