

Subject: Rural Non-Residential Taxation

Recommendation:

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- (b) Administration work with the Department of Municipal Affairs,

to persuade the Government of Alberta to:

- (i) make an amendment to Order-in-Council #817/94 for the purpose of authorizing the Regional Municipality to tax non-residential properties within hamlets in the Rural Service Area at the same mill rate that would apply if those properties were in the Urban Service Area; or alternatively
- (ii) make an amendment to Order-in-Council #817/94 for the purpose of creating a “Hamlet Service Area” within which the Regional Municipality would be authorized to tax all classes of properties at mill rates other than the rates applicable to either the Urban Service Area or the Rural Service Area.”

Summary and Background:

At the July 14, 2015 Council Meeting, Councillor Stroud served notice that the following recommendation would be submitted for consideration at the August 25, 2015 regular Council Meeting:

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In accordance with Procedure Bylaw 14/025, the motion is now before Council for consideration.