THE CITY OF PRINCE ALBERT



SANITATION FUND BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

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Budget Overview



The Sanitation Utility Fund was created in 2003 and was intended to be a self-sustaining entity that would provide waste collection and recycling services, as well as operate a landfill without being dependent on the City's tax base. In order to continue to ensure its ability to be self-sufficient and to meet future capital requirements, City Council passed Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw #40 of 2015, setting the rates and fees for a period of five years.

As part of the 2017 budgeting process, Administration is recommending an increase to the Residential Utility Surcharge of \$0.50 per month from \$17.00 in 2016 to \$17.50 in 2017.

For 2017 there are budgetary adjustments to the revenues and expenditures of this fund which include the items highlighted below.

Budgeted Revenue – Increase of \$252,760

There are two primary sources of revenue for the Sanitation Fund:

- 1. Landfill Fees These are the rates charged to customers using the landfill. In 2017, the entry fees and per tonne charges at the Landfill will be increasing as set forth in Bylaw #40 of 2015. The minimum per load entry fee for residual waste below 150 kilograms is increasing from \$10.00 in 2016 to \$10.50 in 2017 and the per-tonne rate will increase from \$65.00 per tonne in 2016 to \$67.00 per tonne in 2017. Despite the increase in rates for 2017, Administration is recommending that budgeted revenue related to Landfill fees remain at 2016's budgeted amount of \$1,921,000 as 2016 revenues are projected to come in under budget for 2016. This can be attributed to the rate increases for 2016 not becoming effective until March and lower volumes of contaminated soil being received as a result of the slowdown in the oil industry.
- 2. Sanitation Surcharge This represents the monthly Residential Utility Surcharge located on the utility bills of residential property owners of The City of Prince Albert. Administration is recommending a \$0.50 increase from \$17.00 per month to \$17.50 per month for 2017 which represents a 2.9% increase over the prior year. The rate increase is required to ensure sufficient funds are available to cover the operating costs for residential waste collection, the residential recycling program, the portion of landfill costs related to residential garbage processing, future capital projects and future cell expansions and cell closures. The increase in the surcharge, along with an increase in users, is projected to increase revenue by \$81,390 from \$2,310,240 in 2016 to \$2,391,630 in 2017.

In addition, budgeted revenues for 2017 have been increased by \$171,370 related to funding received from the North Central Saskatchewan Waste Management Corporation (NCSWMC) as part of the Multi Material Stewardship Initiative which was announced in 2016. The NCSWMC has long been an advocate of having the producers of the recycling packaging be responsible for its ultimate disposal. To that end, the City will be receiving quarterly payments in 2017 of just over \$42,000 per quarter.

Budgeted Expenses - Decrease of \$156,620

Some of the significant 2017 budgetary adjustments to expenses are discussed below:

- A decrease of \$216,110 in Contracted and General Services primarily related to the following:
 - A decrease of \$110,000 related to removal of one-time funding for 2016 projects.
 - A decrease of \$145,000 in the amount budgeted for groundwater monitoring and regulatory items.

- o An increase of \$31,300 in the budget for Household Hazardous waste days so that the Landfill can hold two collection events compared to just one in 2016.
- o An increase of \$59,510 for fleet expenses related to the City fleet. The increase is a result of the 6% increase in fleet charge out rates proposed by Administration for the 2017 Budget.

For 2017, Administration is requesting \$1,603,300 in capital spending for the following items:

- \$668,300 for the completion of the Landfill Forcemain & Watermain project which began in 2016 to be funded from the Sanitation Reserve.
- \$550,000 for the replacement of Front-End Loader Unit #18 to be funded from the Equipment Fleet Reserve.
- \$385,000 for the replacement of Automated Waste Collection Truck Unit #65 to be funded from the Equipment Fleet Reserve.

