

2019 Budget Discussion Dates Finalized by Wetaskiwin City Council

January 2, 2019

(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – Wetaskiwin City Council will be discussing the 2019 municipal budget on January 9, 10, & 11, 2019 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm in Council Chambers at Wetaskiwin City Hall (4705 – 50 Avenue). These budget discussions are open to public viewing.

These discussions precede the official budget deliberations that City Council will undergo before passing the approved budget within the first quarter of 2019. Budget deliberations—originally scheduled for the end of November—were delayed due to a new zero-based budget process. Wetaskiwin City Council requested that a zero-based budget be presented this year, which involves analyzing the needs and associated costs of every function within the organization to ensure the City remains accountable for every public tax dollar spent.

“Historically, the City of Wetaskiwin always used last year’s budget as the template for the upcoming budget cycle,” said Mayor Tyler Gandam. “A zero-based budget means building the budget from the ground up and looking at it with fresh eyes to find efficiencies and reduce expenses. It also encourages communication between departments to see if any redundancies are occurring.”

Wetaskiwin City Council passed an interim 2019 budget at their regular December 17, 2018 Council meeting. The interim budget—a legal requirement of the Municipal Government Act—ensures that normal City operations can continue until the finalized budget is passed.

Budget documents and a budget deliberation schedule will be published online at www.wetaskiwin.ca/budget2019 as soon as they become available.

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