

Wetaskiwin City Council trims budget, moves toward a sustainable future

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WETASKIWIN, AB – Having taken into account the goals laid out in the Strategic Plan passed in July of 2012, Wetaskiwin City Council is prepared to move forward with its 2013 and 2014 budgets. Official approval is expected to take place at the City's regular council meeting March 11, 2013.

After a public open house attended by nearly 100 people, a presentation by the Wetaskiwin & District Chamber of Commerce, and the most-recent Coffee with the Mayor, council acknowledged the concerns of residents, and decided to go back into deliberations Feb. 19.

During a day-long session, council cut an additional \$223,681 from the 2013 budget. A further \$204,508 has been cut from the 2014 proposed budget.

The proposed budget moves the City forward in the direction set out in our Strategic Plan and will allow us to provide a very good level of service to our citizens.

With regard to Utilities, the increase is 8.1%, with the cost to an average resident using 30 cubic meters of water being \$7.89. This total consists of: water (basic charge) - \$2.80, water consumption (basic charge) - \$1.50, waste water (basic charge) - \$2.84 and garbage for a 121 litre container (basic charge) - \$0.75.

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