

### Proposed Major Construction Business Support Grant

#### Introduction

The Major Construction Business Support Grant would provide a lump sum grant to eligible businesses affected by City-led construction projects. This grant would be specifically intended for City-led projects extending two or more construction seasons in duration. These major construction projects may have cumulative impact on customer access and business operations due to construction activities, including road closures, detours, traffic delays, utility relocations, and sidewalk replacements. This grant is a proactive financial support as opposed to financial compensation and there is no requirement in Alberta's *Municipal Government Act* or other legislation to compensate business owners for the effects of City-led infrastructure construction (e.g. Public utilities).

This grant is intended to provide financial support to help businesses:

- prepare for the potential effects of construction by adapting their operational practices, and
- implement their own strategies to encourage patronage during construction.

#### Application Process

Administration will establish the grant application process, which will be outlined in the grant application package distributed to eligible businesses.

Grant payments will not be paid until the City has reviewed and confirmed that all taxes imposed pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 c. M-26 (the "MGA"), have been paid for any property within the City of Edmonton that is owned by the grant recipient. The grant is not an admission of any liability under Section 534 or any other section of the MGA, or the *Expropriation Act*, RSA 2000, c E-13 and if a successful claim is made under s. 534 of the MGA or under the *Expropriation Act* the grant amount would be set off against the claim, or the City would have the right to rescind the grant.

Property owned or held by the City of Edmonton, any other municipality or the provincial or federal government is not eligible for a grant under this program. Property will no longer be eligible for the grant to the extent that the property is exempt from municipal taxes or if it is condominiumized and sold to an end user.

### Eligibility Criteria for Grants

#### Eligibility

Further eligibility requirements.

- Grant to be provided directly to business owners (not landlords)
- Businesses must provide in-person retail sales, product rentals or consumer services, which require customers to travel to the site of business to complete the business transaction.
- Businesses must operate with a physical storefront location within one city block of planned construction activities for Major Construction projects as defined by the City of Edmonton. Eligible businesses will be identified once construction plans are finalized in any given year.