

## COUNCIL REPORT

M&C No.	2020-01
Report Date	January 02, 2020
Meeting Date	January 13, 2020
Service Area	Corporate Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

***SUBJECT: 2020 Business Improvement Area Levy***

***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 2020 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 2020 Association budget for Council's approval. The proposed budget maintains the same levy rate of 16 cents for each \$100 of assessed value on non-residential property in the Business Improvement Area. 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 2020.

***PREVIOUS RESOLUTION***

Council Resolution of December 2, 2019:

"RESOLVED that as recommended by the City Manager in the submitted report *M&C 2019-320: Business Improvement Area 2020 Budget*, the 2020 Association Budget for the Business Improvement Area be received for information and that advertising be authorized for setting January 13, 2020 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 submitted BIA budget of \$519,680 for 2020 was approved by Uptown Saint John’s board of directors on October 10, 2019. On December 2, 2019 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 time period for written objections has now expired with no letters/submissions having been filed with the Clerk’s office. Council may proceed with approving the budget and amending the BIA by-law for 2020.

## **INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS**

Uptown Saint John

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Uptown Saint John 2020 Budget
- ByLaw BIA-1 Business Improvement Area By-Law
- Public Notice
- ByLaw BIA-2 Business Improvement Levy By-Law (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)