

Memo

To: Town of Pelham Mayor and Councillors

From: Teresa Quinlin-Murphy, Director Corporate Services

Date: May 17, 2023

RE: Tax Rate By-Law 2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Memo 2023-0120 Corporate Services entitled Tax Rate By-Law 2023 , for information;

AND THAT Council consider approving By-law 34-2023, being a Tax Levy By-law for 2023.

The Niagara Region is scheduled to approve its Tax Rate By-law on May 18, 2023. The rates used in the Town of Pelham By-law are the rates that the Niagara Region is recommending for approval. The assumption is that these rates will be approved on May 18, 2023 since Niagara Region's Council has approved the 2023 budgets that the tax levy is supporting. If these rates are not approved, then a special meeting of Council will be held to approve the amended rates. Staff does not anticipate this being an issue. The final tax bills need to be mailed by June 9. The next council meeting for the Town is June 7; therefore the Town cannot wait until June 7 to approve the tax levy by-law for 2023.

What is new in 2023 is the transit tax levy. For the Town of Pelham, this is an additional \$1,118,519.37 of taxes that will be collected from the taxpayer. The Niagara Region has taken over the operations of the transit service effective January 1, 2023.