



## **2016 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel**

**Monday, 2016 March 30**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Acting Mayor  
Councillor Pietro Calendino  
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal  
Councillor Dan Johnston  
Councillor Colleen Jordan  
Councillor Anne Kang  
Councillor James Wang

ABSENT: His Worship, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan  
Councillor Paul McDonell

STAFF: Mr. Jonathon Helmus, Assistant Director Engineering  
Mr. Richard Rowley, Assistant Director Finance  
Mr. Dennis Back, City Clerk  
Ms. Eva Prior, Administrative Officer

The Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **2. REPORTS**

#### **a) Report from Director Finance** **Re: 2016 Parcel Taxes**

The Director Finance submitted a report providing the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel with an overview of the parcel tax process.

The Director of Finance recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

THAT the recommendation of the Director of Finance be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b) Report from Director Finance**  
**Re: Local Area Service Foot Frontage Rules**

The Director Finance submitted a report providing an overview of the foot frontage rules used to charge the Local Area Service Taxes that form part of the Parcel Tax Roll.

The Director Finance recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG

THAT the recommendation of the Director Finance be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**c) APPEAL REPORTS**

**i) Report from Director Engineering**  
**Re: Foot Frontage Assessment – 3877 Eton Street**

The Director Engineering submitted a report reviewing the Local Area Services foot-frontage assessment for 3877 Eton Street.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the taxable foot-frontage assessment of property at 3877 Eton Street be reaffirmed at 60 meters (196.9 feet).

In an email dated 2016 March 24, the **Greater Vancouver Water District** (GVWD) filed a complaint regarding the foot frontage assessment alleging that their property on Eton Street is exempt from taxation.

Mr. Richard Rowley, Assistant Director Finance advised the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel that while the subject property owned by the GVWD is exempt from property taxation, it is not exempt from local area services project charges as established in the Local Improvement Charges Bylaw.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii) **Report from Director Engineering**  
**Re: Foot Frontage Assessment – 7750 Rayside Street**

The Director Engineering submitted a report reviewing the Local Area Services foot-frontage assessment for 7750 Rayside Street.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the taxable foot-frontage assessment of property at 7750 Rayside Street be reaffirmed at 20.76 meters (68.10 feet).

**Mr. Jessie Dhillon** appeared before the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel and spoke on behalf of the owners of 7750 Rayside Street and 7740 Rayside Street.

Mr. Dhillon noted that approximately eight (8) years ago, the two property owners paid to have the open ditch in front of the two properties enclosed and a drainage culvert installed. On this basis, Mr. Dhillon sought partial relief from the Local Area Service project charges for these two owners.

The Assistant Director Engineering advised that the ditch enclosures do not result in lower costs for the Local Area Service project, and with the installation of a sewer main in the street, the culverts become redundant. Further, it was noted that instructions are provided to property owners wishing to enclose drainage ditches advising that “in the event that a local area service project proceeds and the requested ditch enclosure work becomes redundant, there will be no refunds provided”.

**Ms. Lucy Gusola**, 7740 Rayside Street appeared before the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel and reiterated Mr. Dhillon’s comments and concerns.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**iii) Report from Director Engineering**  
**Re: Foot Frontage Assessment – 7740 Rayside Street**

The Director Engineering submitted a report reviewing the Local Area Services foot-frontage assessment for 7740 Rayside Street.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the taxable foot-frontage assessment of property at 7750 Rayside Street be reaffirmed at 23.28 meters (76.40 feet).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Panel members requested that, in future, staff provide more details relative to any complaints that are filed.

It was further requested that staff review current processes relative to ditch enclosure applications. Applicants to provide written acknowledgement that refunds or cost reductions will not be provided in the event of future Local Area Service projects that make the improvements redundant.

Staff undertook to provide a memo to Council confirming the process change.

**d) Report from Director Finance**  
**Re: Confirmation and Authentication of the 2016 Parcel Tax Rolls**

The Director Finance submitted a report requesting confirmation and authentication of the 2016 Sewer Parcel Tax Roll and the 2016 Local Area Service Tax Roll by the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel.

The Director Finance recommended:

1. THAT the 2016 Sewer Parcel Tax Roll as received by the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel be confirmed and authenticated.
2. THAT the 2016 Local Area Service Tax Roll as received by the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel be confirmed and authenticated.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendations of the Director Finance be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KANG  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT this Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Dennis Back  
CITY CLERK

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Councillor Nick Volkow  
ACTING MAYOR