

COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 2 May 2022

Subject: Debenture Bylaw No. B-11/2022: Airdrie Multi-Use Facility and Library

Boards Routed Through: N/A

Date: N/A

Issue:

Council is being asked to give final readings to Debenture Bylaw No. B-11/2022, a bylaw to partially fund the Airdrie Multi-Use Facility and Library capital project.

Background:

On April 4, 2022, Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. B-11/2022. This borrowing bylaw is associated with the construction of the Airdrie Multi-Use Facility and Library. The bylaw is being presented to Council for second and third readings.

All required advertising has been completed. No petition has been received. Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, Council may now give second and third readings to Bylaw No. B-11/2022.

The principal amount of the consolidated outstanding debt (unaudited) for the City of Airdrie on December 31, 2021, is \$80,524,478. With the addition of the debenture associated with Bylaw No. B-11/2022, outstanding debt will rise to \$118,074,228 (includes 40th Avenue Corridor capital projects and 40th Avenue – Highview Gate to 800m East (Deep Utilities) borrowing). The 2021 provincial debt limit for the City of Airdrie was \$240,793,124 and the debt servicing was 9,484,577 with the debt-servicing limit being \$40,132,187. The City of Airdrie is well within required provincial and self-established debt limits.

As stated in the first reading report, approved capital budget for the Airdrie Multi-Use Facility and Library capital project is \$62,703,550, which is funded by through a combination of grants and debt financing - debenture borrowing for the amount of \$25,000,000 (tax funded repayments) and MSI grant for the amount of \$37,703,550. These debenture funds will be drawn at the most opportune time based on the future economic conditions.

The debenture borrowing bylaw will be valid thirty days after the second and third readings are given.

Alignment with AirdrieONE:

The Airdrie Multi-Use Facility and Library capital project is within the Built Environment strategy and contributes to more sustainable communities.

Boards Routed Through:

N/A

Alternatives/Implications:

1. Council can give second and third readings to Bylaw No. B-11/2022 for funding of the Airdrie Multi-Use Facility and Library capital project. This will allow for the commencement of the construction in a timely manner.
2. Council can defeat Bylaw No. B-11/2022 at the second and third readings. Should the debenture not be approved, this capital project will be delayed until alternate means of financing are arranged.
3. Council can table Bylaw No. B-11/2022 for further review. Should the debenture be tabled, this capital project will be delayed.

Communications Plan:

The Debenture Bylaw was publicly advertised according to *Municipal Government Act* requirements for two consecutive weeks on the following dates – April 7, 2022 and April 14, 2022 and no petition was received. Notices regarding construction activities, etc., will be publicly advertised as well.

Recommendation:

That Council gives final readings to Bylaw No. B-11/2022, being a Debenture Bylaw in the amount of Twenty-Five Million (\$25,000,000) Dollars to partially fund the Airdrie Multi-Use Facility and Library.

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Department:	Corporate Services
Reviewed by:	N/A
Attachments:	Bylaw No. B-11/2022
Appointment:	N/A