

Bylaw 19586

A Bylaw to authorize the City of Edmonton to undertake, construct and finance Waste Services Project, Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Renewal

Purpose

To authorize the City of Edmonton to borrow the sum of \$9,281,668 to undertake, construct and finance Waste Services Project, Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Renewal.

Readings

Bylaw 19586 is ready for first reading only.

Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw will be advertised in the Edmonton Journal on Thursday, February 25, 2021, and Thursday, March 4, 2021. The Bylaw cannot be signed and thereby passed prior to Monday, March 22, 2021.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This Bylaw provides debt financing for Waste Services Project, Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Renewal.

Report

On December 11, 2020, as part of the 2020 Fall Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment deliberations, Council approved the capital budget for profile 20-81-2020 Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Renewal within the 2019 - 2022 Capital Budget. This profile has a total project cost of \$15,740,987, which includes funding from Waste Management Retained Earnings and financing from Self-Liquidating Debentures. To complete this project it will be necessary to borrow \$9,281,668.

This project replaces various processing equipment and building components that will extend the life, improve efficiencies, and increase the capacity of system processing at

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the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) within the Edmonton Waste Management Centre (EWMC). This supports the provision of an effective recycling program for the City of Edmonton and reaching the strategic goal of a diversion rate of 90 percent residential waste from landfills.

The \$9,281,668 self-liquidating debt requested for the MRF renewal was transferred from Waste Services' composite profiles CM-81-2045 and CM-81-2047. As a result, this borrowing authority will be offset by corresponding decreases to:

- Bylaw 19248, a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 18735, to authorize the City of Edmonton to undertake, construct and finance Integrated Infrastructure Services Project, Waste Services IIS Infrastructure Delivery, and
- Bylaw 18736, a Bylaw to authorize the City of Edmonton to undertake, construct and finance City Operations Project, Waste Services Facilities & Infrastructure Project Delivery.

These decreases do not require advertising and are scheduled to be brought forward for three readings along with the second and third reading of Bylaw 19586.

Bylaw 19586 will be resubmitted for second and third readings after the advertising and the expiration of the associated petition period.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcomes: The City of Edmonton has sustainable and accessible infrastructure and the City of Edmonton has a resilient financial position			
Outcomes	Measures	Results	Targets
Ensure transparent, conservative and reasonable debt financing as a source of funding to support the City's long-term capital plans and strategies while maintaining long-term financial affordability, flexibility and sustainability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Edmonton is subject to limits both for total debt and debt servicing by the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> and by the City's internal <i>Debt Management Fiscal Policy (C203C)</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Municipal Government Act</i> debt limit is two times the revenue of the City and the debt servicing limit is 35% of City revenues. For this calculation, revenues are net of capital government transfers and contributed tangible capital assets. • The internal <i>Debt Management Fiscal Policy (C203C)</i> sets more conservative debt service limits at 22% (total debt) of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the limits set under the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, as of December 31, 2019, the City had used 54.8% of its debt limit and 29.5% of its debt servicing limit. • Based on the limits under the <i>Debt Management Fiscal Policy</i>, as of December 31, 2019, the City had used 58.4% of its tax-supported debt servicing limit and 44.1% of its total debt servicing limit. 	Total debt and debt servicing are in line with the limits set by the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> and by the internal <i>Debt Management Fiscal Policy (C203C)</i> .

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	City revenues and 15% (tax-supported debt) of Tax Levy Revenues.		
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Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations
Exceeding regulated debt and debt servicing limits.	Exceeding debt and debt servicing limits regulated by the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> and the internal <i>Debt Management Fiscal Policy (C203C)</i> . Exceeding the Debt Limit Regulations requires approval from the minister. Failure by a municipality to fall within the Debt Limit Regulations may result in the refusal of an application to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority to purchase the City's debentures in order to finance a capital project.	1-Rare	4-Severe	4-Low	Quarterly monitor the City's debt borrowings, debt positions and debt servicing to ensure compliance with the debt and debt servicing limits regulated by the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> and the internal <i>Debt Management Fiscal Policy (C203C)</i> . The City considers and models the impact to the debt position and debt servicing limits due to future unapproved borrowings and potential changes to interest rates.	Long term forecasts are used to determine the impact of approved and potential future unapproved projects and their impact on debt limits.

Public Engagement

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

Attachments

1. Bylaw 19586
2. Capital Profile 20-81-2020