

PROPERTY TAX SALE REGISTRATION

Recommendation

The Director of Financial Services, in consultation with the Manager of Property Tax & Assessment recommends that Council receive this report for information purposes.

Contribution to Sustainability

This is not applicable to this report.

Economic Impact

Not applicable to this report.

Communications Plan

Owners of these properties and all interested parties (mortgagees or lien holders) will be notified by registered mail of their property being eligible for registration of a tax arrears certificate.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information relating to properties that have tax arrears in excess of three years and therefore are eligible to come under the authority of the property tax sale legislation of the Municipal Act.

Background - Analysis and Options

The tax sale process is commenced under the authority of Part XI of the *Municipal Act, R.S.O 2001, as amended* for properties in all classes that have tax arrears in excess of three years. Staff utilize the tax sale process as part of an ongoing collection effort.

Staff, through various collection efforts including, but not limited to, letters and telephone cold-calling, receives satisfactory payment plans or full payment on most property tax accounts with arrears; however, the listed properties have been identified as being eligible for registration of a tax arrears certificate which is the first step in the tax sale process. The owners of the these properties and all the interested parties (mortgagees or lien holders) will be notified by registered mail of the initiation of this process.

Once a tax arrears certificate is registered on title, the property owner has one year to pay the tax account in full. Failing that, the owner, the spouse, a mortgagee or a tenant occupying the land may enter into an extension agreement with the City. An extension agreement allows additional time for payment of the property tax arrears. The terms of the agreement must be satisfactory to the City Treasurer and approved by Council through a by-law.

If payment in full or a satisfactory extension agreement is not processed during the 1-year period, the City is in a position to proceed with a tax sale to recover outstanding property taxes, late payment charges and costs incurred relating to the tax sale process. Council will be informed if any of the listed properties reach that point.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth by Council in Vaughan Vision 2020 and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

There are no Regional implications.

Conclusion

Finance staff will continue to contact and/or meet with the property owner(s) in an effort to negotiate acceptable payment arrangements.

Attachments

None

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