

## Wetaskiwin City Council Debating Interim Budget for 2019

December 13, 2018

(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – An interim 2019 municipal budget will be brought forward for Wetaskiwin City Council’s consideration at their regular December 17, 2018 Council meeting. This budget will allow the City of Wetaskiwin to continue operating into the new year while City Council debates the finalized budget—expected to be passed within the first quarter of 2019.

Budget deliberations—originally scheduled for the end of November—were delayed due to audit of internal processes following the discovery of a clerical financial error relating to utility billing. Wetaskiwin City Council has requested that a zero-based budget be presented in the new year, which means analyzing the needs and associated costs of every function within the organization to ensure the City remains accountable for every public tax dollar spent.

“Legally, City Council must pass an interim budget in the event of the finalized budget being delayed,” stated Mayor Tyler Gandam. “It is important that we do not rush the budget process to ensure we maintain our commitments to the community outlined in our 2018 - 2022 strategic plan, including fiscal responsibility, accountability, communication, and innovation.”

Budget documents and a budget deliberation schedule will be published online at [www.wetaskiwin.ca/budget2019](http://www.wetaskiwin.ca/budget2019) once finalized.

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