



## Request for Decision

Council Meeting: October 8, 2019

### 8.4 Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative (SGTRI)

#### Request

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As recently announced by the government, property tax on shallow gas wells and pipelines will be reduced by 35% for the 2019 tax year. To ensure municipalities are not impacted by lost revenue, the province will reduce the amount of the education property tax municipalities pay to the government. Municipal Affairs provided the County with a list of the companies affected in our municipality, see schedule attached. This short-term relief will help shallow gas producers cut costs, protect jobs and remain competitive in the face of economic pressures affecting the natural gas industry. The Province is updating the assessment model for 2020.

- *County of St. Paul:*
  - *Pipelines affected: 2*
  - *Wells affected: 2*

*Total eligible property tax adjustment for qualifying properties: \$294.92*

#### Alternatives

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#### Recommendation

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Motion that pursuant to Section 347 of the Municipal Government Act, for all properties identified in Schedule A – Summary of Tax Relief by Company, attached to and forming part of the council minutes, Council authorizes to refund the 2019 property taxes paid as to reduce by 35 the percent property taxes levied as per section 353(2) of the Municipal Government Act, which includes municipal property taxes, requisitions detailed in section 326(1)(a) and 359(1)(2), as well as special taxes levied under section 382(1) where the tax rate is based on the assessment.

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