

COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 2 May 2022

Subject: Debenture Bylaw No. B-15/2022: 40th Avenue –
Highview Gate to 800m East (Deep Utilities)

Boards Routed Through: N/A

Date: N/A

Issue:

Council is being asked to give final readings to Debenture Bylaw No. B-15/2022, a bylaw to fund the 2022 40th Avenue – Highview Gate to 800m East (Deep Utilities) capital project.

Background:

On April 04, 2022, Council gave first reading to Bylaw B-15/2022. This borrowing bylaw is associated with the 2022 40th Avenue – Highview Gate to 800m East (Deep Utilities) capital project. 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-15/2022.

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-15/2022, outstanding debt will rise to \$118,074,228 (includes 40th Avenue Corridor capital projects and Airdrie Multi-Use Facility and Library 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, 2022 approved capital budget included 40th Avenue - Highview Gate to 800m East (Deep Utilities) capital project for \$7,100,800, which is fully funded by debenture borrowing (tax funded repayment from the General Capital Reserve). The project will be included in the post annexed area developer levy bylaw, and once endorsed by the City Council, upfronted costs from this development will be returned to the

reserve. 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.

Alignment with AirdrieONE:

The 2022 40th Avenue – Highview Gate to 800m East (Deep Utilities) 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-15/2022 for funding of the 2022 40th Avenue – Highview Gate to 800m East (Deep Utilities) capital project. This will allow for the commencement of this capital project in a timely manner.
2. Council can defeat Bylaw No. B-15/2022 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-15/2022 for further review. Should the debenture be tabled, this capital project will be delayed.

Communications Plan:

The debenture 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-15/2022, being a Debenture Bylaw in the amount of Seven Million One Hundred Thousand Eight Hundred (\$7,100,800) Dollars to fund the 2022 40th Avenue – Highview Gate to 800m East (Deep Utilities) capital project.

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Reviewed by:	N/A
Attachments:	Bylaw No. B-15/2022
Appointment:	N/A