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ADM - 003 - 2024 PARCEL/LOT TIE OR CONSOLIDATION POLICY

1. Purpose

The policy establishes the guidelines for parcels/lots to be tied or consolidated.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all parcels and lots within the Town of Oxbow boundaries.

3. Definitions

"Chief Administrative Officer" means the Administrator for the Town of Oxbow. "Consolidated" means the reallocation of parcels to obtain a larger parcel.

"ISC" means Information Services Corporation.

"Local Assessor" means the Town of Oxbows Chief Administrative Officer or designate.

"Parcel/Lot" means a portion of land that has been officially separated from a larger area of land. *"Tied"* means a tool within the land titles system used to link one or more parcels together, to be treated as a single land holding.

4. General Provisions

- 4.1 In addition with compliance with the Town of Oxbow's Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw, the Council shall consider the following when authorizing parcels/lots to be tied:
 - a. Parcels/lots must be registered under identical owners;
 - b. Parcels/lots must abut each other.
 - c. A development plan must be submitted with the application for the parcel/lot tie.
- 4.2 In addition with compliance with the Town of Oxbow's Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw, the Council shall consider the following when authorizing parcels/lots to be consolidated:
 - a. Parcels/lots must be registered under identical owners;
 - b. Parcels/lots must abut each other.
 - c. A development plan must be submitted with the application for the parcel/lot consolidation.

- 4.3 The local assessor is hereby authorized to combine the assessment of tied or consolidated parcels/lots into a single assessment, as per section 206 (2) of The Municipalities Act, providing the following conditions are met:
 - a. Council has approved the parcel/lot ties or consolidation request;
 - b. Owner has applied to have parcels tied or consolidated through ISC; and
 - c. Confirmation from ISC has been provided to the local assessor by the owner.
- 4.4 From the approval date of this policy, the assessment values for multiple individual parcels/lots owned by the same registered owner(s) shall not be combined for the purposes of the assessment roll.
- 4.5 Existing parcels/lots that are that are combined for assessment purposes and are not legally tied or consolidated through ISC shall be assessed as separate parcels/lots upon the sale/owner transfer of one or more parcels/lots AND FURTHER THAT the registered owner(s) must apply to Council for parcel/lot tie or consolidation approval.
- 4.6 To apply to the Council for parcel/lot tie or consolidation and email with the details of the tie or consolidation must be submitted to the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 4.7 The approval of the any parcel/lot tie or consolidation application will be considered by Council on a case-by-case basis and is at the discretion of Council.
- 4.8 It is understood that the subdivision process is required to remove or eliminate parcel ties.

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