

Report to Council

Report Title: Collection Initiatives for Tax Arrears
Prepared By: Jessica Pinkse, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer
Department: Finance
Date: August 8, 2023
Report Number: FIN2023-21 **File Number:** C11FIN

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number FIN2023-21 – Collection Initiatives for Tax Arrears, prepared by Jessica Pinkse, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

Brockton staff brought forward a report on the Tax Arrears as of June 30th, 2023 at the July 11th, 2023 Council meeting. Council sought further clarity on balances that were outstanding since 2020 or older and requested what staff are doing in collection efforts for those arrears.

In accordance with the report, \$1,867.30 was outstanding from 2020 and earlier.

Analysis:

There are three (3) properties that had balances outstanding from 2020 and earlier. All of these properties receive monthly tax arrears notices and penalty and interest charges on those and more recent tax arrears. The following actions are being taken on each property:

- One property will be issued Final Tax Arrears notices in September and December 2023 from Municipal Staff, advising that if payment remains outstanding, then Brockton will be registering the property for tax sale beginning in 2024.
- One property is scheduled to proceed with tax sale on September 6, 2023. Depending on the results of the tax sale, Brockton can expect to receive payment for all taxes outstanding on this property or can proceed with additional measure in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*
- One property has a Tax Arrears Certificate registered on the property and is currently in the 280-day period following the registration of the tax arrears certificate. If the cancellation price remains unpaid

after this 280 days, Brockton may proceed with public sale of the property. This will not be possible until 2024 at the earliest.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

The outstanding taxes has a negative impact on the Municipalities cash flow.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Jessica Pinkse, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer