

CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN

BYLAW NO. 2519, 2020

ALTERNATIVE TAX COLLECTION SCHEME BYLAW

WHEREAS on March 18, 2020, the Province of British Columbia declared a state of emergency to deal with the pandemic COVID-19, which in addition to being a serious health threat, has adversely affected the economic well-being of our community;

AND under Division 10 of Part 7 of the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. c. 26, 2003, a municipal council may, by bylaw establish an alternative date on which property taxes under Part 7 are due;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Fort St. John, in open meeting, enacts the following:

CITATION

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “City of Fort St. John Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw, No. 2519, 2020”.

ALTERNATIVE TAX DUE DATE

2. Subject to an election made by an owner under section 3 (b), the annual property taxes for land and improvements for the year 2020 established under the City of Fort St. John Rates and Taxes Bylaw, No. 2518, 2020, are due and must be paid on or before September 30, 2020.
3. An owner may elect to pay the applicable property taxes under the City of Fort St. John Rates and Taxes Bylaw, No. 2518, 2020:

(a) in accordance with section 2 of this Bylaw, or

(b) in accordance with the general tax collection scheme under section 234 of the *Community Charter*, [*property taxes due by July 2, 2020*];

by providing written notice, in accordance with section 236 of the *Community Charter*, to the collector of taxes for the City, at City Hall, 10631 – 100 Street, Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Z5 by June 30, 2020.

4. If an owner does not make an election under section 3, the alternative tax due date set out in section 2 applies to the annual property taxes for the year 2020.

5. If any section, paragraph, or phrase of this Bylaw is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion is severed and the remaining portions continue to be in force and effective.

READ FOR THE FIRST THREE TIMES THIS 11th DAY OF May, 2020

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF May, 2020

LORI ACKERMAN
MAYOR

JANET PRESTLEY, DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES