

TO: Members of the Budget Committee

FROM: Brian Horton, Senior Director of Corporate Services

**MEETING DATE:** November 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Report CPFPRS09-045

5-Year, and 8-Year, Tax Ratio Reduction Program Comparison

#### **PURPOSE**

A report to outline the impact on the 2010 Draft Operating Budget of adopting a 5-year Tax Ratio Reduction Program, as opposed to the 8-year Program reflected in the Draft 2010 Operating Budget.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CPFPRS09-045 dated November 26, 2009, of the Senior Director of Corporate Services, as follows:

That report CPFPRS09-045, that outlines the impact on the 2010 Draft Operating Budget of adopting a 5-year Tax Ratio Reduction Program, as opposed to the 8-year Program as reflected in the Draft 2010 Operating Budget, be received.

### **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report is provided for information purposes.

#### **BACKGROUND**

During the November 9, 2009 Budget Committee meeting, Councillor Vass requested staff provide the impact of adopting a 5-Year Tax Ratio Reduction Program Alternative as opposed to the 8-Year Program reflected in the Draft 2010 Operating Budget as presented November 9.

Under a 5-year Tax Ratio Reduction Program, the Tax Ratios for the Multi-residential, Commercial and Industrial and Pipeline classes would be 1.5 in the year 2014, as opposed to the year 2017, as shown in the following chart.

2009-2014 Tax Ratios
If 5-Year Tax Ratio Reduction Plan Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Description	Ratios	Ratios	Ratios	Ratios	Ratios	Ratios	
Residential							
Residential	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	
Multiresidential	2.01110	1.90888	1.80666	1.70444	1.60222	1.50000	
New Multi-residential	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	
Farm Property/Farm Land Awaiting Development	0.25000	0.25000	0.25000	0.25000	0.25000	0.25000	
Commercial							
Commercial Class	1.82040	1.75632	1.69224	1.62816	1.56408	1.50000	
Commercial Class, New Construction	1.82040	1.75632	1.69224	1.62816	1.56408	1.50000	
Commercial Class, Excess Lands & Vacant Units	1.27428	1.22942	1.18456	1.13970	1.09484	1.04998	
Commercial Class, Vacant Land	1.27428	1.22942	1.18456	1.13970	1.09484	1.04998	
Industrial							
Industrial Class	2.59760	2.37808	2.15856	1.93904	1.71952	1.50000	
Industrial Tax Vacant Unit/Excess	1.68844	1.54575	1.40306	1.26037	1.11768	0.97499	
Industrial Class, Vacant Lands	1.68844	1.54575	1.40306	1.26037	1.11768	0.97499	
Pipeline	1.27060	1.27060	1.27060	1.27060	1.27060	1.27060	

Under a 5-year Tax Ratio Reduction Program the 2010 Municipal Tax Rates would change from the rates reflected in the Draft 2010 Budget as shown in the following chart.

#### 2009 – 2010 Municipal Tax Rates 8-Year and 5-Year Tax Ratio Reduction Program

		8-Yr Tax Ra	tio Reductio	n Program	5-Yr Tax Ratio Reduction Program			
			Variances 200	9 - 2010 Budget		Variances 200	9 - 2010 Budget	
			Over (Under)	Over (Under)		Over (Under)	Over (Under)	
	2009	2010	2009	2009		2009	2009	
Description	Approved	Recommended	Budget %	Budget	2010	Budget %	Budget \$	
MUNICIPAL TAX RATES								
Residential								
Residential	1.2128320%	1.2194100%	0.5%	0.006578%	1.2265710%	1.1%	0.013739%	
Residential garbage (Included above)	0.0363160%	0.0364640%	0.4%	0.000148%	0.0366740%	1.0%	0.000358%	
Multiresidential	2.4391260%	2.3744470%	-2.7%	-0.064679%	2.3413770%	-4.0%	-0.097749%	
New Multi-residential	1.2128320%	1.2194100%	0.5%	0.006578%	1.2265710%	1.1%	0.013739%	
Farm Property/Farm Land Awaiting Development	0.3032080%	0.3048530%	0.5%	0.001645%	0.3066430%	1.1%	0.003435%	
Commercial								
Commercial Class	2.2078390%	2.1709770%	-1.7%	-0.036862%	2.1542510%	-2.4%	-0.053588%	
Commercial Class, Excess Lands & Vacant Units	1.5454880%	1.5196900%	-1.7%	-0.025798%	1.5079710%	-2.4%	-0.037517%	
Commercial Class, Vacant Land	1.5454880%	1.5196900%	-1.7%	-0.025798%	1.5079710%	-2.4%	-0.037517%	
<u>Industrial</u>								
Industrial Class	3.1504520%	3.0002360%	-4.8%	-0.150216%	2.9168840%	-7.4%	-0.233568%	
Industrial Tax Vacant Unit/Excess	2.0477940%	1.9501540%	-4.8%	-0.097640%	1.8959720%	-7.4%	-0.151822%	
Industrial Class, Vacant Lands	2.0477940%	1.9501540%	-4.8%	-0.097640%	1.8959720%	-7.4%	-0.151822%	
<u>Pipeline</u>	1.5410240%	1.5493820%	0.5%	0.008358%	1.5584810%	1.1%	0.017457%	

