Agenda – Council – March 25, 2021

Report – Executive Policy Committee – March 17, 2021

Item No. 19 2021 Mill Rates for the Education Support Levy and Special Levy

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 17, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the following to Council:

1. That, in compliance with the mandatory provisions of *The Public Schools Act*, the necessary by-laws required to fix and impose taxes sufficient to meet that portion of the cost of education required to be raised through levies on assessable property within the City of Winnipeg in 2021 be adopted.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing, including the submission of the necessary by-laws.

Report – Executive Policy Committee – March 17, 2021

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: 2021 Mill Rates for the Education Support Levy and Special Levy

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Administrative Report provides information regarding the 2021 budget requirements from the school divisions that are located within the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg as well as the Provincial Education Support Levy.

Section 184 of *The Public Schools Act* requires Council of the City of Winnipeg to fix and impose an Education Support Levy. Section 188 similarly requires the fixing and imposition of a Special Levy.

Therefore, in compliance with the mandatory provisions of *The Public Schools Act*, Council adopts the necessary by-laws required to fix and impose taxes sufficient to meet that portion of the cost of education required to be raised through levies on assessable property within the City of Winnipeg in 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, in compliance with the mandatory provisions of *The Public Schools Act*, Council adopts the necessary by-laws required to fix and impose taxes sufficient to meet that portion of the cost of education required to be raised through levies on assessable property within the City of Winnipeg in 2021.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing, including the submission of the necessary by-laws.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Section 184 of *The Public Schools Act* requires Council of the City of Winnipeg to fix and impose an Education Support Levy. Section 188 similarly requires the fixing and imposition of a Special Levy.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Property owners in the City of Winnipeg are affected by increases or decreases in education related mill rates.

There is no financial impact to the City of Winnipeg organization as the establishing of the education-related mill rates is revenue-neutral to the operating budget.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The **Education Support Levy** represents an amount the Province of Manitoba collects for educational purposes province-wide. Each municipality in the province is required to bill, collect and remit its respective share of this total amount.

The **Special Levy** represents the various school divisions' additional requirements or portions of their costs that do not qualify for provincial assistance under the province-wide Education Support Levy. In accordance with legislation, Council is required to annually collect and remit the City's share of these two levies to the Province and the school divisions respectively.

Provincial Education Support Levy

The Provincial Education Support Levy represents an amount the Province of Manitoba collects for educational purposes province-wide. Each municipality in the province is required to bill, collect and remit its respective share of this total amount.

The Provincial Education Support levy on Residential property was eliminated in 2006.

The Provincial Education Support levy on non-residential ("Other") property is $109,276,169 representing a decrease of $2,099,542 or 1.9% lower than the 2020 requirement.

The 2021 requirement corresponds to a mill rate of 8.903 for "Other" property which is 2.3% lower than the 2020 mill rate (see Schedule A).

Special Levy

The Special Levy represents the various school divisions' additional requirements or portions of their costs that do not qualify for provincial assistance under the province-wide Education Support Levy.

The City's eight school divisions' 2021 Special Levy requirements total $619,742,375.41 a decrease of $1,186,076.59 or 0.2% lower than the 2020 requirement. This change in Special Levy requirements ranges from a 4.1% decrease in the Seine River School Division to a 0.0% change in the Winnipeg, Pembina Trails and Louis Riel School Divisions (see Schedule A).

The change in the school divisions' Special Levy requirements, coupled with the change in their respective portioned assessment subject to this levy, has resulted in mill rate changes ranging from a 3.5% decrease in the Seine River School Division to a 0.3% decrease in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division (see Schedule A).

Impact of Combined Mill Rate for Education Purposes

For 2021, the combined levies for education purposes in Winnipeg will total $729,018,544.41, which is $3,285,551.59 or 0.4% lower than in 2020 (see Schedule A).

Based on the 2021 Operating Budget, education taxes now represent 53.6% of all property taxes collected in Winnipeg, compared to 54.6% in 2020 and 55.0% in 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** March 15, 2021

Project Name:

2021 Mill Rates for the Education Support Levy and Special Levy

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact as the establishing of education related mill rates is revenue neutral to the City of Winnipeg budget. The City will collect $729.018 million on behalf of the Province and school divisions and remit an equal amount, net of the applicable Education Property Tax Credit to the Province and school divisions.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Legal Services (for by-law preparation only)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

N/A

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

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Date: March 15, 2021
File No: 2021 School and Education Support Mill Rate Report

Attachments:

Schedule A – Amounts to be Raised for Education Purposes

Schedule A

Amounts to be Raised for Education Purposes

PAYABLE TO SCHOOL DIVISIONS	Requirements 2020	Requirements 2021	Change Amount	Change %	Portioned Assessments	Mill Rates 2020	Mill Rates 2021	Change
Provincial Levy on Other Property	111,375,711.00	109,276,169.00	(2,099,542.00)	-1.9%	12,273,420,105	09.112	08.903	-2.3%
	111,375,711.00	109,276,169.00	(2,099,542.00)	-1.9%	12,273,420,105			
Winnipeg	197,160,436.00	197,069,200.41	(91,235.59)	0.0%	13,513,956,342	14.662	14.583	-0.5%
St. James-Assiniboia	60,279,473.00	60,034,158.00	(245,315.00)	-0.4%	4,581,154,338	13.147	13.105	-0.3%
Pembina Trails	110,175,382.00	110,121,795.00	(53,587.00)	0.0%	9,775,910,589	11.622	11.265	-3.1%
Seven Oaks	53,162,056.00	52,847,836.00	(314,220.00)	-0.6%	3,314,694,621	16.345	15.944	-2.5%
Seine River	5,277,705.00	5,059,774.00	(217,931.00)	-4.1%	364,824,549	14.370	13.869	-3.5%
Interlake	45,480.00	44,077.00	(1,403.00)	-3.1%	3,494,201	12.997	12.614	-2.9%
Louis Riel	113,355,151.00	113,348,856.00	(6,295.00)	0.0%	8,677,711,279	13.257	13.062	-1.5%
River East Transcona	81,472,769.00	81,216,679.00	(256,090.00)	-0.3%	6,402,242,044	12.930	12.686	-1.9%
	620,928,385.00	619,742,375.41	(1,186,076.59)	-0.2%	46,633,987,963			
Total to be Raised for School Purposes	732,304,096.00	729,018,544.41	(3,285,551.59)	-0.4%				