



The Corporation of the County of Bruce

Corporate Services Committee Finance and Property Division

Minutes

January 2, 2014
10:04 a.m.
Council Chambers
Walkerton, Ontario

Present: Warden John Close (Chair)

Councillors Paul Eagleson, Bill Goetz, David Inglis, Larry Kraemer,
Milt McIver and Mike Smith
Alternate Wilf Gamble

Staff: Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer
Darlene Batte, Administrative Assistant
Bettyanne Cobean, Clerk-Treasurer

Regrets: Councillor Mitch Twolan

1. Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Action Items

A. 2014 Property Tax Policy Review

**Moved by Councillor Mike Smith
Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver**

That the 2014 County-wide tax ratios and class discounts be approved as set out in Table 1 and that staff be directed to prepare the necessary tax ratio by-law; and,

That the following parameters be established for the purposes of calculating the 2014 Capping Clawback rates in accordance with section 329.1 of the Municipal Act:

- (i) Annualized Tax Limit – Cap based on previous year's annualized tax**

That the cap on annualized taxes be 10%.

(ii) CVA Tax Limit – Cap based on previous year’s CVA tax

That the cap on CVA taxes be 5%.

(iii) CVA Tax Threshold for Protected Properties (Increases) – Threshold is applied to move certain protected properties to full CVA taxes

That the threshold that applies to capped properties be set at the maximum allowable amount without creating a shortfall for each of the multi-residential, commercial and industrial property classes - \$250

(iv) CVA Tax Threshold for Claw Back Properties (Decreases) – Threshold is applied to move certain clawed back properties to full CVA taxes

That the threshold that applies to clawed back properties be set at the maximum allowable amount without creating a shortfall for each of the multi-residential commercial and industrial property classes - \$250

(v) Minimum Tax Level for New to Class / New Construction Properties

That the minimum tax level for new to class / new construction properties be 100%.

(vi) Stay at CVA Tax

(a) the “Stay at CVA Tax Option” excludes properties that were at CVA tax in 2012 from the capping and claw-back calculation in 2014;

(b) The “Cross CVA Tax Option” excludes properties that would move from being capped in 2012 to being clawed back in 2014 or from being clawed back in 2012 to being capped in 2014 as a result of the changes to the CVA tax caused by the 2014 reassessment; and,

That staff be directed to prepare the necessary by-law; and

That the Tax relief program for low income seniors and persons with disabilities be continued for the 2014 taxation year; and,

That the tax relief program for charities and other similar organizations be continued for the 2014 taxation year; and,

That all eligible Legion properties continue to be exempted from the payment of taxes for upper tier purposes for the taxation years 2014, 2015 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

That no Optional Property Classes are recommended

Carried

B. Property Assessment 2014

At the request of the Clerk-Treasurer, the Property Assessment 2014 Report was deferred to the special meeting scheduled for January 16, 2014.

3. Information Items

The following reports were received for information:

- Lame Duck;
- Grey Bruce Health Unit Budget

4. Closed Meeting

**Moved by Councillor Paul Eagleson
Seconded by Councillor Larry Kraemer**

That the Committee move into a closed meeting to discuss the Operational Review for the County of Bruce pursuant to section 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act related to the purpose of educating or training the members.

Carried

5. Rise and Report

**Moved by Councillor Milt McIver
Seconded by Councillor Bill Goetz**

That the Committee rise and report from the closed meeting.

Carried

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Corporate Services Committee – Finance and Property Division will take place on Thursday, January 16, 2014 in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Alternate Wilf Gamble

Seconded by Councillor Larry Kraemer

**That the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee –
Finance and Property Division adjourn at 10:32 a.m.**

Carried

Warden John Close, Chair

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