By-law 2016-228F

A By-Law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Set an Interim Tax Levy and Tax Billing Dates Prior to the Development of the 2017 Tax Policy

Whereas Section 317(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes a local municipality in any year before the adoption of the estimates for that year to levy a separate tax rate on the assessment in each property class in the municipality rateable for municipal purposes;

And Whereas the tax rates to be levied are subject to those provisions contained in Section 317 of the *Municipal Act. 2001*:

And Whereas the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, with respect to the levy on the yearly rates and the collection of taxes, apply to the levy of rates and the collection of taxes thereunder:

And Whereas the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury deems it expedient to make the interim levy in the year 2017 for property classes within the City;

And Whereas Paragraph 342(1)(b)of the *Municipal Act, 2001* allows a municipality to pass a by-law providing for alternative instalments and due dates in the year for which the taxes are imposed under than those established under the authority of Paragraph 342(1)(a) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* to allow taxpayers to spread the payment of taxes more evenly over the year;

And Whereas the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury wishes to provide alternative instalments and due dates for persons participating in the City's pre-authorized payment plan;

Now therefore the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury hereby enacts as follows:

Part I - 2017 Interim Tax Levy

Interim Levy

1. Subject to the provisions contained in Section 317 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 in the year 2017, before the adoption of the estimates, Council hereby levies separate tax rates on the assessment in each of the property classes rateable for local municipal and education purposes at 50% of 2016 tax levy.

Instalment Due Dates

2. Except as provided to the contrary in Section 3, the interim tax rate levied under Section 1 above on the applicable assessed rateable property in each property class hereto shall be payable in two (2) equal or approximately equal instalments with the payment dates for the instalments being March 6th, 2017 and April 6th, 2017.

Alternative Instalment Due Dates

- 3.-(1) For those taxpayers who have given notice in writing to the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer that the taxpayer will be participating in the City's twelve (12) month pre-authorized automatic withdrawal payment plan, the interim tax levy and the final tax levy for 2017 together with any supplementary taxes which may be levied, shall be paid in twelve (12) equal instalments due and payable on either the 1st or the 15th day of each month, as selected by the taxpayer, and where the selected day for the automatic withdrawal falls on a day when banking services are not available, on the next following day that banking services are provided. The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer may adjust the amount of the instalment as required during the calendar year.
- (2) Taxes paid in accordance with the City's pre-authorized payment plan shall be penalty free for as long as the taxpayer is in good standing with the terms of the City's pre-authorized payment plan.

Part II - General

Notices of Taxes Due

4. The Manager of Taxation, not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date that the first instalment is due, shall mail or cause to be mailed to the address of each person taxed a notice setting out the tax payments required to be made pursuant to this By-law, the respective dates by which they are to be paid to avoid penalty, and the particulars of the penalties imposed by this By-law for late payment.

Penalty

5.-(1) A percentage charge of one and one-quarter percent (1½%) shall be imposed as a penalty for non-payment of taxes hereunder and shall be added to every tax instalment or part thereof remaining unpaid on the first day following the last day for payment of such instalment and thereafter an additional charge of one and one-quarter percent (1½%) shall be imposed and shall be added to every such tax instalment or part thereof remaining unpaid on the first day of

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each calendar month in which default continues up to and including December of the year concerned.

(2) The Manager of Taxation and the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer are hereby authorized to cancel any penalty and interest charges if such action is deemed appropriate and in the best interests of the City.

Collection - Overdue Taxes

6. It shall be the duty of the Manager of Taxation immediately after the several dates named in the notice or notices under Section 4 hereof to collect at once by distress or otherwise under the provisions of the Statutes in that behalf, all such tax instalments or parts thereof as shall not have been paid on or before the respective dates provided aforesaid, together with the said percentage charges as they are incurred.

Part Payment

- **7.-**(1) The Manager of Taxation and Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer are each hereby authorized to accept part payment from time to time on account of any taxes due and to give a receipt for such payment, provided that such acceptance of such part payment shall not affect the collection of any percentage charge imposed and collectable under Section 5 in respect of the non-payment of taxes or of any instalment thereof.
- (2) In default of payment of any instalment of taxes, or any part of any instalment, by the day named for payment thereof, the subsequent instalment or instalments shall forthwith become payable.

Where and How Taxes Payable

- **8.** Except as provided in Section 3 for taxpayers participating in the City's pre-authorized automatic withdrawal payment plan, taxes shall be payable to the City of Greater Sudbury at the Office of the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer, Tom Davies Square, Second Floor, 200 Brady Street, Sudbury, Ontario, at the Citizen Service Centres listed below, or by mail addressed to the City of Greater Sudbury, P.O. Box 5555, Station "A", Sudbury, Ontario, P3A 4S2:
 - 15 Kin Drive, Lively, Ontario
 - 3502 Errington Street, Chelmsford, Ontario
 - Highway 144, Dowling, Ontario
 - 4100 Elmview Drive, Hanmer, Ontario
 - 9 Morin Street, Capreol, Ontario

- 214 Orell Street, Garson, Ontario
- Tom Davies Square, Main Floor, 200 Brady Street, Sudbury, Ontario or into any Chartered Bank of Canada, a Trust company, or into a Credit Union or Caisse Populaire incorporated under the *Credit Unions and Caisse Populaires Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C. 44, to the credit of the Treasurer of the City of Greater Sudbury.

Effective Date

9. This By-law shall come into full force and effect upon passage.

Read and Passed in Open Council this 13th day of December, 2016

Mayor

Clerk