



# City finds substantial savings through contracted custodial services

Contracted cleaning of City-owned facilities will begin February 15

**Monday, February 6, 2023 (Wetaskiwin, Alberta)** — The City has entered into a three-year agreement with [SkyBlue Services Corp.](#), which will take over custodial responsibilities of all City-owned facilities as of Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

In an effort to reduce the financial strain on the community, Administration was directed by Council to investigate contracting custodial services based on the potential savings identified during the priority-based budgeting process, which examines individual services to evaluate their costs and how well they align with the community's priorities, for the [2023 City operating budget](#).

On average, Administration budgets approximately \$640,000 annually for custodial services for City-owned facilities. By switching to contracted custodial services, the City is reducing those annual costs by approximately half — equivalent to an approximate two per cent adjustment to the tax rate — for services that meet or exceed the service levels expected.

“Both Council and Administration work at finding efficiencies and ways we can save money,” said Mayor Tyler Gandam. “Contracting our custodial services was an area we were able to find some cost savings.”

On November 22, 2022, Administration placed a request for proposals (RFP) on [Alberta Purchasing Connection](#) and entered negotiations with the viable candidates shortly after the RFP closing date on December 15, 2022. The City of Wetaskiwin's tendering process is regulated by [CO-016 Tendering and Purchasing Policy](#) and the [New West Partnership Trade Agreement](#).

This final decision was made coming out of a closed session segment of the special council meeting held Monday, January 30. The discussion took place in closed session under section 29 of the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#) related to information that is or will be available to the public.

*Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the levels of service provided by the City by reaching out directly to council. Contact information for mayor and council is available at [wetaskiwin.ca/mayor-council](http://wetaskiwin.ca/mayor-council).*

## 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 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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