# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BAY

# **BY-LAW NO. 2007-84**

# BEING A BY-LAW TO SET 2007 TAX RATES AND TO LEVY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2007 (AND TO REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 2006-85)

**WHEREAS** it is necessary for the Council of The Corporation of the City of North Bay, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") to establish tax rates for 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** it is necessary for the Council of The Corporation of the City of North Bay, pursuant to the *Act* to levy on the whole rateable property according to the last revised assessment roll for The Corporation of the City of North Bay the estimates of all sums required for the purposes of the Corporation;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 330 authorizes municipalities to limit tax decreases as a means of funding the 10% limit on tax increases for 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** an interim levy was made before the adoption of the estimates for the current year;

**AND WHEREAS** it is necessary for the Council of The Corporation of the City of North Bay to levy tax rates as prescribed by the Province of Ontario (hereinafter referred to as the "Province") pursuant to Section 257.12.1 (1) of the *Education Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "*Education Act*") and the Regulations passed under the *Education Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** notice of the passing of the budget was published in the North Bay Nugget on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007;

AND WHEREAS a Public Meeting under the Municipal Act was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2007;

AND WHEREAS the "Commercial Assessment", "Industrial Assessment" and "Pipeline Assessment" and the applicable subclasses pursuant to Section 7 of the Assessment Act have been determined on the basis of the aforementioned property assessment rolls;

AND WHEREAS those tax rates on the aforementioned "Commercial Assessment", "Industrial Assessment" and "Pipeline Assessment" and the applicable subclasses have been calculated pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 and the provisions of the *Education Act* in the manner set out herein:

**AND WHEREAS** Council authorized the by-law to set 2007 tax rates and to levy taxes for the year 2007 by General Government Committee Report No. 2007-02, passed on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** Council authorized an amendment to the tax rates and tax levy by General Government Committee Report No. 2007-05 passed on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

# NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BAY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. For the purpose of this By-Law:
  - a) the commercial property class includes all commercial office property, shopping centre property and parking lot property,
  - b) the industrial property class includes all large industrial property; and
  - the "Tax Policy Development Reserve Fund" means the reserve fund established by General Government Committee Report No. 2005-03 dated February 28, 2005 containing a balance as of December 31, 2006 of \$174,747.61.

#### 2. a) Tax Rate - General

For the purpose of levying \$59,280,971.00 for the general purposes for The Corporation of the City of North Bay, there is hereby levied, rated and imposed the tax rates set out on Schedule "A" for the Residential Assessment, Multi-Residential Assessment, Commercial Assessment, Industrial Assessment, Pipeline Assessment, Farmland Assessment and Managed Forest Assessment according to the current value assessment on the last returned Assessment Roll for the City of North Bay, as adjusted pursuant to Section 312 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001.

# b) Tax Rate - Rail Lands

For the purpose of levying \$1,421,667.00 for the rail lands purposes for The Corporation of the City of North Bay, there is hereby levied, rated and imposed the tax rates set out on Schedule "A" for the Residential Assessment, Multi-Residential Assessment, Commercial Assessment, Industrial Assessment, Pipeline Assessment, Farmland Assessment and Managed Forest Assessment according to the current value assessment on the last returned Assessment Roll for the City of North Bay, as adjusted pursuant to Section 312 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001.

# 3. Funding Tax Cap

- a) Commercial Property Class For the purpose of funding the 10% limit on tax increases for 2007, tax decreases will be limited by the maximum allowable under Section 330 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 with respect to properties in the commercial tax class in the City of North Bay.
- b) Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes For the purpose of funding the 10% limit on tax increases for 2007, tax decreases with respect to properties in the industrial and multi-residential tax classes in the City of North Bay will be funded 100% from the Tax Policy Development Reserve Fund.

# 4. Education Rates

For the year 2007, The Corporation of the City of North Bay shall levy the tax rates prescribed in regulations made under the *Education Act* for the Residential Assessment, Multi-Residential Assessment, Commercial Assessment, Industrial Assessment, Pipeline Assessment, Farmland Assessment and Managed Forest Assessment according to the current value assessment on the last returned Assessment Roll for the City of North Bay, as adjusted pursuant to Section 312 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001.

