

Bylaw 19588

To authorize the City of Edmonton to impose a special tax for the repair and maintenance of the Alley Lighting

Purpose

To impose a special tax for the repair and maintenance of existing alley lighting.

Readings

Bylaw 19588 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 19588 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This Bylaw provides for funding to cover the repair and maintenance of existing alley lighting, consistent with City process.

Report

The costs to construct alley lighting are paid in whole or in part by benefitting property owners through a local improvement tax. Benefitting property owners are also subject to a special tax to cover the costs for the repair, maintenance and energy consumption of the alley lights. The special tax rate is recalculated annually by Parks and Roads Services to fairly reflect the cost to repair, maintain and power alley lights across the City.

The 2021 special tax rate is \$1.58 per assessable metre for Alley Lighting, an increase of 23.44 percent compared to the cost of \$1.28 per assessable metre in 2020. The increase in the 2021 rate is the result of higher than anticipated maintenance costs in 2020.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcomes: The City of Edmonton has sustainable and accessible infrastructure.			
Outcomes	Measures	Results	Targets
Fair and equitable special tax to property owners for lands fronting or abutting on all alleys.	The City annually passes a special tax bylaw as per Section 382(1) of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> to raise revenue to pay for the repair and maintenance of the Alley Lighting.	Fair and equitable special tax to property owners for lands fronting or abutting on all alleys.	Complete recovery of the costs to repair and maintain Alley Lighting.

Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations
Financial	Special tax does not cover the costs to the City to repair and maintain Alley Lighting.	1-Rare	1-Minor	1-Low	The special tax rate is reviewed and updated on an annual basis.	The special tax rate takes into consideration prior and forecasted costs in the current calculation to arrive at a rate that best estimates a full recovery of costs to the City.

Public Engagement

Alley lighting maintenance costs are assessed annually to property owners along the alley. The change in rate is communicated to the affected property owners with the receipt of their annual tax assessments.

Attachment

1. Bylaw 19588