

## **North Bay Taxpayers' Association**

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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **New Taxpayers' president hopes review reveals efficiencies**

The North Bay Taxpayers' Association is hopeful that the recently-announced City Operational Review will produce recommendations for cost savings and efficiencies that the volunteer group has been urging council to identify since it was formed three years ago.

“If city councilors can help staff understand how urgent the need is for the municipality to start living within its means, this process could represent a positive turning point in our city's history,” says Miles Peters, incoming association president. “We congratulate Mayor and council for recognizing that they have an obligation to eliminate all but essential spending on behalf of the people being asked to pick up the tab – the taxpayers.”

Peters said the association also welcomes the analysis being conducted by the Baylor Group, and sees the retirement of the city's Chief Administrative Officer as an opportunity to incubate fresh ideas among city staff.

“We want to extend our most sincere wishes to Jerry Knox for a healthy and well-deserved retirement.”

In addition to nominating Peters as its new president, the association acclaimed the following executive members at its annual meeting: Gary Gardiner, vice president; Don Rennick, treasurer; Elizabeth Fournier, secretary; Catharine Hunter, membership secretary; Maurice Switzer, media relations and Mark King, past president. James Brien and Cheryl Whitesell are executive members at large.

The Association is proud that a former North Bay citizen and Domestic Executive Banker, Lorne Smallwood, has agreed to serve another term as an ex-officio board member focusing on research and financial logistics. Also Bill Tufts, Founder of Fair Pensions For All, will remain as an ex-officio member providing professional insight and critical advice on pensions and pension reform.

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