

CITY OF VAUGHAN STAFF CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTORS OF ONTARIO

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommends:

That the following report with respect to the contribution made by the City of Vaughan staff in the development of the AMTCO Guide to the Tax Sale Process be received.

Economic Impact

Not applicable.

Purpose

To advise Council of the contribution that staff in the City's Finance department made towards the development of a Guide to the Tax Sale Process. The Guide was developed for the Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario (AMTCO) and will be used Province wide.

Background - Analysis and Options

On January 1, 2003, as the new *Municipal Act, 2001*, came in effect, the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* was repealed. Consequently, the Treasurer's Guide to the *Municipal Tax Sales Act, 1984* became obsolete.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs authored and published the original Treasurer's Guide in 1986 and the expectation of those involved in municipal taxation was that a new guide would accompany the new legislation. In response to this need, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has supported this AMTCO initiative.

The AMTCO Education Committee developed this Guide to benefit the property tax practitioner. The Guide provides clear instructions on complying with legislative requirements. In addition, the authors have drawn on their combined experiences with the intent to provide the practitioner with a set of best practices. To best serve the Practitioner, the Guide should be used in conjunction with legislation and in consultation with the municipality's legal counsel.

Six municipalities contributed to the development of the Guide:

- City of Vaughan
- Town of Oakville
- City of Oshawa
- City of Greater Sudbury
- City of Mississauga
- City of Kawartha Lakes

Grace Marsh contributed extensively to the development of the Guide. Grace was the Past President & Parliamentarian of the AMTCO and at the time, the Property Tax Manager for the City of Vaughan.

AMTCO has formally expressed their appreciation through a letter to the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and provided a complimentary copy of the Guide.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Promoting and supporting initiatives such as this promotes our staff, promotes the City of Vaughan and builds a positive staff morale.

Conclusion

The contribution of staff should be acknowledged and support for these and other similar initiatives should continue to be encouraged and acknowledged.

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services