

CITY OF PITT MEADOWS

Deferral of Tax Sale and Tax Sale Redemption Periods
Bylaw No. 2863, 2020

A Bylaw to defer the annual Tax Sale for 2020 and extend the expiration of the redemption period for all properties that have a redemption period ending in 2020 to September 27, 2021

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was made on March 18, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest to ensure that certain financial measures be authorized so that local governments have operating funds during the emergency, and that the impacts of the emergency are lessened by varying, extending, or deferring requirement;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued Ministerial Order No. M159 authorizing a council of a municipality, by bylaw adopted on or before August 31, 2020:

- a) to defer the annual Tax Sale for 2020, provided for under Division 7 [*Annual Municipal Tax Sale*] of Part 16 [*Municipal Provisions*] of the *Local Government Act*, until September 27, 2021, with the effect that the annual Tax Sale would be on that date in respect of the upset price described in section 649 [*Upset Price for Tax Sale*] of that Act, AND
- b) to extend the expiration of the redemption period for all properties that have a redemption period ending in 2020, provided for under Division 7 [*Annual Municipal Tax Sale*] of Part 16 [*Municipal Provisions*] of the *Local Government Act*, to September 27, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Pitt Meadows, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

Citation

- 1) This Bylaw may be cited as the "City of Pitt Meadows Deferral of Tax Sale and Tax Sale Redemption Periods Bylaw No. 2863, 2020".

Provisions

- 2) The annual Tax Sale for 2020 is hereby deferred to September 27, 2021.
- 3) The redemption period for all properties that have a redemption period ending in 2020 is hereby extended to September 27, 2021.

- 4) Written notice shall be sent within two (2) weeks of the adoption of this Bylaw to owners of all properties that are subject to the postponed annual Tax Sale advising that
 - a) the annual Tax Sale for 2020 has been deferred to September 27, 2021;
 - b) any and all taxes that are delinquent, as described in section 246 (1) [Delinquent Taxes] of the Community Charter, will remain delinquent for 2021, with applicable interest charges that are carried under the Charter; and
 - c) unless the delinquent taxes are paid before the start of the Tax Sale on September 27, 2021, the property will be subject to Tax Sale on September 27, 2021.

- 5) Written notice, advising the redemption period has been extended to September 27, 2021, must be sent within 2 weeks of the bylaw's adoption
 - a) to the property owner of a property that is subject to a redemption period ending in 2020 that has been extended in accordance with this bylaw, and
 - b) to the tax sale purchaser.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time on July 21, 2020.

As per the authority granted under Ministerial Order 192 [*local government meetings and bylaw process (COVID-19) order*], ADOPTED on July 21, 2020.

Bill Dingwall, Mayor

Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer