

MPAC INFORMATION LICENCE AND PRODUCT USE SHEETS

Recommendation

The Director of Financial Services, in consultation with the Manager of Property Tax and Assessment and the Director of Legal Services recommends:

That a by-law be enacted authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Property Assessment Information Licence Agreement and various Product Use Sheets between The Corporation of the City of Vaughan and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

Economic Impact

Should this Information Licence Agreement and various Product Use Sheets not be signed, there would be a delay and other possible complications in the tax billing processes.

Communications Plan

A Communications Plan is not applicable to this report.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek authorization from Council for the Mayor and City Clerk to proceed with signing the 2007 MPAC Information Licence and Product Use Sheets.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for property assessment values throughout Ontario. MPAC provides the City annually with an Information Licence Agreement that is required to be signed, prior to the release of any electronic data to the City pertaining to tax and assessment matters. The City requires this assessment data to successfully bill property taxes and provided assessment services to the public.

The Information Licence Agreement between the City and MPAC pertains to the right to use certain property assessment information, which MPAC has in its database, by the City in its assessment and taxation requirements and other purposes. The City is agreeing to terms and conditions protecting MPAC's ownership of those various assessment information products.

Specific Product Use Sheets are also included and must be specifically signed in conjunction with this new Licence Agreement. The Products are described as follows:

1. Municipal Kiosk ;
2. Municipal Connect;
3. Omitted/Supplementary Tax Files;
4. Year-End Tax File

The following is a brief description of the products to be provided:

Municipal Kiosk – This product provides a publicly accessible Information Kiosk that is currently sitting on the counter in the front office of Financial Services. This information is accessed and used by both the public and internal staff.

Municipal Connect – This internet based service provides real-time property data and reporting capabilities. The data is updated regularly and provides the City with current assessment information including assessment growth totals. Municipal Connect also provides a wide range of reports such as assessment value changes, municipal sales listings, population reports, assessments by property type or area and electoral reports.

Year End Tax File, Supplementary Tax Files and Omitted Tax Files – these are the electronic versions of the data required to issue interim, final and supplementary tax bills. Without these products, Finance would have to manually enter all the roll information into the property tax system before any bills could be issued.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

There are no Regional Implications in this Report.

Conclusion

Authorization is required for the signing of the MPAC Information Licence and Product Use Sheets for 2007 so that the City can received the required data and products necessary to carry out its property tax and assessment functions.

Attachments

None

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