

COUNCIL REPORT

M&C No.	2019-01
Report Date	January 08, 2019
Meeting Date	January 14, 2019
Service Area	Corporate Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT: Business Improvement Area 2019 Budget

OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That as recommended by the Board of Directors of Uptown Saint John Inc., Common Council approve the submitted 2018 budget for the Business improvement Area.
2. That Common Council give third reading to the BIA By-Law.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Uptown Saint John has submitted the 2019 Association budget for Council's approval. The proposed budget would retain the same levy rate of 16 cents for each \$100 of assessed value on non-residential property in the Business Improvement Area from previous years. The budget has been advertised in the newspaper and no written objections have been received by the Clerk's office. Council may now proceed with approving the budget and amending the BIA bylaw for 2019.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

Council Resolution of December 3, 2018:

"RESOLVED that the 2019 Association Budget for the Business Improvement Area be received for information and that advertising be authorized for setting January 14, 2019 as the date for Council to consider approving the budget"

REPORT

The City of Saint John has a Business Improvement Area ("BIA") in the uptown region which imposes a 16 cent levy for each \$100 of assessed value on non-

residential property within the BIA. The City's BIA by-law describes the specific boundaries of the BIA and the rate paid within the area.

Uptown Saint John Inc. is responsible for administering the funds generated from the levy, which it uses for beautification initiatives and development activities aimed at stimulating local business within the uptown.

The 2019 budget was approved by Uptown Saint John's board of directors on November 01, 2018. Pursuant to the BIA Act, on December 3rd Council authorized staff to advertise the following in the newspaper:

- Its intention to approve the budget
- The extent of the levy needed to implement the budget
- The period during which objections may be made

The period for written objections has now elapsed and no written objections have been filed with the Clerk's office. Council may now proceed with approving the budget and amending the BIA by-law for 2019.

INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Uptown Saint John

ATTACHMENTS

- Uptown Saint John 2019 Budget
- ByLaw BIA-1 Business Improvement Area By-Law
- Public Notice
- ByLaw BIA-2 Business Improvement Levy By-Law (3rd Reading)