Sanitation Improvement Fund Balance

In conclusion, the lifespan of any landfill is dependent on the amount of refuse that enters the landfill gates and how much can be re-used or re-cycled in other capacities. Most landfill cells have a lifespan of about 13 - 15 years and each cell, if they are to meet environmental regulatory requirements, can cost several millions of dollars to construct. In order to have financial resources available for future capital needs any remaining unspent surpluses are set aside in anticipation of these necessities.

A summary of the 2017 Budget's impact on the Sanitation Improvement Fund Balance is as follows:

- The budgeted surplus from operations to be transferred to the Sanitation Improvement Fund in 2017 is \$806,450.
- o A transfer of \$668,300 to the Capital Committed Reserve is required for 2017 Capital Expenditures.
- o This results in an estimated increase to the Sanitation Improvement Fund in 2017 of \$138,150 and an estimated closing surplus of \$283,276.

	2047	2016	(Favourable)
	2017	2016	Unfavourable
REVENUES	Budget	Budget	Change
	(¢1 021 000)	(\$1,921,000)	\$-
Landfill Operations Fees Sanitation Surcharge	(\$1,921,000)	• • • • • •	
<u> </u>	(2,391,630)	(2,310,240)	(81,390)
Sanitation Surcharge - City Facilities	(47,040)	(47,040)	-
Bioreactor Building Rental Revenue	(19,500)	(19,500)	- (171 270)
Operating Grants and Donations	(171,370)	(1.000)	(171,370)
Sundry	(1,000)	(1,000)	-
Total Revenues	(4,551,540)	(4,298,780)	(252,760)
EXPENSES			
Salaries Wages and Benefits	1,237,420	1,234,270	3,150
Contracted and General Services	556,600	772,710	(216,110)
Financial Charges	5,550	4,520	1,030
Grants and Donations	142,100	142,100	-
Utilities	43,290	59,610	(16,320)
Fleet Expenses	1,051,320	991,810	59,510
Maintenance Materials and Supplies	444,380	424,650	19,730
Insurance	2,790	10,400	(7,610)
Bad Debt Expense	2,000	2,000	-
Total Expenses	3,485,450	3,642,070	(156,620)
Operating (Surplus) Deficit	(1,066,090)	(656,710)	(409,380)
CAPITAL AND INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS			
Transfer to General Fund - Franchise Fee	212,600	186,850	25,750
Transfer to General Fund - Sanitation Fees	44,880	44,880	-
Transfer to Utility Fund	2,160	2,160	
Capital and Interfund Transactions	259,640	233,890	25,750
TOTAL (SURPLUS) DEFICIT	(806,450)	(422,820)	(383,630)

FUNCTIONAL AREA: ADMINISTRATION & BILLING

			(Favourable)
	2017	2016	Unfavourable
	Budget	Budget	Change
REVENUES			
Landfill Operations Fees	(\$1,921,000)	(\$1,921,000)	\$-
Sanitation Surcharge	(2,391,630)	(2,310,240)	(81,390)
Sanitation Surcharge - City Facilities	(47,040)	(47,040)	-
Bioreactor Building Rental Revenue	(19,500)	(19,500)	-
Operating Grants and Donations	(171,370)	-	(171,370)
Sundry	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Total Revenues	(4,551,540)	(4,298,780)	(252,760)
EXPENSES			
Salaries Wages and Benefits	20,900	-	20,900
Bad Debt Expense	2,000	2,000	
Total Expenses	22,900	2,000	20,900
Operating (Surplus) Deficit	(4 529 640)	(4 206 790)	(221 960)
Operating (Surplus) Deficit	(4,528,640)	(4,296,780)	(231,860)
CAPITAL AND INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS			
Transfer to General Fund - Franchise Fee	212,600	186,850	25,750
Transfer to General Fund - Sanitation Fees	44,880	44,880	-
Transfer to Utility Fund	2,160	2,160	
Capital and Interfund Transactions	259,640	233,890	25,750
TOTAL (SURPLUS) DEFICIT	(4,269,000)	(4,062,890)	(206,110)

