

Date: November 6, 2024

To: **Mayor and Council.**

Name and title: Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer

Subject: Repeal City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9429, 2023

Attachment(s): None

Recommendation(s):

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9429, 2023, Repeal Bylaw No. 9521, 2024”.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s approval to repeal the “City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9429, 2023.”

Strategic Priorities:

Maintaining accurate and reliable bylaws support Council’s priorities of organizational excellence.

Discussion:

At the October 30, 2023 regular Council meeting, Council gave final reading and adoption to the “City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9429, 2023” to authorize exemption for certain lands, improvements or both from taxation for the years 2024 to 2027 inclusive.

At the September 9, 2024 regular Council meeting, Council gave final reading and adoption to “City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9504, 2024” to authorize exemption for certain lands, improvements or both from taxation for the years 2025 to 2027 inclusive.

Rather than amend Bylaw No. 9429, 2023 to replace the Schedules including additional properties as adopted under Bylaw No. 9504, Administration presented a new parent bylaw to Council that covers the same taxation years of 2025, 2026, 2027.

While the existence of both bylaws, currently, does not present any problems, in the future should Council wish to remove a property from one or more of the schedules, the bylaws would contradict one another.

As such, to ensure clarity on the direction of Council in the granting of permissive tax exemptions, Administration recommends repealing Bylaw No. 9429 thereby allowing Bylaw No. 9504 to prevail for the years 2025 to 2027 inclusive.

Summary and conclusion:

Administration recommends Council approve the bylaw readings as outlined in the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted:

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Approved:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting date: 2024/11/18