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Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2024 Rate Filing and Fall 2023 Supplemental Budget Adjustment

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### Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility (BREU) Operational Update

- → Continued growth and operation of the District Energy Sharing System (DESS) to achieve Council's vision for the community
- Connection forecast based on actual development scenario and pace
- → Capital work on track, with focus on Energy Center 1 and distribution piping network expansion
- → Ongoing feasibility work for the Utility's growth



#### Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility (BREU) Current Financial Situation

- → Required \$93 million non-refundable cash infusion
  - \$23.7 million Federal Grant (Natural Resources Canada -Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program)
- → Timing of non-refundable cash infusion
  - Operating shortfalls being funded by short-term bridge financing through City of Edmonton working capital
- → Utility Fiscal Policy and Business Plan updates to be provided by end of Q2 2024



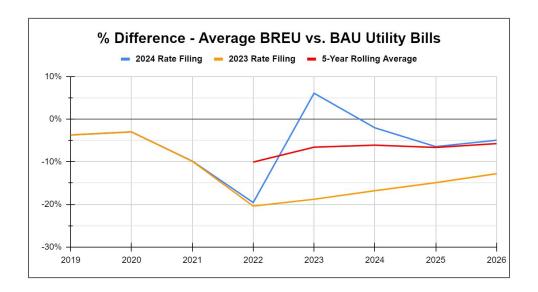
# Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility (BREU) Proposed 2024 Utility Rates

Description	2024 Rate Increase	2024	2023	2023 Rate Increase
Townhouse Lot				
Monthly Charge (unit per day)	10.0%	\$1.88	\$1.71	10.0%
Variable Heating and Cooling (per kWh)	10.0%	\$0.0325	\$0.0296	10.0%
Multi-Unit Lot				10.011.020
Monthly Charge (per kW peak capacity per month)	2.7%	\$12.84	\$12.50	NEW
Variable Heating and Cooling (per kWh)	10.0%	\$0.0325	\$0.0296	10.0%
Infrastructure Fee				
Townhouse Lot Residential (per unit)	2.7%	\$1,947.03	\$1,895.84	2.7%
Multi-Unit Lot Residential (per unit)	2.7%	\$1,947.03	\$1,895.84	2.7%
Multi-Unit Lot Commercial (per square meter)	2.7%	\$22.24	\$21.66	2.7%

→ Proposed increases are consistent with those approved in the 2023 rate filing and align with discussions leading to the approval of the 2023-2026 operating and capital budgets



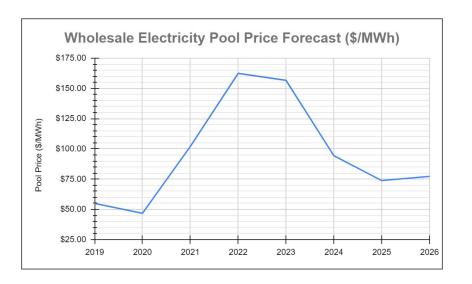
## Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility (BREU) Business-As-Usual (BAU) Comparison



→ 5-year rolling average (represented by the red line) shows that Blatchford rates are historically below BAU and is forecast to continue to be below BAU through to 2026.



### Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility (BREU) Wholesale Electricity Pool Price Forecast (\$/MWh)



→ Forecast information provided by independent third-party energy consulting firm.



# Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility (BREU) Fall 2023 Supplemental Budget Adjustment

- → Proposed changes to revenue targets in Approved Operating Budget (2023-2026)
  - 2024 Operating Budget reduced by \$1.16 million
  - 2025 Operating Budget reduced by \$2.03 million
  - ◆ 2026 Operating Budget be reduced by \$2.10 million
- → Changes are a result of adjusted customer connections and resulting required energy system loads



## Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility (BREU) Next Steps

- → Bylaw 20628 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw, Amendment No. 5 (FCS02090)
- → Utility Fiscal Policy and Business Plan updates to be provided by end of Q2 2024



### Thank you. Questions?

