



Wetaskiwin's Utility Master Plan Finalized

Friday, October 22, 2021 (Wetaskiwin, Alberta) - The City of Wetaskiwin's updated Utility Master Plan (UMP) has been finalized by Associated Engineering and was presented to City Council mid-September.

The Utility Master Plan update project was approved by Council as part of the 2019 Capital Budget. The purpose of the UMP is to provide direction on utility investment that is transparent and justifiable based on community values. The forecasting of future needs also provides a strategic planning framework focused on the City's water, stormwater, and sanitary networks.

The UMP identifies and recommends projects required for meeting service levels with existing systems and projects required to allow for growth. Some of these recommendations include:

- upgrades to the water distribution system to satisfy fire flow criteria, which is the water pressure required to control a major fire in specific areas.
- the implementation of a continuous sanitary flow monitoring program, which would allow for data collection and proactive planning.
- the City implement a continuous storm sewer flow monitoring program and undertake a CCTV inspection program of their storm system to ensure no blockages or pipe deterioration exists.

"The Utility Master Plan gives the City a roadmap to guide development of new infrastructure for developing areas, while keeping our existing infrastructure performing at a very high service level," said Andrew Chell, Manager of Planning and Engineering. "More predictable infrastructure lifetimes and service levels will help us be more proactive. This will mean more cost-effective maintenance schedules, fewer emergency repairs, and minimized service disruptions when repairs are necessary."

The full implementation of the UMP is projected to cost an estimated \$28 million. The City of Wetaskiwin will pursue any available grants at the time of the implementation of projects from the UMP. Currently, none of the projects identified in the UMP have yet been actioned.

Read the Utilities Master Plan:

- [Water Master Plan](#)
- [Stormwater Master Plan](#)
- [Sanitary Master Plan](#)

Watch the presentation on the [City of Wetaskiwin YouTube Channel](#).

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community, home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.





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