

City awards contract to build new Public Works shop

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(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – The contract to build a new Public Works shop has been awarded to local architecture firm, *Creative Infrastructure*. The maximum contract value is \$3 million and is 100% grant funded.

A new building is required as the existing shop no longer meets code and is unsafe for City staff to continue working in. The City of Wetaskiwin holds the safety of its staff as its first priority.

“Council directed Administration to explore options that included refurbishment of the existing building, purchasing an existing facility in a new location, or constructing a new building,” said Sue Howard, City Manager for the City of Wetaskiwin. “Through a conceptual design process, it was determined that building a new facility on the existing site was the most cost-effective solution.”

Creative Infrastructure will be looking for efficiencies throughout the project, utilizing local contractors and suppliers to construct a facility that will meet the City’s requirements for years to come.

“This is a fairly large project and we are hopeful that it will give a boost to the local economy during these tough times,” added Byron Reynolds, Director for *Creative Infrastructure*. “This is our hometown and we’re excited to do what we can to help out our friends and neighbours.”

Construction on this project will break ground this month.

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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