

BYLAW 20870

To amend Bylaw 15726, City of Edmonton Integrated Infrastructure Services Project, Valley Line LRT, Amendment #4

Recommendation

That Bylaw 20870 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend Bylaw 15726, as amended by Bylaws 16376, 17390 and 17979, to decrease the borrowing authority by \$509.27 million from \$1.17 billion to \$660.02 million.

Readings

Bylaw 20870 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 20870 be considered for third reading.”

Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw does not require advertising and the Bylaw can be signed and thereby passed following third reading.

Under the *Municipal Government Act*, a borrowing bylaw does not need to be advertised unless there is an increased cost of more than 15 per cent of the original cost of the capital property.

REPORT

The history of the borrowing bylaw is as follows:

- At the February 15, 2012, City Council meeting, Bylaw 15726, was passed;
- At the April 10, 2013, City Council meeting, Bylaw 16376, amending Bylaw 15726, was passed;
- At the November 17, 2015, City Council meeting, Bylaw 17390, amending Bylaw 15726, was passed; and
- At the June 13, 2017, City Council meeting, Bylaw 17979, amending Bylaw 15726, was passed.

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During various budget adjustment deliberations since the last Bylaw 15726 amendment on June 13, 2017, Council approved a decrease to the total cost for capital profile 11-66-1673 Valley Line LRT by \$81.69 million from \$1.78 billion to \$1.69 billion and a total decrease in borrowing authority of \$509.27 million from \$1.17 billion to \$660.02 million.

The decrease in borrowing authority of \$509.27 million comprises of the following adjustments:

- As part of the 2017 Fall Supplemental Budget Adjustment on December 5, 2017, City Council approved a transfer of \$20.57 million to capital profile 16-66-7017 Valley Line LRT: Downtown to Lewis Farms. This adjustment reflects moving the budget that relates specifically to the west opportunistic land purchases.
- As part of the 2018 Spring Supplemental Budget Adjustment on May 29, 2018, City Council approved a funding source adjustment of \$175.70 million to reduce tax supported debt due to an interest free loan received from the Province.
- At the May 22, 2024, Special City Council meeting, Council approved a transfer of \$63 million of previously approved debt from capital profile 11-66-1673 Valley Line LRT (Valley Line Southeast) to capital profile 16-66-7018 Capital Line South LRT: Century Park to Ellerslie Road.
- An additional \$250 million in debt was added to Bylaw 15726 when it was amended by bylaw 17390 on June 13, 2017 to finance construction costs in advance of receiving the funding from the Federal P3 Canada Fund. Ultimately the funding was not required and as a result the borrowing authority is being reduced by this amount as it is no longer required.

The corresponding amendment under Bylaw 20866 to amend Revised Bylaw 19781, City of Edmonton Integrated Infrastructure Services Project, Capital Line South LRT: Century Park to Ellerslie Road, Amendment #3, to increase the borrowing authority, is also presented to City Council for the second and third readings on August 20, 2024 through Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02504rev.

Community Insight

Borrowing bylaws reflect a legislative requirement of the borrowing process. As a result, no community insight is undertaken with respect to the borrowing bylaw process. Where required by the *Municipal Government Act*, borrowing bylaws are advertised.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 20870
2. Bylaw 15726 Redline Version
3. Capital Profile 11-66-1673

Others Reviewing the Report

- C. Taylor, Acting Chief People Officer and City Solicitor