



## Corporate Services Committee Minutes

December 7, 2017  
11:01 a.m.  
Council Chambers  
Walkerton, Ontario

**Present:** Warden Paul Eagleson (Chair)  
Councillors Robert Buckle, Anne Eadie, David Inglis, Mike Smith and Mitch Twolan

**Staff:** Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer  
Darlene Batte, Deputy Clerk  
Bettyanne Cobean, Director of Corporate Services  
Melissa Legacy, Director of Library Services  
Christine MacDonald, Director of Human Services  
Cathy McGirr, Museum Director  
Michael McKeage, Director of Health Services

**Regrets:** Councillors Janice Jackson and Milt McIver

### 1. Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

### 2. Action Items

#### A. 2018 Property Tax Policy Review

Moved by Councillor Mike Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Mitch Twolan

That the 2018 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 2018 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 10%.

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 - \$500

iv. CVA Tax Threshold for Claw Back Properties (Decreasers) -  
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 - \$500

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 2017 from the capping and claw-back  
calculation in 2018;
- b. The "Cross CVA Tax Option" excludes properties that would  
move from being capped in 2017 to being clawed back in  
2018 or from being clawed back in 2017 to being capped in  
2018 as a result of the changes to the CVA tax caused by the  
2018 reassessment;

vii. That paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, of Subsection 8.0.2 (2) of Ontario  
Regulation 73/03 shall apply whereby properties that meet any of  
the following conditions shall be exempt from the capping  
calculations set out under Part IX of *The Act* for the taxation year:

- a. The capped taxes for the property in the previous year were  
equal to its uncapped taxes for that year.
- b. The capped taxes for the property in the previous year were  
lower than the property's uncapped taxes for that year, and  
the current year's capped taxes would be higher than the  
current year's uncapped taxes if Part IX were applied.
- c. The capped taxes for the property in the previous year were  
higher than the property's uncapped taxes for that year, and  
the current year's capped taxes would be lower than the  
current year's uncapped taxes if Part IX were applied.

- viii. That the vacant land properties be excluded from the capping phase out.
- ix. That capping protection be limited only to reassessment related changes prior to 2018.
- x. That the Industrial class be entered into the first year of the phase out of the application of Part IX of the Municipal Act.
- xi. That the Commercial class be entered into the first year of the phase out of the application of Part IX of the Municipal Act; and,

That the tax relief program for charities and other similar organizations be continued for the 2018 taxation year; and,

That the Tax relief program for low income seniors and persons with disabilities be continued for the 2018 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 2018, 2019, 2020; and,

That the Vacancy Rebate Program be continued for the 2018 taxation year; and,

That no Optional Property Classes are recommended.

Carried

### **3. Information Items**

The following reports were received for information:

- 2017 External Audit - BDO Planning Report
- Integrated Energy Performance Project - Green House Gas (GHG) Challenge Fund Application
- 2017 Grey Bruce Health Unit Budget Ministry of Health Funding Approval
- 2018 Insurance Program
- 2018 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Allocations

### **4. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Corporate Services Committee will take place on January 4, 2018 in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario

**5. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Mitch Twolan  
Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie**

**That the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee adjourn at  
11:10 a.m.**

**Carried**

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**Warden Paul Eagleson, Chair  
Corporate Services Committee**