

Subject: **2024 Property Tax Payment Plan Request from Pine Cliff Energy**
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024
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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Cancellation, reduction, refund or deferral of taxes

347(1) If a council considers it equitable to do so, it may, generally or with respect to a particular taxable property or business or a class of taxable property or business, do one or more of the following, with or without conditions:

- (a) cancel or reduce tax arrears;
- (b) cancel or refund all or part of a tax;
- (c) defer the collection of a tax.

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Pine Cliff Energy Ltd has presented to Council today requesting that we defer the collection of their current taxes into six payments, starting in October 2024, with the final payment due in March 2025. Pine Cliff Energy is a natural gas-producing company that operates within our borders.

This company is in good standing with the municipality and has previously paid its municipal tax obligations. We entered into three agreements with Pine Cliff Energy Ltd in 2019, 2020, and 2021, and all previous agreement obligations have been honored.

This agreement covers a 6-month period, and no penalties will be applied while the payment agreement is being adhered to

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Deferral payment plans temporarily relieve companies that need to manage cash flow.



FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Administration doesn't see the deferral of these taxes affecting our current ability to maintain service levels. The deferral of payment beyond the tax due date does affect County cash flows, however administration is able to plan for defined payment terms more accurately than for arrears taxes without payment plans. Payments made in 2024 will cover the requisition portions we are obligated to make.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools: Individual Notification

Other:

ATTACHMENTS:

Tax Deferral Agreement

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Accept the requested Tax Deferral Agreement.
2. Deny the request for a Tax Deferral Agreement
3. Request further Information.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council agrees to enter into a Tax Deferral Payment Agreement with Pine Cliff Energy Ltd. to pay 2024 taxes over a 6-month payment plan from October 2024 to March 2025, with no penalties to be assessed.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:**APPROVAL(S):**

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

