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Motion

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Report / Agenda: Finance and Economic Development Committee Report 33

Item / Article: 2018 Tax Ratios and other Tax Policies (Item "I" on Bulk Consent Agenda)

Re: Review of Optional Property Classes and Tax Ratios

Moved by / Motion de: **Councillor T. Nussbaum**

Seconded by / Appuyée par:

Whereas the lowest commercial tax rate in the City of Ottawa is for "parking lots and vacant land" and is approximately half the rate compared to office buildings and one third less than the average commercial class; and

Whereas the City has established intensification targets to encourage development of under-utilized serviced lands to meet the growth needs of the municipality; and

Whereas the Provincial Policy Statement establishes that "promoting efficient development and land-use patterns which sustain the financial wellbeing of the Province and municipalities over the long term" is critical; and

Whereas the Official Plan directs the City to "consider how to reduce the amount of land used for parking" and implement "measures include[ing] controlling parking supply and pricing parking appropriately"; and

Whereas the Ottawa Transportation Master Plan states: "By effectively managing its supply and price, the City can influence how people choose to travel and promote a behavioural shift from driving to walking, cycling and transit"; and

Whereas no other large Ontario municipality has established tax ratios for vacant lots and parking lots that are lower than other commercial uses;

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to:

- 1. Examine and review the optional property classes and tax ratios within the commercial property class with a goal of ensuring they reflect the City's Official Plan, including its planning and transportation objectives;**
- 2. Conduct any required consultations to assist staff's review and evaluation work and to provide stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback on any proposed revenue neutral changes to either the current property classes or tax ratios;**
- 3. Report back to Council with recommendations prior to the date at which Council needs to establish the optional property classes and tax ratios for 2019.**