Village of Rycroft
Request for Decision
Council Meeting Date: May 7, 2025

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

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION: That Council directs Administration to write off the outstanding balance of $35,564.46 on Tax Roll 506.000 (4917 – 41St), $39,805.44 on Tax Roll 507.000 (4913 – 41St), $33,267.10 on Tax Roll 513.000 (4910 – 41St), $23,057.11 on Tax Roll 514.000 (4914 - 41St), $13,683.24 on Tax Roll 171.000 (4611-53St), $25,144.01 on Tax Roll 516.000 (4909-42St), $25,417.85 on Tax Roll 517.000 (4905-42St) and not to exceed $88,451.93 on Tax Roll 90.000 (4524-50 St) for a total amount not to exceed $284,391.14.

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 ACQUIRED	EXPLANATION OF EVENTS - TAX ACCOUNTS	TOTAL
506.000	2013	The Village sold this property in February 2025 with an uncollected tax balance of $58,889.19. After realtor expenses and lawyer fees, $23,324.73 was credited to the account leaving $35,564.46 remaining outstanding.	$35,564.46
507.000	2013	The Village sold this property in March 2025 with an uncollected tax balance of $60,967.31. After realtor expenses and lawyer fees, $21,161.87 was credited to the account leaving $39,805.44 remaining outstanding.	$39,805.44
513.000	2013	The Village sold this property in March 2025 with an uncollected tax balance of $54,399.47. After realtor expenses and lawyer fees, $21,132.37 was credited to the account leaving $33,267.10 remaining outstanding.	$33,267.10
514.000	2013	The Village sold this property in March 2025 with an uncollected tax balance of $44,190.58. After realtor expenses and lawyer fees, $21,133.47 was credited to the account leaving $23,057.11 remaining outstanding.	$23,057.11

TAX ROLL	YEAR ACQUIRED	EXPLANATION OF EVENTS - TAX ACCOUNTS	TOTAL
171.000	2024	The Village acquired this property with an outstanding balance of $8,348.48 once tax recovery and demolition costs were applied the uncollected tax balance was $23,683.24. The Village sold this property in March 2025 and $10,000 was credited to the account leaving $13,683.24 remaining outstanding.	$13,683.24
516.000	2013	The Village sold this property in March 2025 with an uncollected tax balance of $45,079.79. After realtor expenses and lawyer fees, $19,935.72 was credited to the account leaving $25,144.01 remaining outstanding.	$25,144.01
517.000	2013	The Village sold this property in March 2025 with an uncollected tax balance of $45,352.35. After realtor expenses and lawyer fees, $19,934.50 was credited to the account leaving $25,417.85 remaining outstanding.	$25,417.85
90.000	2024	The Village acquired this property with an outstanding balance of $63,260.17 once tax recovery and demolition costs were applied, the uncollected tax balance was $88,451.93. The Village accepted an offer for the property in March 2025 and proceeds of the $5,000 which remain after lawyer fees will be credited to the account leaving an amount not to exceed $88,451.93 remaining outstanding.	Not to Exceed $88,451.93

IMPLICATION OF DECISION

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The Village will not receive $284,391.14 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 — April 25, 2025

Lisa Shaykowski, Finance Clerk — **Date**