FUNCTIONAL AREA: LANDFILL OPERATIONS

HONAL AREA. LANDFILL OPERATIONS	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	(Favourable) Unfavourable Change
REVENUES			
EXPENSES			
Salaries Wages and Benefits	\$534,820	\$613,890	(\$79,070)
Contracted and General Services	442,100	666,610	(224,510)
Financial Charges	5,550	4,500	1,050
Utilities	43,290	59,610	(16,320)
Fleet Expenses	371,560	392,490	(20,930)
Maintenance Materials and Supplies	316,700	296,780	19,920
Insurance	2,510	9,800	(7,290)
Total Expenses	1,716,530	2,043,680	(327,150)
Operating (Surplus) Deficit	1,716,530	2,043,680	(327,150)
CAPITAL AND INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS			
TOTAL (SURPLUS) DEFICIT	1,716,530	2,043,680	(327,150)

FUNCTIONAL AREA: RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION

REVENUES	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	(Favourable) Unfavourable Change
REVENUES			
EXPENSES			
Salaries Wages and Benefits	\$501,620	\$442,290	\$59,330
Contracted and General Services	-	56,100	(56,100)
Financial Charges	-	20	(20)
Fleet Expenses	490,810	405,870	84,940
Maintenance Materials and Supplies	92,740	91,330	1,410
Insurance	280	500	(220)
Total Expenses	1,085,450	996,110	89,340
Operating (Surplus) Deficit	1,085,450	996,110	89,340
CAPITAL AND INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS			
TOTAL (SURPLUS) DEFICIT	1,085,450	996,110	89,340

FUNCTIONAL AREA: RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

REVENUES	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	(Favourable) Unfavourable Change
EXPENSES			
Salaries Wages and Benefits	\$180,080	\$178,090	\$1,990
Contracted and General Services	114,500	50,000	64,500
Grants and Donations	142,100	142,100	-
Fleet Expenses	188,950	193,450	(4,500)
Maintenance Materials and Supplies	34,940	36,540	(1,600)
Insurance	0	100	(100)
Total Expenses	660,570	600,280	60,290
Operating (Surplus) Deficit	660,570	600,280	60,290
CAPITAL AND INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS			
TOTAL (SURPLUS) DEFICIT	660,570	600,280	60,290

SANITATION FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND FUND PROJECTIONS

For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

CAPITAL COMMITTED RESERVE	2017 Budget	2016 Budget
Budgeted Transactions		
Funding:		
Funding for Capital: via transfer from Sanitation Improvement Fund (Uncommitted)	(\$668,300)	(\$400,000)
Funding for Capital - via Transfer from Equipment Reserve	(935,000)	(375,000)
Total Funding	(1,603,300)	(775,000)
Expenditures:		
Force Main and Water Lines	668,300	400,000
Replacement of Unit 59: Automated Waste Removal Truck		375,000
Replacement of Unit 65: Automated Waste Collection Truck	385,000	
Replacement of Unit 18 - Front-End Loader	550,000	
Total Expenditures	1,603,300	775,000
Budgeted (Increase) Decrease to Reserve	-	-
Reserve Balance, beginning of year (estimated)	-	(283,448)
Capital Carryforward - Outstanding from Prior Years		283,448
Reserve Balance, end of year (estimated)		

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND FUND PROJECTIONS (Continued)

For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

SANITATION IMPROVEMENT FUND BALANCE	2017	2016
(UNCOMMITTED EQUITY)	Budget	Budget
Budgeted Transactions		
Funding: Contribution from Operations	(\$806,450)	(\$422,820)
Expenditures: Transfer to Capital Committed Reserve	668,300	400,000
Budgeted (Increase) Decrease	(138,150)	(22,820)
Fund Deficit (Surplus), beginning of year (estimated)	(145,126)	(122,306)
Fund Deficit (Surplus), end of year (estimated)	(283,276)	(145,126)