



## City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CORP-2022-087

Date: July 14, 2022

Originator: Margaret Karpenko

Business Unit:

Department:

Corporate Services

Financial Services Department

Subject: Reduction, Cancellation or Refund of Taxes – Section 357/358, the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25

Closed Session: yes  no

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### Recommendation

That Council accepts and approves the 5 applications as recommended by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for the period set out on each application form and that the applicable taxes either remain or are cancelled, reduced or refunded as authorized by Section 357/358 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c.25.

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### Background

Section 357/358 of the Municipal Act provides Council with the authority to cancel, reduce or refund taxes under various circumstances as set out in the Act upon application by the ratepayer.

The applications have been reviewed and the value verified by MPAC. Following staff's review of each application, four applications are recommended for Council's approval and one application to be denied. The subject applications deal specifically with:

- Section 357 (1) (b) - became vacant or excess land
- Section 357 (1) (c) - became exempt
- Section 357 (1) (d)(ii) - damaged and substantially unusable

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### Financial/Legal Implications

See Options/Analysis for Financial Implications.

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## Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government |  |

## Specific Objectives

- Ensure that Council and staff have a shared perception of goals

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## Options Analysis

Option 1: Council rejects the 5 applications and denies all or specific applications. The ratepayer has the opportunity to file a notice of appeal to the Assessment Review Board (ARB) and the ARB's decision is final. This option is not recommended.

Option 2: Council accepts and approves the 5 applications as recommended by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for the period set out on each application form and that the applicable taxes either remain or are cancelled, reduced or refunded as authorized by Section 357/358 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c.25.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Title: Chief Financial Officer /Treasurer

## I concur with this report and recommendation

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