

**POLICY NUMBER:** C595A

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**REFERENCE:**

**ADOPTED BY:**

City Council

**SUPERSEDES:**

**C595**

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**PREPARED BY:** Integrated Infrastructure Services

**DATE:**

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**TITLE**                      **Neighbourhood Renewal Program**

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**Policy Statement:**

1. In compliance with this policy and the *Municipal Government Act*, the establishment of all Reserve accounts and the transfers to and from these accounts require City Council approval.
2. The Neighbourhood Renewal Reserve shall be managed in accordance with City Policy C217C, Reserve and Equity Accounts.
3. Prior to this Policy being amended, exempted or revoked by City Council, a ~~advertised~~ non-statutory public hearing must be held.
4. The Neighbourhood Renewal Reserve will be funded from that portion of the operating budget that was created from successive Neighbourhood Renewal Tax Levy increases, which began in the 2009 Operating Budget and are expected to continue, in a reduced form after 2018, for purposes of cost escalation, fully funding the alley renewal program, and other additional elements as Council sees fit (the “Neighbourhood Renewal Funding”). All current and future revenues generated from Neighbourhood Renewal Tax Levy increases shall be placed into the Neighbourhood Renewal Reserve.
5. Use of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding will be limited solely to operating and capital expenditures related to the renewal of neighbourhood residential, industrial and commercial collector, local and alley road right of way surface assets (such as pavements, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, roadway lighting, traffic signals and other transportation-related infrastructure). Renewal of assets outside of this scope, for example, open space assets, can be incorporated into the program (and in fact are encouraged to be), provided appropriate alternative funding is provided.
6. Assets will be renewed using Neighbourhood Renewal Funding to bring them to physical standards as defined by the currently adopted design standards of the City of Edmonton, and within the capacitive and functional standards of the day (i.e. Complete Streets, Cycle Facilities), where these enhanced costs are

generally in the order of 5% and not to exceed 10% of the overall program budget expended in any given 4-year capital cycle.

7. Coinciding with the regular capital and operating budget cycles, Administration will undertake an assessment of the Neighbourhood Renewal Funding with respect to progress towards the level of service standards. Adjustments to the Neighbourhood Renewal Funding should be considered to ensure the defined level of service standards can be achieved.
8. Level of service standards for the Neighbourhood Renewal Program is defined as follows:

**Neighbourhood Renewal Objectives: Attain the acceptable level of performance within 30 years (2009 - 2038) including:**

- For the collector and local sidewalks, and residential and industrial local roads:
  - a. Condition Index (C.I.)  $\geq 3.50$
  - b. %F+D (%Very Poor+Poor) = 0.00%
- For collector roads:
  - a. C.I.  $\geq 3.00$
  - b. %F+D = 0.00%
- For Neighbourhood Network (The Way We Move):
  - a. Road Renewal need backlog  $\leq 20\%$   
(as measured by Pavement Quality Index (RD PQI))

**Alley Renewal (Residential, Industrial and Commercial Alleyways) Objectives: Attain the acceptable level of performance within 25 years (2019 -2043) including :**

- Condition Index (C.I.)  $\geq 4.0$
- ~~%F+D  $\leq 15\%$~~
- %F  $\leq 0\%$

**Business Improvement Areas: While still managing the overall asset portfolios within the level of service standards above, and pertaining to the asset types outlined in the policy, assets within Business Improvement Areas will be renewed under the following additional guidelines:**

- Undertaking, by the end of 2030, the renewal of all assets rated "F" (Very Poor) and "D" (Poor), and any assets rated "C" (Fair) that will decay into "D" (Poor) by 2030.
- The above standard would not apply to any Business Improvement Area established after 2026, though reasonable attempts to achieve it should be undertaken.

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**The purpose of this policy is to:**

1. Ensure clarity and consistency in the use of Neighbourhood Renewal Tax Levy dedicated to the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Programs.
2. Put measures in place to ensure changes to the funding of the Neighbourhood Renewal Program are considered with the opportunity for public input in the form of an ~~advertised~~ non-statutory public hearing.

3. Guide the management of the Neighbourhood Renewal Program to ensure its long term sustainability.

- DEFINITIONS

- 1.01 Business Improvement Area: pursuant to section 50 of the *Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26* and established by bylaw in accordance with City Policy C462B.