



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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## Legislation Text

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### REQUEST FOR DECISION

**DATE:** December 16, 2019

Report No. FIN-20-001

**TO:** Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services

**SUBJECT:**

2020 Revenue Anticipation Bylaw

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council give Revenue Anticipation Bylaw, 2020, No. 2985, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.

**RELEVANT POLICY:**

*Community Charter* Section 177

**STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:**

This decision does not directly relate to any strategic priority or objective.

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 177 of the *Community Charter* permits a Council to borrow money for short term purposes in an amount up to 75% of the taxes levied by the Township for all purposes. Based on the property taxes levied in the previous year, \$22,045,000 would be the maximum allowable amount.

Other than for the funding of capital projects, no short term borrowing has been required by the Township during recent years. This has been the result of the net cash balance exceeding the amount necessary to cover operating expenditures until a majority of property tax payments have been collected.

For the 2020 fiscal year, an amount not exceeding \$2,500,000 may be required by either overdraft or short term borrowing. This amount is deemed sufficient by our bank and would represent approximately 5% of the Township's budget. The applicable interest rate of any borrowing would be determined at the time any request was made.

**ISSUES:**

1. Rationale for Selected Option

In the event that the Township requires any additional short term funding prior to completion of the 2020 property tax collections, our bank would request security in the form of a bylaw. This bylaw would provide assurance to the bank and would facilitate timely access should any funds be required.

## 2. Organizational Implications

There are no organizational implications of this decision.

## 3. Financial Implications

There is no expectation that any short term borrowing will be required as our current cash balance is sufficient to cover lawful expenditures until the end of June 2020 when a majority of property tax payments will have been received.

## 4. Sustainability & Environmental Implications

There are no sustainability or environmental implications of this decision.

## 5. Communication & Engagement

A copy of the bylaw will be provided to our financial institution to be maintained in their file in order to facilitate timely processing of any short term borrowing requests.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That Council give Revenue Anticipation Bylaw, 2020, No. 2985, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.
2. That Council amend Revenue Anticipation Bylaw, 2020, No. 2985 and give the amended bylaw 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.