

2023 Budget Approval – Business Improvement Districts

ISSUE

City Council approval is required for the 2023 budgets for each of Saskatoon’s five Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

1. That the 2023 budget submissions from the Downtown Saskatoon Business Improvement District, Broadway Business Improvement District, Riversdale Business Improvement District, Sutherland Business Improvement District, and 33rd Street Business Improvement District be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2023 Business Improvement District Levy Bylaws for submission to City Council for consideration at the same meeting that the Mill Rate Bylaws are presented.

BACKGROUND

The BID Bylaws require the submission of the annual budget to City Council for approval. The budget requirements determine the amount of the BID levy to be charged to commercial properties within the respective BID areas. There are five Saskatoon BIDs which were established by Bylaw in the following years:

1. 1986 - Downtown BID Bylaw No. 6710
2. 1986 – Broadway BID Bylaw No. 6731
3. 1989 – Riversdale BID Bylaw No. 7092
4. 1999 – Sutherland BID Bylaw No. 7891
5. 2014 – 33rd Street BID Bylaw No. 9235

Under [Bylaw No. 9435](#), approved by City Council resolution on March 27, 2017, the name of the Downtown BID was changed to the Downtown Saskatoon BID.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with the BID Bylaws, each BID has submitted its 2023 budget (see Appendices 1 – 5) for City Council approval. The 2023 budgeted levy request for each BID was approved by its Board of Management and is summarized below.

BID	2023 Levy Request	Increase from 2022		Reason for Adjustment
		\$	%	
Downtown Saskatoon	\$826,716	\$14,781	2%	Increase to offset operation costs, notably hiring one additional Clean Team member to augment cleaning.
Broadway	\$203,868	\$9,708	5%	Increase to offset operation costs, notably hiring one additional summer maintenance and cleaning team member.
Riversdale	\$199,271	\$991	0.5%	Increase to manage pressures of increased cost of living and bring more services to business.
Sutherland	\$55,510	\$960	2%	Increase to offset operation costs.
33 rd Street	\$35,000	\$5000	17%	Increase to support the annual street fair and enabling stronger marketing and communication.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are outlined in this report for the additional levy to commercial properties within each of the respective BID areas.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

The BIDs' budget submissions require City Council approval by the end of March 2023 to ensure adequate time for the City Solicitor to prepare the 2023 BID Levy Bylaws for City Council approval before the end of April 2023.

APPENDICES

1. Downtown Saskatoon BID – Letter dated January 13, 2023 and 2023 Proposed Budget
2. Broadway BID – Letter dated December 30, 2022 and 2023 Proposed Budget
3. Riversdale BID – Letter dated January 13, 2023 and 2023 Proposed Budget
4. Sutherland BID – Letter dated December 14, 2022 and 2023 Proposed Budget
5. 33rd Street BID – Letter dated January 9, 2023 and 2023 Proposed Budget

REPORT APPROVAL

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