Under a 5-year Tax Ratio Reduction Program, the All-Inclusive Residential Municipal Tax, Education Tax, and Sewer Surcharge Levy would increase 4.7% as opposed to the 4.3% increase reflected the November 9, Draft Bugdet.

The following chart provides further details:

# Comparative All Inclusive Tax and Sewer Surcharge Rates and Levies For Median Single Family Dwelling (Not on Water) Assuming 8-Yr and 5-Yr Tax Ratio Reduction Program

			As per Nov 9, 2009 Draft			Under 5-Yr Tax Ratio Plan			
Ref	Description	2009		Change from 2009			Change from 2009		
			2010	Amount	%	2010	Amount	%	
C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	
1.01	Gross Expenditures	190,099,291	201,496,126	11,396,835	6.0%	201,496,126	11,396,835	6.0	
1.02	Amount raised from taxation (see note 3)	88,150,720	93,334,005	5,183,285	5.9%	93,334,005	5,183,285	5.9	
1.03	Effect of tax ratio plan on all-inclusive rate				0.8%			1.2	
1.04	Effect of 2010 Real Assessment Growth on all-	inclusive rate			-0.7%			-0.7	
2.00	Residential Tax Rates								
2.01	Municipal Residential Tax Rate	1.2128320%	1.2194100%	0.0065780%	0.5%	1.2265710%	0.0137390%	1.1	
2.02	Education	0.2520000%	0.2407000%	-0.0113000%	-4.5%	0.2407000%	-0.0113000%	-4.5	
	Total	1.4648320%	1.4601100%	-0.0047220%	-0.3%	1.4672710%	0.0024390%	0.2	
3.00	Average Annual Water Rates	379.20	392.52	13.32	3.5%	392.52	13.32	3.5	
	(Basic charge, six rooms, 500m2 lot)								
4.00	Sewer Surcharge Effective Rate	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0	
	Levies / Collected								
	Water Revenues	13,590,000	14,232,000	642,000	4.7%	14,232,000	642,000	4.7	
5.01	Sewer Surcharge	13,590,000	14,232,000	642,000	4.7%	14,232,000	642,000	4.7	
6.00	Median Assessed Value - SFD Not on Water	181,000	189,500	8,500	4.7%	189,500	8,500	4.7	
7.00	Residential Tax Levy on Assessment								
	Municipal	2,195.23	2,310.78	115.55	5.3%	2,324.35	129.12	5.9	
	Education	456.12	456.13	0.01	0.0%	456.13	0.01	0.0	
7.03	Total	2,651.35	2,766.91	115.56	4.4%	2,780.48	129.13	4.9	
8.00	Sewer Surcharge Payable	379.20	392.52	13.32	3.5%	392.52	13.32	3.5	
9.00	Total Municipal Tax and Sewer	2,574.43	2,703.30	128.87	5.0%	2,716.87	142.44	5.5	
10.00	Combined Mun and Ed Tax on Assessment								
	PLUS Sewer Surcharge	3.030.55	3.159.43	128.88	4.3%	3,173.00	142.45	4.79	

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