



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of January 10, 2020

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** January 6, 2020
From: Susanne Thompson, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Subject: 2020 Updated Estimate for New Property Tax Revenue from New Development

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an updated estimate for new property tax revenue from new development based on the latest information provided by BC Assessment.

The updated estimate is \$3.5 million; an increase of \$1 million from the original estimate reported to Council on October 17, 2019. Council has already allocated funding to a number of initiatives and the remaining estimated new property tax revenue from new development is equivalent to an approximate 1.81% reduction to the tax increase. Appendix A of agenda item D.2 – Proposed Adjustments to the Draft 2020-2024 Financial Plan - on today's agenda has been updated to reflect this change.

The original estimate was based on BC Assessment's preliminary information released in September 2019 which did not include property adjustments between September and December 2019. This new estimate is likely to change again due to assessment appeals filed by property owners before the assessment roll is finalized in March 2020. The most recent report from BC Assessment indicates that there are significant appeals underway. The above estimate takes into account the potential impact of appeals.

As outlined during the 2020 financial planning process, three asset areas require additional funding to maintain current service levels: roads, facilities, and fleet. Therefore, it is recommended that any remaining funding, once Council has approved funding for any supplementary requests, be transferred to the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve and the Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Reserve.

Respectfully submitted,

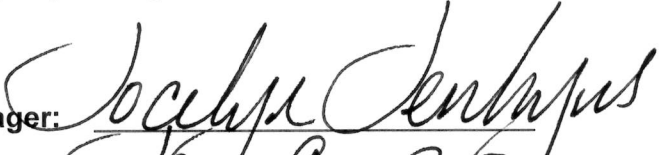


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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:


Date: Jan 9, 2020