

UEP Utilities Financial Review

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Financial Performance Analysis

Benchmarking to Peer Utilities

Financial Policy Review

Recommendations

Off-site levy development

Engagement with Development Industry

Johnson Will Bevelopment made

Council: UEP Financial Report PFC: Offsite Levy Bylaw Council:Offsite Levy Bylaw Implementaiton of new Bylaw

Water Report

Operational Activity

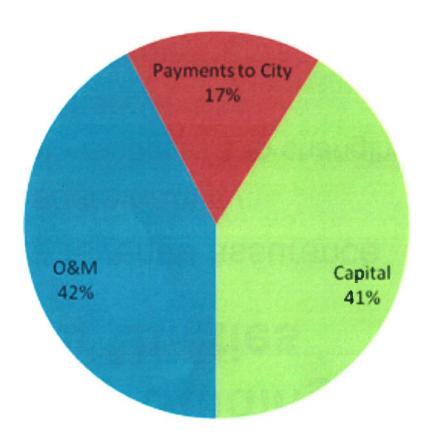
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Build Calgary Guiding Principles:Priorities for Utilities

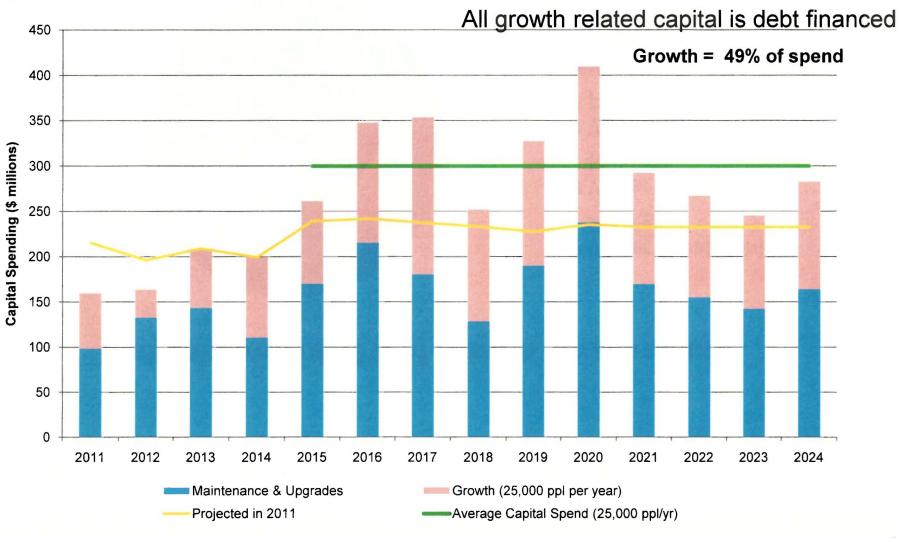
- Certainty revenue assurance
- Financial sustainability
 - Resilient responsive to changing conditions
 - Manage financial risks
- Fairness and equity
- Efficiency simple to administer

