

**STAFF REPORT: Financial & Information Services**



**REPORT TO:** Finance & Administration  
**MEETING DATE:** December 15, 2009  
**REPORT NO.:** FIS.09.72  
**SUBJECT:** Property Tax Status Update  
**PREPARED BY:** Ruth Prince, Manager of Revenue

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIS.09.72, "Property Tax Status Update" for information purposes.

**B. Background**

**Property Taxes Receivable** - The Town issued tax bills in the amount of \$30,732,346 for the 2009 property tax year (including local, county and provincial education taxes, plus supplementary taxation, local improvements and less any adjustments to the tax roll). In total \$5,317,194 (current, arrears, penalty and interest) remains outstanding at December 7, 2009. The final instalment of 2009 Supplementary Taxes is not due until December 23, 2009. \$323,000 is receivable for this instalment and is included in the total receivable amount.

In 2009 we processed 3 runs of supplementary/omitted assessment. In total, 359 Supplementary Tax Notices were prepared (\$278,744 in municipal revenue) as compared to 458 that were processed for 2008 (\$370,270 in municipal revenue)

MPAC had 989 Request for Reconsiderations submitted from residents of The Blue Mountains. The majority of these were as a result of the 2009 reassessment in particular resort condominiums. Of the 989 Requests for Reconsideration, 406 resulted in no change and 517 have resulted in Minutes of Settlement (\$70,808 in municipal impact). The balance of the Requests for Reconsideration are still pending with MPAC.

**2009 Final Tax Due Date Change** – In May 2009, Council authorized a change in the instalment dates for the Final Property Tax. A notice advising residents of the change in due dates was in the local newspaper several times and on the Town's web page. Staff received very few negative comments in regards to this change.

**Pre-Authorized Payment Plan** – For 2010 we will have approximately 650 taxpayers taking advantage of the Due Date plan and approximately 1,000 on the Monthly Payment Plan. Participation in these plans continues to increase every year.

**Internet Banking Payments** – It is difficult to quantify the number of taxpayers that use this option for property tax payments but it is the most popular method of payment and continues to increase with each property tax due date.

**C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

Strong well-managed Municipal Government

**D. Environmental Impacts**

None

**E. Budget Impact**

The 2009 Budget anticipated Supplementary Revenue of \$275,000 and \$30,000 for Minutes of Settlement.

**F. Attached**

Respectfully submitted,

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