

EXTRACT OF DRAFT
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EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE
DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 28
LE 21 JANVIER 2013

TAX REBATE FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
ACS2013-CMR-FED-0001

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Whereas the Province has dictated that vacant commercial properties may apply for and receive a tax rebate if the property is vacant; and

Whereas this subsidy is directly from municipal revenues; and

Whereas some properties are allowed to become derelict or create property standards issues;

Therefore be it resolved that Council, to encourage activity with respect to these properties, petition the Province to limit access to this rebate to a three (3) year period.

Committee heard from the following public delegations:

- Kevin O'Donnell, resident;
- Brian Tansey, resident; and
- Peter Lewis, Beechwood Village Alliance.

Mr. Ken Hughes, Deputy City Treasurer, Revenue, responded to questions with respect to the proposal, the current legislation and whether he believed this was the best way to address the issue.

Following these exchanges, the recommendation was put to Committee and CARRIED as presented.