

Fall 2020 Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment

Recommendation

1. That adjustments to the 2019-2022 Capital Budget, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the November 16, 2020, Financial and Corporate Services report CR_8486, be approved.
2. That changes to estimated project completion dates based on scope changes as outlined in Attachment 8 of Financial and Corporate Services report CR_8486, be approved.

Executive Summary

The Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment (SCBA) is an integral component of the City Council approved multi year approach for the 2019-2022 Capital Budget. It allows Council to adjust the capital budget in response to changing project needs, new funding opportunities and challenges, emerging issues, and changing priorities. The SCBA supports the City's financial management outcome of ensuring the City of Edmonton's resilient financial position and enables both current and long-term service delivery and growth, as outlined in Edmonton's Corporate Business Plan 2019-2022.

Administration has recommended a number of adjustments for Council's consideration that impact both the available capital funding and the 2019-2022 Capital Budget. The recommended adjustments would result in a net increase to the 2019-2022 Capital Budget for tax-supported operations of \$73.8 million, and a deficit of \$7.5 million in the balance of the corporate pool.

The increase in the capital budget for tax-supported operations is largely due to the addition of new projects funded through the provincial Municipal Stimulus Program capital funding as approved by City Council on September 21, 2020. Municipal Stimulus Program funds were also used to fund previously approved projects that were being considered for reduction to manage one-time operating budget challenges. Original funding sources for these projects will remain unallocated and held within the respective reserves in case funding is required to manage future COVID-19 budget impacts.

This report also addresses the motion made by Council on May 25, 2020 to analyze the balance of the 2019 - 2022 capital budget and and bring forward prioritized