

## **Special Service Plan No. 2017-01**

**for**

### **The Provision of Fire Protection Services in the R.M. of Stuartburn**

(Pursuant to subsection 314 of the Municipal Act)

**a) DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE**

The fire protection services will continue as previous. These are not new services but rather, council is proposing to change the basis for calculating the levy. The fire protection levy has always been included in the At large mill rate. Under this proposal the levy will be removed from the At large mill rate and calculated separately on all property within the R.M., including otherwise exempt property. This Special Service Plan will apply for the years 2017 to 2020 inclusive.

**b) SPECIAL SERVICES AREA TO BE LEVIED**

The Special Services area to be levied under this proposal will include all taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt property within the R.M. of Stuartburn.

**c) ESTIMATED COST OF THE SERVICE**

For the year 2017, the R.M. of Stuartburn is committing to paying an amount of \$70,000 yearly and not to exceed \$95,000.00 within the next 4 years.

**d) METHOD AND RATE OF CALCULATING THE PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE TAX**

The method of taxation to be used to calculate the proposed Special Service Tax will be based on the portioned value of assessable property (i.e. special mill rate) within the R.M. of Stuartburn.

Based on the 2017 Assessment, a 1.14 mill rate would be required. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$150,000 (portioned \$67,500) an estimated \$76.95 special service tax will be levied.

If the levy was only taxed in the at large mill rate, based on the 2017 Assessment, a 1.28 mill rate would be incorporated into the general municipal mill rate. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$150,000 (portioned \$67,500) an estimated \$86.40 of the total municipal tax bill would be going to cover fire protection costs.

The special mill rate will be levied annually from 2017 to 2020 inclusive and will be determined according to the Estimated Cost of Service amounts set in the R.M. of Stuartburn's annual Financial Plan.

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