**Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – November 19, 2014**

## REPORTS

**Item No. 7 Amendment to the Tax Penalty By-law No. 5796/91**

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION:

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# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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**Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee, Council**

## AUTHORIZATION

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## REASON FOR THE REPORT

Only Council can enact by-laws.

The tax due dates in this By-law have expired and must be updated.

## IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

This is a housekeeping amendment to set out tax due dates in the Tax Penalty By-law No. 5796/91.

Currently, the by-law includes specific tax due dates for a period of 10 years (i.e. 2004 to 2014). The last due date noted in the By-law is June 30, 2014.

Rather than setting another series of specific due dates, the amendment proposed in this report adopts a different approach. It provides that the due date for business taxes is the last business day of May each year and the due date for real property and personal property taxes is the last business day in June. This approach will ensure that tax due dates will be set in perpetuity without having to enact additional amendments to the by-law in the future.

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications to this report as this is to set tax due dates.

## HISTORY

The Tax Penalty By-law No. 5796/91 was originally passed by City Council on November 27, 1991 and outlines the tax due dates, the imposition and compounding of penalties, the penalty rates, exceptions, taxes paid by mail and the transfer of unpaid taxes.

On March 23, 2004 Council passed a by-law amendment to change the penalty rates as well as updating a table containing tax due dates in subsection 2(1) of the by-law with the table of dates listed below:

| | Business Taxes | Property Taxes |
|---|---|---|
| **Year** | **Due On** | **Due On** |
| 2004 | May 31 | June 30 |
| 2005 | May 31 | June 30 |
| 2006 | May 31 | June 30 |
| 2007 | May 31 | June 29 |
| 2008 | May 30 | June 30 |
| 2009 | May 29 | June 30 |
| 2010 | May 31 | June 30 |
| 2011 | May 31 | June 30 |
| 2012 | May 31 | June 29 |
| 2013 | May 31 | June 28 |
| 2014 | May 30 | June 30 |

On July 1, 2014 subsection 2(1) of the Tax Penalty By-law expired and requires updating.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

**Financial Impact Statement** **Date:** September 11, 2014

**Project Name:**

**Tax Penalty By-law Amendment**

**COMMENTS:**

There is no financial impact to the City of Winnipeg as this is a housekeeping by-law setting tax due dates in perpetuity.

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## CONSULTATION

**In preparing this report there was consultation with:**

**Internal: Legal Services Department (for by-law preparation only)**

**External**

## SUBMITTED BY

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