

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

2020 Tax Sale Deferral Bylaw

Bylaw No. 4187

The purpose of this Bylaw is to defer the annual Tax Sale for 2020 until September 27, 2021.

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was made on March 18, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued Ministerial Order No. M159 authorizing a council of a municipality, by bylaw adopted on or before August 31, 2020, to defer the annual Tax Sale for 2020, provided for under Division 7 [*Annual Municipal Tax Sale*] of Part 16 [*Municipal Provisions*] of the *Local Government Act*, until September 27, 2021, with the effect that the annual Tax Sale would be on that date in respect of the upset price described in section 649 [*Upset Price for Tax Sale*] of that *Act*;

The Council of the City of Port Coquitlam enacts as follows:

1. Citation

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as “2020 Tax Sale Postponement Bylaw, 2020, No. 4187”.

2. Provisions

2.1 The annual Tax Sale for 2020 is hereby deferred to September 27, 2021.

2.2 Written notice shall be sent within two (2) weeks of the adoption of this Bylaw to owners of all properties that are subject to the postponed annual Tax Sale advising that:

a) the annual Tax Sale for 2020 has been postponed to September 27, 2021;

b) any and all taxes that are delinquent, as described in section 246 (1) [*Delinquent Taxes*] of the *Community Charter*, will remain delinquent for 2021, with applicable interest charges that are carried under the *Charter*; and

c) unless the delinquent taxes are paid before the start of the Tax Sale on September 27, 2021, the property will be subject to Tax Sale on September 27, 2021.

3. Severability

3.1 If a portion of this Bylaw is found invalid by a court, it will be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw will remain in effect.

READ A FIRST TIME this	14th day of	July, 2020
READ A SECOND TIME this	14th day of	July, 2020
READ A THIRD TIME this	14th day of	July, 2020
ADOPTED this	14th day of	July, 2020

Acting Mayor Steve Darling

Mayor

Carolyn Deakin

Assistant Corporate Officer