# 5. PILT/Railways

- a) For payments-in-lieu of taxes due to The Corporation of the City of North Bay, the actual amount due to The Corporation of the City of North Bay shall be based on the assessment roll and the tax rates for the year 2007.
- b) For the railway rights of way taxes due to The Corporation of the City of North Bay in accordance with the Regulations as established by the Minister of Finance, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c.25), the actual amount due to The Corporation of the City of North Bay shall be based on the assessment roll and the tax rates for the year 2007.
- 6. If any section or portion of this By-Law or of Schedule "A" is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, it is the intent of Council for The Corporation of the City of North Bay that all remaining sections and portions of this By-Law and of Schedule "A" continue in force and effect.
- 7. Schedule "A" attached hereto shall be and form a part of this By-Law.

- 8. The Manager of Revenues & Taxation or the Treasurer of The Corporation of the City of North Bay is hereby authorized to mail or cause to be mailed to the address or the residence or place of business of each person taxed, a notice specifying the amount of taxes payable by such a person pursuant to the provision hereof.
- 9. a) Real property taxes, rated, levied and imposed pursuant to the provisions of this By-Law shall become due and payable in one instalment, namely on June 29, 2007.
  - b) Notwithstanding the due date referred to in Section 9 (a), the due dates for any taxes due for real property, the owner of which has elected pre-authorized payments, shall be deemed to be the first day of each month of the year, or the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month of the year, excluding December, for an equal 1/11 share of such annual taxes.
  - c) The Manager of Revenues & Taxation and the Treasurer of The Corporation of the City of North Bay are hereby authorized and directed to mail or cause to be mailed to the address of the residence of place of business of each person taxed, a notice specifying the amount of taxes payable by such person, pursuant to the provisions of this By-Law, including local improvement rates, as well as other rates and charges.
  - d) The aforesaid instalment of property taxes shall be paid into the office of the Treasurer or the Manager of Revenues & Taxation of The Corporation of the City of North Bay on or before the respective due date hereinbefore set forth.
  - e) Any amounts payable under this By-Law or the Water Rates By-Law may be paid into such bank named in Schedule "A" or "B" of the Bank Act, Trust Company or Credit Union within the meaning of the Credit Union or Caisse Populaire Act, to the credit of the Treasurer of The Corporation of the City of North Bay.
  - f) The levy provided for in this By-Law shall be reduced by the amount of the interim levy for 2007.
  - g) The City Treasurer is hereby directed and authorized to undertake any required action necessary to collect the education levies herein.
- 10. The Manager of Revenues & Taxation and City Treasurer are hereby authorized to accept part payment from time to time on accounts of any taxes due or to become due and to give a receipt for such part payment, provided that the acceptance of any such part payment shall not affect the collection of any percentage charge imposed and collectable in respect of non-payment of any taxes or of any instalment thereof.
- 11. Where tenants of land owned by the Crown or by which the Crown has an interest, are liable for the payment of taxes, and where any such tenant has been employed either within or outside The Corporation of the City of North Bay, by the same employer for not less than thirty (30) days, such employer shall pay over to the City Treasurer or the Manager of Revenues & Taxation or demand out of the wages, salary or other remuneration due to such employee, the amount then payable for taxes under this By-Law, and such payment shall relieve the employer from any liability to the employee for the amounts so paid.
- 12. In default of payment of any instalment of Real Property Taxes levied herein, by the required due date for the payment thereof, a percentage charge of one and one-quarter per cent (1 1/4 %) is hereby imposed as a penalty for non-payment of such taxes, or any instalment thereof, and such penalty shall be added to any taxes as aforesaid or any instalment or part thereof remaining unpaid on the first day of each calendar month thereafter in which default continues, whether before or after December 31, 2007.
- 13. By-Law No. 2006-85 to set tax rates and levy taxes is hereby repealed and replaced by this by-law.

READ A FIRST TIME IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS  $30^{\text{TH}}$  DAY OF APRIL, 2007

READ A SECOND TIME IN OPEN COUNCIL 30<sup>TH</sup> THIS DAY OF APRIL, 2007.

READ A THIRD TIME IN OPEN COUNCIL AND ENACTED AND PASSED THIS  $30^{\rm TH}$  DAY OF APRIL, 2007.

MAYOR VIC PEDELL

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Property Assessment Class	General Tax Rate Percentage	Rail Lands Tax Rate Percentage	Total Municipal Tax Rate Percentage
Residential & Farm	1.477200	.035400	1.512600
Multi-Residential	3.314300	.079500	3.393800
Commercial - Occupied	2.813840	0.067500	2.881340
Commercial – Vacant	1.969700	.047200	2.016900
Industrial – Occupied	2.068100	.049600	2.117700
Industrial – Vacant	1.447700	.034700	1.482400
Pipelines	1.721900	.041300	1.763200
Farmlands	0.221600	0.005300	0.226900
Managed Forests	0.369300	0.008900	0.378200