

**A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Scoop Lewry Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall.**

PRESENT: Mayor Higgins  
Coun. Luhning  
Coun. Swanson  
Coun. Eby  
Coun. Boyle  
Coun. Kirkpatrick

ABSENT: Coun. Mitchell

ADMIN: Garry McKay, City Manager  
Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor  
Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services  
Brenda Hendrickson, City Treasurer/Acting City Assessor

MEDIA: Moose Jaw Times Herald  
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The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order to deal with the following items:

1. Report dated April 14, 2013 from the Financial Services Department, **re: 2013 Property Tax Phase-In.**

**Tabled Matter:**

2. Report dated April 9, 2013 from the City Manager, **re: 2013 Proposed Tax Policy.**

**Call to Order**

Councillor Swanson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Re: 2013 Property Tax Phase-In**

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Considered was a report dated April 14, 2013 from the Financial Services Department to provide Council with an analysis of the impact the 2013 reassessment will have on ratepayers in order to obtain Council's direction with respect to implementing a Tax Phase-In Program.

Moved by Mayor Higgins

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THAT the City of Moose Jaw adopt a Phase-In Program for the commercial property class in 2013 which would see eligible properties receive a 50% reduction in their tax increase compared to 2012. The following eligibility criteria would apply:

- Only properties with assessment increases/decreases directly attributable to re-assessment are eligible;
- Minimum assessment increases must be equivalent to 100%;
- Minimum tax increases must be equivalent to \$2,000;
- Those properties with tax decreases in excess of \$2,000 will be reduced to fund the program; and further

THAT Administration be directed to bring forward a bylaw authorizing a Property Tax Phase-In Program for 2013.

Carried.

**Tabled Matter:**

318 Moved by Coun. Eby  
THAT report dated April 9, 2013 from the City Manager regarding the 2013 Proposed Tax Policy, be lifted from the table.

Carried.

**Re: 2013 Proposed Tax Policy**

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Again considered was a report dated April 9, 2013 from the City Manager to provide City Council with an analysis of the 2013 reassessment changes and subsequent impact on taxation in order to obtain Council's direction with respect to Tax Policy.

319 Moved by Mayor Higgins  
THAT the City of Moose Jaw be revenue neutral by the major groupings of Residential and Commercial property classes.

Councillor Swanson requested a recorded vote on the motion.

Present: Mayor Higgins, Coun. Eby, Coun. Luhning, Coun. Swanson, Coun. Kirkpatrick, Coun. Boyle

**FOR**  
Mayor Higgins  
Coun. Boyle  
Coun. Kirkpatrick  
Coun. Eby

**AGAINST**  
Coun. Swanson  
Coun. Luhning

The Motion was Carried.

320 Moved by Coun. Eby  
THAT the Golf Course Subclass be maintained and that a mill rate factor adjustment be made to maintain the level of taxation at 2012 levels for the municipal portion of taxes prior to any tax increase.

Carried.

321 Moved by Coun. Boyle  
THAT the mill rate factor for other agricultural and non-arable land classes be set at a level which will result in the same level of taxation as if the property were located in the rural municipality of Moose Jaw.

Carried.

322 Moved by Mayor Higgins  
THAT the allowance for assessment appeals for commercial properties be set at a rate of 5% for 2013 and be revisited annually and adjusted for the expected appeal losses in each subsequent year; and

THAT the mill rate factors be adjusted to account for the lost revenue due to assessment appeals in the commercial property class each year.

Councillor Swanson requested a recorded vote on the motion.

Present: Mayor Higgins, Coun. Eby, Coun. Luhning, Coun. Swanson, Coun. Kirkpatrick, Coun. Boyle

**FOR**

Mayor Higgins  
Coun. Boyle  
Coun. Kirkpatrick  
Coun. Eby  
Coun. Luhning

**AGAINST**

Coun. Swanson

The Motion was Carried.

Moved by Coun. Swanson

THAT Condominium Property Class be treated the same in comparison to the single family residential class as in 2012.

Councillor Swanson requested a recorded vote on the motion.

Present: Mayor Higgins, Coun. Eby, Coun. Luhning, Coun. Swanson, Coun. Kirkpatrick, Coun. Boyle

**FOR**

Coun. Swanson

**AGAINST**

Mayor Higgins  
Coun. Boyle  
Coun. Kirkpatrick  
Coun. Eby  
Coun. Luhning

The Motion was Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Eby

323 THAT the meeting now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Sgd.) Coun. Swanson  
Chairperson