

DATE OF MEETING APRIL 25, 2022

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**SUBJECT OLD CITY QUARTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BYLAW
2022 NO. 7339**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To provide the results of the petition against process on Council initiative for Old City Quarter Business Improvement Area Bylaw 2022 No. 7339.

BACKGROUND

The Old City Quarter Association approached the City to establish a business improvement area as a Council Initiative in the Old City Quarter for a five-year term.

At the 2022-FEB-07 meeting Council passed first three readings of the Old City Quarter Business Improvement Area Bylaw 2022 No. 7339, and directed staff to proceed with notice of intention to conduct a local area service on a Council initiative, subject to a petition against process; and to carry out the petition against process.

Following this meeting, staff initiated the petition-against process on Council Initiative in accordance with Section 213 of the *Community Charter*. The deadline for receipt of petitions against the adoption of the above-noted bylaw was Friday, 2022-MAR-25.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to Section 212 of the *Community Charter*, in order for a local area service to be certified as sufficient and valid:

- (a) The petition must be signed by the owners of at least 50% of the parcels that would be subject to the local service tax, and
- (b) The persons signing must be the owners of parcels that in total represent at least 50% of the assessed value of land and improvements that would be subject to the local service tax.

The following number of petitions were received in opposition of the establishment of the Old City Quarter Business Improvement Area:

Total Number of Parcels in the BIA	Total Valid Petitions Received Against BIA Proposal	Percentage of Owners	Assessed Value Amount	Assessed Value Percentage
87	11	12.64%	\$8,394,600 of \$82,585,800	10.16%

In accordance with section 211 of the *Community Charter*, Council may proceed with the adoption of the “Old City Quarter Business Improvement Area Bylaw 2022 No. 7339”, if they so choose. |

CONCLUSION

Sufficient petitions against the adoption of Old City Quarter Business Improvement Area Bylaw 2022 No. 7339 have not been received. Council may proceed with the adoption of this bylaw if they choose to do so. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Old City Quarter Business Improvement Association (OCQA) approached the City to establish a Business Improvement Area on Council initiative.
- Council gave the bylaw first three readings and directed staff to conduct the petition against process in accordance with Section 213 of the *Community Charter*.
- The deadline for receipt of petitions against the Old City Quarter Business Improvement Area 2022 Bylaw No. 7339 was Friday, 2022-MAR-25.
- Eleven (11) petitions against were received, representing 12.64% of the owners and 10.16% of the total assessment in the area.
- Council may proceed with the adoption of Bylaw No. 7339 if they so choose.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Certificate of Sufficiency

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