



**Council Report**  
For the Meeting of April 16, 2020

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**To:** Council **Date:** April 14, 2020  
**From:** C. Coates, City Clerk  
**Subject:** Amendment Bylaw (No. 1) No. 20-059

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Amendment (No.1) Bylaw No. 20-059:

1. be given first, second and third readings.
2. be reconsidered and adopted.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the April 9, 2020 council meeting, Council approved a multi-part motion pertaining to Financial Plan adjustments and other considerations related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In connection with tax payment due dates and tax penalty addition dates the motions were:

**“Extend the payment due date for property taxes to August 1, 2020 to align with the date the City is required to pay the property taxes levied on behalf of the Capital Regional District, the Capital Regional Hospital District, BC Assessment, and the Municipal Finance Authority; and bring forward amendments to the Alternative Tax Scheme Bylaw to align with the August due date”.**


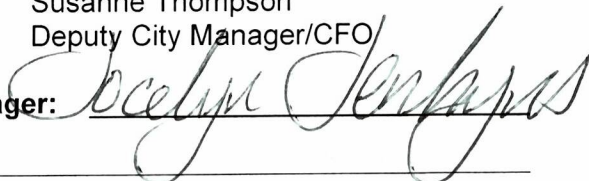
**“Amend the Alternate Tax Scheme Bylaw and adjust the penalties to 2 per cent per month for August, September, October, November and December for 2020”.**

Attached for Council’s consideration is an amendment bylaw to authorize the tax penalty due date change to the first business day August (August 4<sup>th</sup>) and to implements a 2% penalty each month after that to total the required 10% penalty.

The Provincial Government Order passed in March, established that local governments may adopt a bylaw in the same meeting as it is introduced. While not to be used lightly, the authority to adopt a Bylaw in one meeting is recommended for this matter to initiate the relief to ratepayers immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chris Coates  
City Clerk

  
Susanne Thompson  
Deputy City Manager/CFO  


**Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:**

Date: Apr/14, 2020

**List of Attachments:**

**Attachment A: Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Amendment Bylaw No. 20-059**  
**Attachment B: Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw No. 20-039**