

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Kachur
City Clerk

FROM: Harold Dick
Legal Services

FILE:

DATE: December 8, 2017

RE: Tax Certificate Fees By-law amendment

Please find attached an amending by-law which will increase the two fees set out in the Tax Certificate Fees By-law No. 53/2015 by the rate of inflation.

This by-law is being provided directly to Council on the basis of Council's direction to the Public Service to increase fees annually by the rate of inflation first provided on January 22, 1992. This direction resulted in the enactment of the Fees and Charges By-law which authorized the Chief Financial Officer to increase annually all fees charged by the City by up to the rate of inflation.

The City is required by section 352 of *The City of Winnipeg Charter* to prescribe fees for tax certificates in a by-law. This means that the City cannot follow its preferred course of action and have these fees approved by Council resolution and thereafter raised by the Chief Financial Officer by the rate of inflation.

Because this by-law is consistent with directions issued by Council to the Public Service, Legal Services is of the view that it can be conveyed directly to Council by way of a communication.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

HAROLD DICK
Deputy City Solicitor

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Enclosure