



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT:	Grants in Place of Taxes Write-offs		
SUBMISSION TO:	REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING	REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	
MEETING DATE:	November 26, 2024	CAO:	MANAGER: CG
DEPARTMENT:	FINANCE	DIR: EK	PRESENTER: SAW
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Economy	LEG: SS	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – In accordance with sections 347(1) and 366(1) & (2) of the Municipal Government Act

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That Council direct Administration to write-off the balances owing in the amount of \$26,566.51 on the Grants in Place of Taxes Properties with the expense to come from Corporate Services 2024 budget.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Government of Alberta owned properties are exempt from property taxes. However, a grant is awarded for a portion of the calculated yearly levy to acknowledge the benefits of municipal services provided to these properties.

To obtain the grant, municipalities must submit a tax notice for the full amount just as if they were a regular ratepayer. Once the budget is released, they notify the municipality of the amount eligible. Once again, the Province has approved a payment of 50%. At the discretion of the Province, some properties will be paid the full levy.

Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) accounts within Greenview's financial system will require the balance of the calculated levy to be written off instead of carrying balances forward that will never be paid.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is the property tax accounts will be accurately stated.
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DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: Council has the alternative to not accept the recommended motion; however, Administration does not recommend this action as it will result in the tax receivables being overstated in the financial reporting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Direct Costs: \$26,566.51 expensed as Allowance under Corporate Services 2024

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Administration will write-off the balances on the Grants in Place of Taxes properties.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 2024 GIPOT Write-offs spreadsheet

Cancellation, reduction, refund or deferral of taxes

347(1) If a council considers it equitable to do so, it may, generally or with respect to a particular taxable property or business or a class of taxable property or business, do one or more of the following, with or without conditions:

- (a) cancel or reduce tax arrears;
- (b) cancel or refund all or part of a tax;
- (c) defer the collection of a tax.

Grants in place of taxes

366(1) Each year a municipality may apply to the Crown for a grant if there is property in the municipality that the Crown has an interest in.

(2) The Crown may pay to the municipality a grant not exceeding the amount that would be recoverable by the municipality if the property that the Crown has an interest in were not exempt from taxation under this Division.