



## UDI-ER COUNCIL BRIEFING NOTE

**Date:** March 30, 2020

**Municipality:** City of Edmonton

**Topic:** COVID-19 Response Financial Update

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### What Happened at Council

- On Monday, March 30, 2020, City Council received an [COVID-19 Response Financial Update](#) from Administration
- Following a presentation from Administration and deliberations by Councilors, the following motion was unanimously carried by Council:
  - 1. That Administration bring back an amendment to Bylaw 12914, Tax Penalty Interest and Monthly Payment Bylaw, removing all penalties for outstanding business improvement area taxes until August, 2020, or such later date that Administration deems reasonable.
  - 2. That Administration bring back an amendment to Bylaw 12914, Tax Penalty Interest and Monthly Payment Bylaw, allowing taxpayers that are on monthly payment plans to request a delay to monthly payments occurring between April and August or such later date that Administration deems reasonable.
  - 3. That the following motion passed at the March 20, 2020, Special City Council meeting be amended to add “or such later date that Administration deems reasonable” after “August 31, 2020”:
    - That Administration bring back an Amendment to Bylaw 12914, the Tax Penalty, Interest and Monthly Payment Bylaw to eliminate the July 1, 2020 penalty for the failure to pay current property taxes for both residential and non-residential property owners and to cancel penalties on previous years’ property taxes on residential and non-residential property owners between July 1 and August 31, 2020.
  - 4. That the following principles to address the financial impact of the COVID-19 response be approved:
    - Safety – The public’s safety is a top priority
    - Combination of Tools – Revenue reductions will be addressed with a combination one-time funding as well as and strategic decisions on spending/service reductions
    - Long Range Focus – Address the short term issues but be mindful of the impact on the municipal corporation’s long term financial sustainability
    - Local Economy – Continue to support stabilization of the local economy
    - Honour Relationships – Workforce strategies will be fair and respectful
    - City Building – Evaluate for 2020 and beyond to determine what advances

- Numbers 1-3 of the motion were recommended by Administration in the original [Council Report](#), while Number 4 was added following council deliberations.

### **Next Steps**

- While City Council has suspended all *regularly scheduled* City Council and Standing Committee meetings until Monday, April 27, 2020, the Spring Supplemental *Operating Budget Adjustment* (updated for COVID-19 financial impacts) is currently scheduled for mid-April, 2020.
- UDI-ER will advise Members regarding any updates/changes to Council's schedule.