



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: May 26, 2025

## Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit

### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

In November, Council passed Policy #5.1.25 Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit. This policy offers a tax credit incentive on the municipal portion only of the annual property tax notices for Claresholm firefighters. The intent of the policy is to not only recognize the time and commitment that is required to be a volunteer on the fire department, but to also aid in the recruitment and retention of firefighters.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

The 2025 Tax and Assessment Notices were issued on May 14, 2025, and in accordance with the policy a tax credit of up to \$1,000 (to the municipal portion of the taxes only, not exceeding 75% of the municipal tax) is available to firefighters who are active and in good standing with the Claresholm Fire Department. The firefighters must also own their home in the Town of Claresholm, and it must be their primary place of residence.

Any cancellation or refund of taxes is at the discretion of Council and can only be done by Council motion.

Per the guidelines outlined within the policy, the below list includes Firefighter properties that are eligible for the tax credit.

APPLICABLE TAX ROLL	2024 VOLUNTEER HOURS	MUNICIPAL TAX PORTION	TAX CREDIT ELIGIBLE PORTION
10663000	205.5	\$2,016.22	\$1,000
11954000	129	\$2,479.78	\$1,000
11609000	117	\$3,937.50	\$750
10351000	170	\$2,105.58	\$1,000
10766000	98	\$1,513.56	\$500
12979000	126	\$2,485.37	\$750
11717000	141	\$1,876.59	\$1,000
11959000	188	\$2,222.87	\$1,000
11489000	78.5	\$1,502.39	\$500
12745000	127	\$2,865.16	\$750
10937000	169	\$1,452.13	\$1,000
12297000	237	\$2,384.84	\$1,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>\$24,457.15</b>	<b>\$10,250</b>

### PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to apply a credit to the municipal portion of the 2025 taxes, per Policy 5.1.25 Volunteer Firefighter Tax credit as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Policy #5.1.25 - Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.) Municipal Government Act Section 347(1)

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DATE: May 21, 2025

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