

Previous Council Action

**OCTOBER 25, 2019**

At the October 25, 2019, Special City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration prepare the following for Council as a part of the budget:

1. Capital budget reprioritization scenarios, including deferral or cancellation of capital projects in the current 2019-2022 infrastructure cycle and implications for asset management to account for the \$150 million reduction in infrastructure grants; *(Due date November 5, 2019)*
2. Operating budget reprioritization options including a 0% tax increase in 2020 to further reduce the city's expenditure on services or contributions to the infrastructure budget; *(Due date December 5, 2019)*
3. Analysis of the cumulative debt interest costs to Edmontonians of the City's interim financing required by the back-ending of provincial support for the Yellowhead and LRT projects; *(Due date November 5, 2019)*
4. Simplified comparison of the short and long term differences between the City Charter Fiscal Framework and the Local Government Fiscal Framework, including the annual adjustment escalator mechanism to account for growth; and, *(Due date November 5, 2019)*
5. Implications, options and possible offsets around the reductions in provincial grants for infrastructure and services rendered to provincial facilities in the city (i.e. the Grants In Lieu of Property Tax) including relevant Canadian legal precedents. *(Due date November 5, 2019)*

*Items 1,3,4,5 were provided to City Council through the Fall 2019 Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment Report on November 5, 2019.*

*City Council directed Administration to respond to item 2 at the December 5, 2019 City Council meeting.*

**November 5, 2019**

At the November 5, 2019, City Council meeting, the following motions were passed:

**Moved D. Iveson – M. Nickel** (*Due Date December 11, 2019*):

1. That the civic debt capacity allocated to matching ACT-funded projects be reprioritized within and beyond the ACT projects as part of the forthcoming budget adjustments, subject to 2. c. below.
2. That Administration rescope the combined Terwillegar Drive Expressway Upgrade Phase 1 (19-22-9004) and Phase 2 (19-22-9005) projects as follows:
  - a. to account for the elimination of the province's specific requirements around the dedicated transit elements, while maintaining appropriate transit and alternate mode accommodation;
  - b. bring an analysis of the merits of keeping the phases combined or breaking it back into separate phases;
  - c. in the interim, maintain the debt room currently allocated to the Terwillegar Drive Expressway Upgrade projects in the forthcoming budget.

**Moved B. Esslinger – M. Nickel** (*Due Date December 11, 2019*):

That the November 5, 2019, Financial and Corporate Services report CR\_7483, be referred back to Administration to provide updates on ongoing developments, and return to the December 11, 2019, City Council Budget meeting.

That the November 5, 2019, Financial and Corporate Services report CR\_7485, be referred back to Administration to provide updates on ongoing developments, and return to the December 11, 2019, City Council Budget meeting.

**Moved D. Iveson – M. Nickel** (*Due Date March 16, 2020 Executive Committee*):

**Analysis of Edmonton's Economic Outlook**

That Administration work with our Economic Development partners and others as appropriate to prepare a comprehensive analysis of Edmonton's economic outlook, investor confidence, downtown vibrancy, innovation corridor, and talent attraction, including specific analysis of the impact of the repeal of the Digital Media and Research and Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Credits, changes to provincial screen industry incentives, cuts to post-secondary institutions, investment in the Artificial Intelligence sector, and any other material

## Attachment 1

factors arising from last month's Provincial budget, from a local, provincial, national and international context.