

# CITY OF ST. ALBERT

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# **Legislation Text**

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## Approval of 2018-2027 Growth Plan

Presented by: Diane McMordie, Director of Financial Services

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 1. That the 10 Year Municipal Growth Capital Plan, provided as an attachment to the July 10, 2017 agenda report titled "Approval of 2018-2027 Growth Plan", as amended, be approved.
- 2. That Administration prepare and present a funding recommendation and further recommended amendments to the 10 Year Municipal Growth Capital Plan for the 2018 budget to be included as part of the 2018-2020 Proposed Business Plan and Budget in November 2017.

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of seeking approval for proposed amendments to the 10 Year Municipal Capital Growth Plan prior to the presentation of the 2018-2020 Business Plan and Budget is to give Administration an agreed upon starting point upon which to engage in a prioritization and funding recommendation process. Complete recommendations regarding the Capital budget will be made as part of the proposed budget being presented to Council Members in October 2017.

#### COUNCIL DIRECTION

On June 19, 2017 Standing Committee of the Whole passed the following motions:

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- 1. That the June 19, 2017 agenda report titled "Presentation of 10-Year Growth Capital Plan" be received as information.
- 2. That members of Standing Committee of the Whole (SCW) submit any budget information requests (BIR's) by June 21, 2017 and any subsequent motions for proposed amendments to the 10 Year (2018-2027) Growth Capital Plan to Administration by June 27, 2017.
- 3. That Administration prepare responses to BIR's by June 26, 2017 and/or backgrounders for proposed changes to the 10 Year (2018-2027) Growth Capital Plan by July 4, 2017 and present to Council at the July 10, 2017 Council meeting for consideration.

#### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The proposed 10 Year Municipal Capital Growth plan that was presented to Standing Committee of

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the Whole on June 19, 2017, represented Administrations recommended changes to the 10 year plan approved as part of the 2017 budget process. Changes to projects were recommended due to:

- Council direction;
- Recommendations from audit reviews, plans and policies;
- Better alignment with sequence of other projects;
- Improved capacity building and recognition of City's long term infrastructure requirement for growth; and
- More concise cost estimates.

In addition, 12 new growth charters are being recommended as additions to the plan and 3 previous charters are being recommended for removal from the plan.

## STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT

Between June 19, 2017 and July 4, 2017, Council Members were invited to submit Budget Information Requests (BIR's) and Notice of Motions related to desired changes to the presented plan.

There was 1 BIR and 5 Postponed Motions submitted to which responses and backgrounders were provided to Council members.

## IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

## Financial:

There are no immediate financial implications to the approval of the 10 year Municipal Capital Growth Plan. All funding implications and budget decisions will be made by Council during the 2018 budget process.

Finalization of the proposed 10 year plan will allow administration to engage in a prioritization process that will inform a funding recommendation that will be presented to Council.

#### Legal / Risk:

None at this Time

### Program or Service:

None at this time

## Organizational:

Administration will commit senior staff resources towards the development of a funding strategy/recommendation for presentation to Council as part of the 2018 proposed budget.

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#### ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

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

Alternative 1. Do nothing. Other than the addition of the 2027 year projects, Administration will make funding recommendations based on the 10 year Municipal Capital Growth plan as approved by Council in December 2016.

Choosing this alternative would mean that projects on the plan may not have up-to-date cost estimates and may present scheduling conflicts with other projects. As well, newly proposed projects would not be entered into the plan to consideration.

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