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REPORT NAME

Request to waive property tax penalties for tax roll 6332010.

RECOMMENDATION

That County Council deny the request to cancel $11,119.08 of tax penalty on roll 6332010.

 Options:

That County Council approve the request to cancel $11,119.08 of tax penalty on roll 6332010.

IMPLICATIONS

Reason: Adhere to the Penalties on Current and Arrears of Property Tax bylaw 01-21 which outlines penalties to be applied on outstanding property tax balances.

Authority: *(MGA section/bylaw/policy number)***:** Division 8, Sections 344 to 347 of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA); Bylaw 01-21.

BACKGROUND

On July 3, 2024, administration received a request (attachment 1) from the property owner to waive a tax penalty of $11,119.08 on tax roll 6332010.

A penalty of $11,119.08 was applied on July 1, 2024 as the tax payment was not received by June 30, 2024. Referring to the email from the bank (attachment 2), there was a technical error regarding the electronic payment on June 28, 2024 and the error was resolved on July 5, 2024. The penalty has, then, been paid and a tax instalment plan has also been set up.

Pursuant to Bylaw 01-21, Leduc County will accept the property owner's electronic bank payment transmission date as the date of the payment that was received by Leduc County. However, records from Roll # 6332010 with transaction date June 28, 2024 (attachment 3) and July 4, 2024 (attachment 4) both indicated the transaction status was rejected which should be considered as an incomplete transaction.

According to section 347 of the MGA, Council can consider cancelling or reducing tax arrears when it feels it is equitable to do so.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Penalty request email
2. Email from the bank
3. Transaction Record June 28, 2024
4. Transaction Record July 4, 2024

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