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То:	Mayor and Council
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RE:	Tax Adjustments Under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001
Report No.:	FS-2019-15

AIM

Obtain council authorization to process property tax adjustments for the 2019 tax year under Sections 357 of the Municipal Act.

BACKGROUND

Under <u>Section 357</u> of the Municipal Act ratepayers are entitled to a property tax adjustment for the *current year and one year prior* for the following reasons:

- Property became exempt.
- Property is deemed damaged and substantially unusable due to fire, demolition or otherwise.
- Repairs or renovations prevented normal use (minimum 3 months).
- > Tax classification change or change in use.
- Property became vacant or excess land.
- Mobile unit was removed.
- > Gross or manifest error occurred in the preparation of the assessment roll.

DISCUSSION

The properties on the attached listing have applied for a tax reduction under Sections 357 of the Municipal Act.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The municipal portion of the expense is \$2,423.14, which is within the 2019 budget limits.

CONSULTATIONS

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation has reviewed each application and provided assessment information to aid in the tax adjustment calculation.

RECOMMENDATION

Council authorize tax reductions totaling \$5,360.46 for the 2019 taxation year.

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