



## Additional positions approved for City's finance department

**Saturday, October 16, 2021 (Wetaskiwin, Alberta)** – Three additional staffing positions for the City's finance department were approved by Wetaskiwin City Council at their regular Oct. 12, 2021 meeting in order to address a backlog of financial work and properly prepare for future budgets and audits.

This decision was based on the results of an independent review of the City's finance department conducted by Transitional Solutions Inc. earlier this year. Council approved up to \$75,000 per year, per position. One (1) financial analyst position and one (1) property tax / accounts receivable finance clerk position were added as permanent positions and will be funded from the budget surplus until the 2023 budget cycle. The second financial analyst position is a two-year term position and will be funded from the City's contingency reserve for 2021/2022—with the remainder of the funding being requested through the 2023 budget process.

“With the addition of these positions, the Finance Department is now positioned to provide a higher level of customer service to both the public and internal departments moving forward” stated Alan Harris, General Manager of Corporate Services. “This extra support will also allow the City to meet its financial reporting comments under the *Municipal Government Act*.”

The finance department has also committed to cross-training between positions to assist with the department's customer service delivery. This action will shorten response times, as well as enable finance staff to confidently and immediately address any resident concerns or questions.

### **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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