



City of St. Albert
CITY COUNCIL POLICY

Intermunicipal Utility Infrastructure
Excess Capacity

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Purpose

To provide the framework for determining when it may be beneficial to provide excess capacity in the City's utility infrastructure system to accommodate the servicing of lands outside the existing City boundaries and allow for sustainable growth planning while mitigating risks to the City.

Policy

The City of St. Albert cultivates strong relationships with other municipal partners and demonstrates transparent and responsible evaluation of all opportunities for the sustainable servicing of areas from a regional perspective. A cooperative mechanism with the adjoining municipalities to facilitate compatible land use planning is necessary for sustainable growth.

Definitions

"City" means the municipal corporation of the City of St. Albert.

"Over-sizing" means the necessary upsizing or provision of excess capacity in new utility infrastructure to service a development area outside of the current City of St. Albert boundaries. It can relate to infrastructure size, installation depth, or pipe rating.

"OSL Framework" means the framework by which the Bylaw is administered, including relevant policies and guiding principles that may be developed and approved from time to time.

"Utility Infrastructure" means any water, wastewater, or storm infrastructure or combination thereof.

Responsibilities

1. City Council is responsible for:
 - a. Approving the OSL Framework to guide decision-making with respect to providing excess servicing capacity for lands outside the City's boundaries.



- b. Approving the growth utility projects to provide excess servicing capacity.
- c. Approving allocated budgets through the Capital Budget.
- d. Ensuring appropriate resources are available to implement the OSL Framework.

2. Chief Administrative Officer or designate(s) is responsible for:

- a. Establishing and periodically reviewing the intermunicipal utility infrastructure excess capacity policy.
- b. Ensuring that accurate and reliable information is presented to Council for decision making.
- c. Ensuring any recommendations to provide excess capacity are consistent with other City policies.
- d. Ensuring appropriate stakeholder consultation has been completed.
- e. Monitoring the practical outcomes of the intermunicipal utility infrastructure excess capacity policy.
- f. Making recommendations to Council with respect to this policy

Standards

1. To provide excess capacity in the City of St. Albert's utility infrastructure to service outside existing boundaries, a Servicing Agreement with benefitting municipalities and/or landowners must be in place. The agreement shall:
 - a. Contain a list of all utility infrastructure to be over-sized that provides excess capacity with approximate locations identified on a map.
 - b. Contain and allocate estimated capital costs that provides the excess capacity to each corresponding benefitting municipality.
 - c. Contain and allocate estimated operational costs (if any) to each corresponding benefitting municipality.
 - d. Be adopted by all participating municipalities.
2. The appropriate funding to complete the over-sizing must be in place prior to commencement of design and construction.

