



Council Policy **DRAFT**

Financial Loss During Major Construction Projects

Program Impacted	Economic Development <i>Edmonton has a diverse and prosperous economy that thrives locally and globally.</i>
Number	New
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Approval History	n/a
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Statement

The City of Edmonton supports local economic and community resilience through development, revitalization and renewal.

For this reason the City of Edmonton will partially mitigate the effects of major capital construction projects carried out by the City on nearby businesses who demonstrate economic loss.

Guiding Principles

Administration uses the following principles to mitigate the financial effects of major construction projects:

- **Public Good** - The City undertakes major infrastructure construction projects for the public good.
- **Judicious Use of Tax Dollars** - The City will balance the compensation it provides to affected businesses with the amount of resources available.
- **Magnitude of Impact** - Longer-term and larger-scale projects may have a greater impact on nearby businesses. Businesses that are more dependent on physical customer access are more likely to be affected than those that have other options.

Program Requirements

Administration will maintain a program that:

- **Identifies major projects** - Administration will define the type, location, duration, scale and scope of projects that support is available for.
- **Outlines financial assistance conditions:**
 - Financial assistance provided directly to business owners (not landlords).
 - Financial assistance to be based on business revenue, not net income.
 - Income from the specific business must be at least 50% of gross revenue of this and all related businesses.
 - Financial assistance for the program will be capped at the amount budgeted for the financial assistance program for each project in any given year.
- **Provides a Forgiveness Cap and associated conditions:**
 - A maximum amount of financial assistance.