

Wetaskiwin City Council Approves 2019 Municipal Budget

March 28, 2019

(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – After three days of budget planning, two days of budget deliberations and one public open house, Wetaskiwin Council approved the final 2019 budget at a special Council meeting held Thursday, March 28. The total operating budget—valued at \$39.3 million—involves a 3 percent tax increase for 2019.

Budget highlights include:

- The 2019 municipal capital budget total is \$6,985,535.
- The 2019 utility capital budget total is \$5,545,852.
- Revenue from taxation totals \$16,226,853, accounting for 47% of the municipality's total revenue.

"Wetaskiwin's 2019 municipal budget is a direct reflection of Council's vision to make our community a secure, connected and inclusive community," said Mayor Tyler Gandam. "Administration's thorough review of the budget using priority-based budgeting principles enabled staff to understand their department's needs and how those areas contribute to the City's overall strategic vision."

Specific attention was given to the following priority areas within the 2019 budget: public safety and security, organizational accountability, infrastructure investment, and community connection and engagement.

The City of Wetaskiwin published a budget document to help increase local understanding of projects and initiatives planned for the year, as well as residents' knowledge of where municipal tax dollars are spent. The 2019 approved budget document can be viewed online at www.wetaskiwin.ca/budget2019.

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