

	City of Wetaskiwin Policy:	INFRASTRUCTURE SURCHARGE
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Policy Statement

The City of Wetaskiwin is committed to ensuring that we are a sustainable community that responsibly manages our infrastructure.

Definitions

(None)

Background

1. In 2015 the City of Wetaskiwin initiated an Infrastructure Surcharge of 2.5% of the Gross Tax Levy, which was added to the Property Tax Levy in order to assist in the funding of a large ongoing demand for infrastructure upgrades and replacements. In 2015, this amount equated to \$331,130.
2. City Council has determined that this surcharge should be increased by 2.5% per year over the next three to five years in order achieve annual infrastructure funding of at least \$1,500,000.

Standards

3. The annual surcharge received through the property taxes shall be set aside in the Infrastructure Surcharge Reserve.
4. The Infrastructure Surcharge Reserve shall be allocated the appropriate interest through investments.
5. The purpose of the reserve is to assist in funding the backlog of infrastructure projects based on the following criteria:
 - a. This reserve shall not be used to fund operating or maintenance items that should be in the annual operating budget.
 - b. Capital projects should have a term life span of at least 20 years.

- c. The use of the reserve shall be limited to the following priorities:
 - i. road infrastructure;
 - ii. sidewalk infrastructure;
 - iii. trail and park system; and
 - iv. building envelope projects.
- d. Additional projects, not specifically listed in c. may be funded by the reserve at the discretion of Council.
- e. This policy will be reviewed annually through the budget process.

