

# Bylaw 18288

## City Assessor Bylaw Amendment No. 1

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### Purpose

To update the City Assessor Bylaw (12046) to accommodate recently passed legislative changes.

### Readings

Bylaw 18288 is ready for three readings.

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 18288 be considered for third reading.”

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Report Summary

These amendments update the City Assessor Bylaw (12046) to ensure it is consistent with newly passed provincial legislation. Amendments reflect changes to section numbers, definitions and the newly created “designated industrial property”.

### Report

In 2017, several changes were made to the *Municipal Government Act*. Among them, these changes adjusted section numbers, added new terms and created a new class of property called “designated industrial property”. The City Assessor Bylaw (12046) authorizes the appointment of a City Assessor by the City Manager and outlines the City Assessor’s accountabilities, authorities and duties.

Given new provincial legislation, the City Assessor Bylaw must now:

1. make reference to new sections within the Act to draw its authority,
2. cross-reference the newly created term “municipal assessor” with the previously used term “city assessor”,
3. correctly reference the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26, and

4. provide the City Assessor with the authority to submit requests to determine how designated industrial property has been assessed, challenge (file complaints/appeals) those assessments when necessary and take any additional actions that are required relating to the valuation of designated industrial property.

The first three of these changes are strictly administrative in nature. The final change will provide the City Assessor with the appropriate tools to review provincial assessments on designated industrial property and defend the City's as well as the public's financial interests in the case where the City Assessor feels the provided assessment values are incorrect. In addition to assessing linear property (i.e. electric power systems, telecommunication systems and pipelines), the province is now responsible to assess railway, larger facilities associated with the oil and gas sector and other large industrial facilities.

### Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): The City of Edmonton has a resilient financial position			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
Effective and efficient service delivery: the City is compliant with legislated requirements	That municipal legislation is updated in a timely manner	Passed by end of February 2018.	That the City Assessor Bylaw is up to date in advance of the assessment complaint period ending.

### Public Engagement

The province engaged in extensive public consultation before changing its legislative processes. The City partook in those consultation processes and is now updating its bylaws to reflect provincial legislation.

### Legal Implications

These changes are required in order to comply with provincial legislation and to ensure that the proper delegations are in place so that decisions can be made, and actions taken, by the City assessor under the new legislation.

### Attachment

1. Bylaw 18288