Village of Rycroft
Request for Decision
Council Meeting Date: December 17, 2024

TOPIC: Approval to Write Off Outstanding Amounts on Uncollectable Tax accounts.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION: That Council directs Administration to write off the outstanding balance of $40,662.65 on Tax Roll 305.000 (4540 - 48 St) and $1,404.97 on Tax Roll 87.000 (4911 – 46 Ave) for a total amount of $42,067.62.

BACKGROUND: An "uncollectable" account means that the chance of collecting on the account are near nil. For example, it could come from an abandoned tax sale property that was left to the Village to clean up; a situation where the billing was lost in the transfer of property from one owner to another; an administrative practice error where bills went to a non property owner who has left the area.

TAX ROLL	YEAR SOLD	EXPLANATION OF EVENTS - TAX ACCOUNTS	TOTAL
305.000	2024	The Village sold this property in October 2024 with an outstanding balance of $62,662.92 (uncollected taxes and property maintenance charges). After realtor expenses and lawyer fees, $22,000.27 was credited to the account leaving $40,662.65 remaining outstanding.	$40,662.65
87.000		Properties belonging to the Government of Alberta are exempt from municipal taxation. To account for this, municipalities are paid a grant in place of taxes (GIPOT) on eligible properties within their boundaries. This is a discretionary grant program and not a tax payment. The Village has received payment for 50% of the Taxes issued this year, leaving $1,404.97 remaining outstanding. (Old AT Highway Yard 4911 - 46 Ave)	$1,404.97

IMPLICATION OF DECISION

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The Village will not receive $42,067.62 cost recovery for services provided.

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS: It is a good accounting policy to remove uncollectible debts and keep the financial records current.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: No practical options

ATTACHMENTS: None

Lisa Shaykowski

Lisa Shaykowski, Finance Clerk **Date** December 12, 2024