# TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM 

Committee: Administration and Finance
Date: February 10, 2020
Department: Treasury
Topic: Tax Arrears as of December 31, 2019
Background: This report is provided to Committee to demonstrate the progress made during 2019 on collections.

See attached printout of taxes receivable as of December 31, 2019 which shows that the current balance of tax receivable is $\$ 560,882.49$ compared to the balance at the end of 2018 which was $\$ 720,202.19$. The Tax Sale Property amount of $\$ 53,071.64$ in the total tax receivable is the costs associated with three tax sale properties held for resale. This amount will be collected from the proceeds of sale when the lands are declared surplus and sold.

The reduction of tax receivable decreases the total penalty and interest revenue realized but is slightly offset with an increase in banking interest revenue.

Staff mails out letters annually in September advising property owners that the tax account will be eligible for tax registration if the arrears are not cleared by the end of the year. As of December 31, 2019 a total of 64 properties had a balance of tax arrears over 2 years. This number is down from 93 properties at the end of 2018.

The following is the action taken with these outstanding accounts:

| Action Taken | Number of accounts |
| :--- | :---: |
| Set up monthly payment plans during 2019 | 39 |
| Sent collection letter on January 14 ${ }^{\text {th }} 2020$ | 18 |
| Sent accounts to RealTax in 2019 \& 2020 | 7 |
| Total properties with tax arrears over 2 years | $\mathbf{6 4}$ |

# Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal 

## Taxes Receivable

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|  | Prior Year <br> Balance | Current <br> Balance |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Taxes Receivable |  |  |
| Current Taxes Receivable | $441,888.99$ | $\mathbf{3 5 8 , 8 6 5 . 2 6}$ |
| 1yr Taxes Receivable | $145,801.81$ | $97,977.57$ |
| 2 yr Taxes Receivable | $34,900.70$ | $13,960.98$ |
| 3yr Taxes Receivable | $20,034.13$ | $1,806.46$ |
| Prior Taxes Receivable | $20,423.73$ | $4,240.60$ |
| Tax Sale Property | $7,693.87$ | $53,071.64$ |
| Penalty \& Interest Receivable | $\mathbf{4 9 , 4 5 8 . 9 6}$ | $30,959.98$ |
| Total Taxes Receivable: | $\mathbf{7 2 0 , 2 0 2 . 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{5 6 0 , 8 8 2 . 4 9}$ |

