

2025 Budget Approval – Business Improvement Districts

ISSUE

City Council approval is required for the 2025 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 2025 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 2025 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.

At its Public Hearing Meeting, held on October 31, 2022, City Council passed [Bylaw No. 9845](#), The Business Improvement Districts Bylaw, 2022, which provides a consistent and comprehensive governance regime for all the BIDs. This consolidation still allows for the establishment and management of the individual BIDs but did allow the individual BID Bylaws to be repealed.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with the BID Bylaws, each BID has submitted its 2025 budget(s) (Appendices 1 – 5) for City Council approval. The 2025 budgeted levy request for each BID was approved by its Board of Management and is summarized below.

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BID	2025 Levy Request	Increase from 2024		Reason for Adjustment
		\$	%	
Downtown Saskatoon	\$880,693	\$13,015	1.5%	Inflationary increase.
Broadway	\$212,120	\$4,175	2.0%	Inflationary increase.
Riversdale	\$206,915	\$5,057	2.0%	Inflationary increase.
Sutherland	\$55,510	\$0	0%	No increase from previous year.
33 rd Street	\$40,000	\$5,000	14.3%	Increase in Administrative costs.

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 2025 to ensure adequate time for the City Solicitor to prepare the 2025 BID Levy Bylaws for City Council approval before the end of April 2025.

APPENDICES

1. Downtown BID – Letter Date February 13, 2025 and Proposed Budget
2. Broadway BID – Letter Dated February 5, 2025 and 2025 Proposed Budget
3. Riversdale BID – Letter Dated February 13, 2025 and 2025 Proposed Budget
4. Sutherland BID - Letter Dated November 20, 2024 and 2025 Proposed Budget
5. 33rd Street BID - Letter Dated February 5, 2025 and 2025 Proposed Budget

REPORT APPROVAL

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