



## **Notice of proposed Municipally Controlled Corporation for City of Wetaskiwin water and wastewater services**

### **What is a Municipally Controlled Corporation?**

A Municipally Controlled Corporation is a business or organization that is created and controlled by a municipality.

### **Why is the City looking to establish a Municipally Controlled Corporation?**

The City has been mandated by other orders of government to upgrade its wastewater systems to meet current effluent regulations (effluent is wastewater deposited from wastewater systems). To meet these regulations, a new wastewater treatment facility will need to be constructed. This is expected to cost between \$40 million and \$53 million – depending on the option selected.

The City has until 2023 to comply with the current effluent regulations or heavy fines could follow – up to \$4 million per release of effluent in violation of these regulations. Establishing a Municipally Controlled Corporation is the only way the City can afford to complete this mandated project while also ensuring water and wastewater rates remain within the City's control.

In 2020, the City conducted a tendering process for a new wastewater treatment facility and received three submissions. Administration selected the Graham Aquatera consortium as a business partner to provide the design, build, finance, and operations for the facility, which is proposed to operate as a Municipally Controlled Corporation. By establishing the proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility as a Municipally Controlled Corporation, the City partners with Graham Capital to ensure project financing can be secured without taking the City beyond its debt limit. This partnership also allows the City to retain ownership of all assets related to the project while receiving the financial benefits of that ownership. Aquatera – along with Graham Capital – is another core member of the proposed business partnership for this project and would be responsible for providing long-term operations and maintenance services to the City for both water and wastewater utilities.

### **Public Hearing scheduled for 1 p.m. on January 24, 2022**

Prior to next steps for this project being finalized, the City and Council invite the community to share their thoughts about the proposed Municipally Controlled Corporation during a public hearing scheduled for January 24, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Wetaskiwin City Hall. See the other side of this sheet for the formal public hearing notice.

### **Find out more**

Residents can find more information about this project on the [\[what if wetaskiwin\]](https://www.wetaskiwin.ca/whatifwetaskiwin) portal at [whatifwetaskiwin.ca](https://www.wetaskiwin.ca/whatifwetaskiwin.ca).

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF WETASKIWIN  
(the “Municipality”)  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 453/21

To be held **January 24, 2022 at 1 PM, Wetaskiwin Alberta**

PURSUANT to sections 75.1, 75.5, 230 and 606 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended and Section 3 of the *Municipally Controlled Corporation Regulation*, A.R. 112/2019, the Council of the City of Wetaskiwin (the “City”), in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to incorporate a new corporation pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (the “BCA”) to be a municipally controlled corporation (an “MCC”). The City-controlled MCC shall assume all responsibilities for the operation of water and wastewater services within the municipal boundaries of the City.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Resolution 453/21 is:

- A. To provide information to the public concerning the new proposed MCC and the City’s intention for the provision of water and wastewater services;
- B. Pursuant to both the terms of Division 9 of Part 3 of the Municipal Government Act (the “MGA”) and the *Municipally Controlled Corporation Regulation* (the “MCC Regulation”), a municipality may only incorporate a new corporation pursuant to the BCA if certain preliminary steps are taken, which include, but are not limited, to holding a public hearing as stated hereof;
- C. The Council of the City wishes to comply with all obligations under the MGA and the MCC Regulation to cause the MCC to be incorporated.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed incorporation of the MCC and the control by the City is to ensure:

- A. A specialized entity is created to provide these utility services.
- B. The City can transfer all financial obligations and debt obligations to the MCC, thereby clearing these financial liabilities from the City’s financial records;

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION will be disclosed at the public hearing:

- A. the wastewater services to be provided by the MCC;
- B. the water services to be provided by the MCC;
- C. the name of the shareholder of the MCC, which shall be the City as the sole shareholder;
- D. the geographic locations within Alberta in which the MCC intends to provide services; and
- E. the projected rate structure for the cost of services.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING will be held on January 24, 2022 at 1 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, at 4705 50 Avenue, Wetaskiwin Alberta at which time written and verbal submissions can be presented to Council. Submissions may be made by any person whom Council agrees to hear.

ANY WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS that are mailed or delivered to the City of Wetaskiwin, PO Box 6210, Wetaskiwin AB, T9A 2E9 or faxed to 780-361-4402 prior to 4:30 p.m. January 21, 2022 or emailed to [sue.howard@wetaskiwin.ca](mailto:sue.howard@wetaskiwin.ca) will be included on the Council Agenda. Written and verbal submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to the City of Wetaskiwin.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the materials to be discussed at the Public Hearing and a copy of the proposed resolution are accessible at the following link: <https://www.whatifwetaskiwin.ca/wastewater-treatment-facility>