2014 Utilities Budget

Total Budget (Water, Wastewater & Drainage): \$551.5M

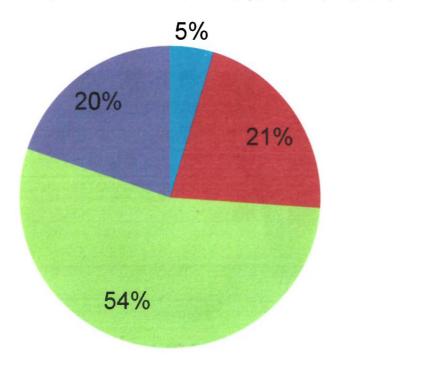


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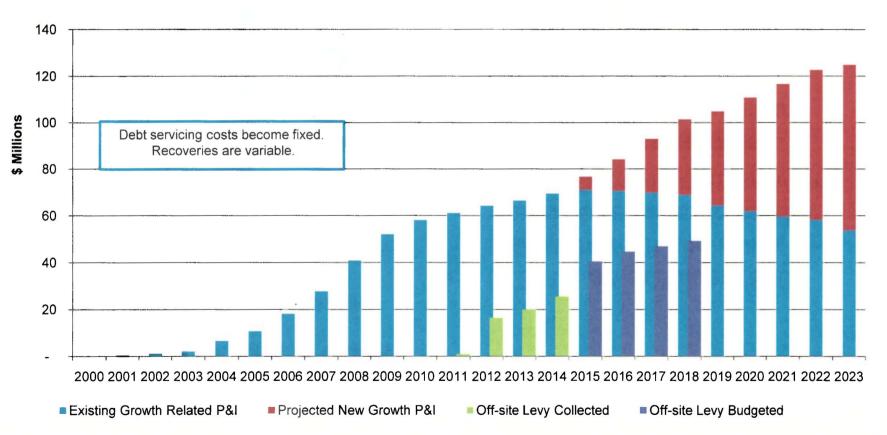
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Breakdown of 49% of Growth Infrastructure

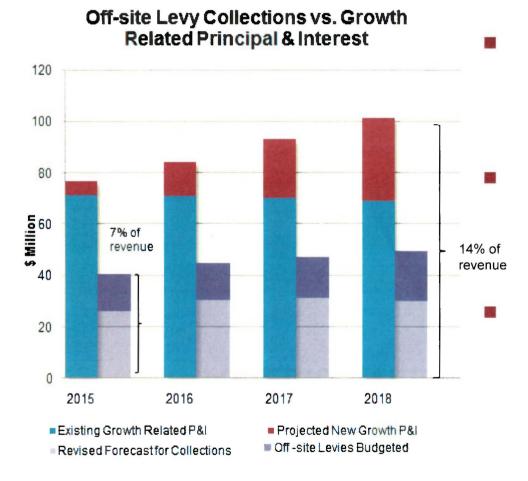


- Water Treatment Plants
- Water DistributionNetwork
- Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Wastewater Collection Network

Off-site Levies Collected vs. Growth Related Principal and Interest



Revenue at risk



In 2018, an additional \$50 million from off-site levies would be required to pay for 100% of growth debt servicing In 2015, the variance is expected to be \$14 million less than the budgeted amount

Impact to meeting financial targets

- Cash financing capital maintenance
- Utility reserve requirements

Rework the recovery mechanism

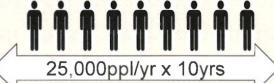
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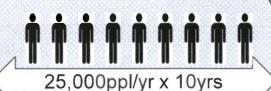
- Collection staggering
- Volatility of amount of land developed per year
- Off-site levy rate model
 - Inputs related to population, density and split between developed and developing areas
 - Escalation rate (construction price index) backend loads the model
 - Forecast to recover 50% on average over 10 years, not in each year
 - Off-site levy rates are set for a five year term
 - Financing choices and carrying costs

Utility rate payers carry the risk of recovery shortfall

Debt Amortization Period vs. Build Out Period







Historical Debt

25 Yr Debt Term for Plant A

Need to recover: Historical debt + Plant A costs 25 Yr Debt Term for Plant B

Need to recover:

Historical debt +

Plant A costs +

Plant B costs

25 Yr Debt Term for Plant C

Need to recover:

Remainder of

Historical debt +

Plant A costs +

Plant B costs +

Plant C costs

Working fundamentals: Levy setting

- Debt is appropriate and more affordable for growth related infrastructure
- Match the debt term to capacity term of infrastructure for treatment plants
- Investigate what infrastructure developers could pay for and deliver
- Recover costs for plants based on capacity used, regardless of location

Working fundamentals: Risk mitigation

- Establish a financial reserve to manage revenue at risk
 - Requires a funding source and target reserve level
- Match amount and timing of levy payments to principal and interest payments
- Periodic off-site levy rate updates

Summary of key factors

- Growth investments have increased by ≈1.5x in 2015-2024 from the last ten year plan
- Off-site levies are a less certain source of revenue
- Levy collections lag the investment requirement
- Debt term does not match capacity for plants
- Plants drive the majority of the infrastructure costs

Scenario Analysis

 Status quo approach: off-site levy rates double at 50% cost recovery

Further evaluation to include components of:

- Debt term
- Developer delivered infrastructure
- Cost recovery for plants based on capacity used, regardless of location

Next Steps

- Utilities Financial Review
 - Establish reserve requirements and funding source
 - Further understand the financial impacts of working fundamentals (slides 11 & 12)
 - Impact on financial targets and long term sustainability
- Continue stakeholder engagement