

# CITY OF ST. ALBERT

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# **Legislation Text**

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# **Capital Carry Forwards & Completed Projects**

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# **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 1. That the 2019 Municipal Capital Carry Forward amount of \$134.9 million, which includes a \$121 thousand net budget decrease, as detailed in the document entitled "Municipal *Capital Projects Carry Forward*", provided as an attachment to the February 18, 2020 agenda report entitled "Capital Carry Forwards & Completed Projects", be approved.
- 2. That the residual balance remaining in the 2019 Municipal Capital closed projects in the amount of \$1.4 million as detailed in the document entitled "Municipal Capital Projects Closed", provided as an attachment to the February 18, 2020 agenda report entitled "Capital Carry Forwards & Completed Projects", be uncommitted within their respective funding source.
- 3. That the 2019 Utility Capital Carry Forward amount of \$71.2 million, which includes an \$8 million budget decrease, as detailed in the document entitled "*Utility Capital Projects Carry Forward*", provided as an attachment to the February 18, 2020 agenda report entitled "Capital Carry Forwards & Completed Projects", be approved.
- 4. That the residual balance remaining in the 2019 Utility Capital completed projects in the amount of \$299 thousand as detailed in the document entitled "*Utility Capital Projects Closed*", provided as an attachment to the February 18, 2020 agenda report entitled "Capital Carry Forwards & Completed Projects", be uncommitted within their respective funding source.

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides Council with an overview of the 2019 Municipal and Utility Capital Carry Forwards and Closed Projects for consideration.

#### ALIGNMENT TO PRIORITIES IN COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

#### ALIGNMENT TO LEVELS OF SERVICE DELIVERY

N/A

#### ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL DIRECTION OR MANDATORY STATUTORY PROVISION

As per Council Policy C-FS-11, Operating and Capital Carry Forwards Policy:

Any operational or capital project that has not been completed during its budgeted fiscal year shall be brought forward for consideration as part of Administration's report on proposed year end transfers, and all projects shall be subject to a maximum carry-forward deadline.

Any operating or capital project that is fully completed within the fiscal year shall be brought forward for consideration as part of Administration's report on proposed year end transfers, and all projects with a surplus shall have that surplus directed back to it's original funding source if feasible.

#### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The purpose of a capital carry forward is to ensure that there is adequate funding available to complete Council approved capital projects overlapping budget years.

# **Municipal Capital Carry Forwards and Closed Projects**

In 2019, the City had a total of 171 Municipal Capital Projects, of which:

- 125 projects to be carried forward of \$134.9 million
- 46 projects to be closed with project surplus of \$1.4 million.

There are 125 municipal capital projects that remain in progress at the end of 2019 with an approved budget of \$135 million. A decrease of \$121 thousand is recommended due to a reduction in costs required.

A total of 46 projects are being recommended to be closed with a total budget of \$1.4 million. Of the total budget, \$30.5 million of actual expenditures was incurred resulting in a \$1.4 million realized net surplus. It is recommended that these funds be uncommitted within their respective funding source for allocation to future Council approved projects.

# **Utility Capital Carry Forwards and Closed Projects**

In 2018, the City had a total of 62 Utility Capital Projects, of which:

- 49 projects to be carried forward of \$71.8 million
- 13 projects to be closed of \$14.7 million with project surplus of \$299 thousand.

There are 49 utility capital projects that remain in progress at the end of 2019 with an approved budget of \$79.7 million. A decrease of \$8 million is recommended due to lower costs on the North Interceptor Trunkline. As a result, a request of \$71.8 million is recommended to be carried forward to 2020.

A total of 13 utility capital projects are being recommended to be closed with a total project budget of \$14.7 million. Total expenditures equated to \$14.4 million, resulting in a net realizable savings of \$299 thousand from project costs lower than expected. It is recommended that these funds be uncommitted within their respective funding source for allocation to future Council approved projects.

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#### STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT

N/A

# IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

#### Financial:

- Approval to carry forward budgets for Municipal Capital and Utility Capital will ensure that Administration can complete Council approved projects.
- Approval to un-commit within or transfer to appropriate reserves the realized net savings from closed projects ensures that dollars will be available for future capital needs which represents prudent financial planning.

### Legal / Risk:

None at this time

# Program or Service:

If funds recommended to be carried forward are not approved, projects/programs still in progress will not have the appropriate funds to complete.

# Organizational:

None at this time

### ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

If Council does not wish to support the recommendation, the following alternatives could be considered:

- Specific projects should be identified by Council for completion and appropriate funds be carried over.
- Specific projects should be identified by Council to not proceed and the appropriate funds be withdrawn and no other expenditures be incurred, and the funds returned to funding sources, as per Council Policy.

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