

Subject: Suncor Tax Appeals and request for Intervenor Status with the Municipal Government Board**APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Administration file a written request to intervene in the two complaints filed with the Municipal Government Board in relation to Suncor Energy Inc. (Firebag) and Fort Hills Energy Corp. (Fort Hills) appeal hearings.

Summary/Background:

Suncor Energy Inc. and Fort Hills Energy Corp. have each filed a Designated Industrial Property Assessment Complaint with the Municipal Government Board ("MGB") against the 2018 assessments (2019 tax year) respecting its Firebag and Fort Hills sites.

The requested difference of the current assessed value is \$669,768,270.00 and \$1,275,183,020.00 respectively. This is a total difference of \$1,944,951,290.00 assessed value between the two sites. This would result in a potential tax revenue loss of approximately \$26 million.

In order to intervene in the appeals, a council resolution is required in accordance with section 508 of the MGA which states:

508(1) *When the council of a municipality considers that the interest of the public in the municipality are sufficiently concerned, the council may authorize the municipality to become a complainant or intervenor before the Board.*

(2) *For the purposes of subsection(1), a council may take any steps, incur any expense and take any proceedings necessary to place the question in dispute before the Board for a decision.*

Rationale for Recommendation:

An intervention provides the Municipality with the opportunity to review all the relevant information and exchange argument and evidence in relation to the appeal if required. If the Municipality chooses not to registered as an active party with the MGB, it will have

no status before the Board during the hearings.

The Municipality must notify the MGB in writing, advising of its intent to become an active participant by **June 12, 2019**.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government