

Background and Previous Council Direction

Background

On 2024 March 12, a Notice of Motion titled Managing the Costs Linked to Downloading of Provincial Responsibilities to Municipalities, EC2024-0371, was brought to Executive Committee with the recommendation to forward to the 2024 March 19 Regular Meeting of Council for consideration. At Council the Notice of Motion was adopted, directing that Administration return to Council on 2024 April 30 with additional information.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2024 March 12	EC2024-0371	<p>Notice of Motion - Managing the Costs Linked to Downloading of Provincial Responsibilities to Municipalities</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To better understand The City of Calgary's financial position and address the funding shortfall from the Government of Alberta, Council directs Administration to utilize the 2024 April 30 Regular Meeting of Council (following the submission of audited year-end financial statements to Audit Committee and the Year End Performance Report to Executive Committee) to bring the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. An estimated update of the annual operating and capital provincial funding gap; b. The amount of the ENMAX dividend for 2023, the timing of when it will be paid out, and the amount (if any) that is greater than the estimates from November 2023 that informed the 2024 approved budget; c. The amount collected in Local Access Fees (LAF) for 2023, and the amount (if any) that is greater than the estimates from November 2023 that informed the approved 2024 budget; and d. The amount of any 2023 positive operating variances by service, as well as the reasons for variances. 3. In order to address The City of Calgary's funding shortfall from the Government of Alberta, Council directs Administration to prepare recommendations for the 2024 April 30 Regular Meeting of Council to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Commit to reductions to the 2025 base budget correlated with services that have created efficiencies in the 2023 operating budget, or redeployment of the funds achieved through efficiencies; and

- b. Direct any 2023 ENMAX dividend amount, additional 2023 LAF amounts collected, and any other 2023 positive variance not already committed in the 2024 budget to the Fiscal Stability Reserve, committing those funds to inflationary or market pressures on existing capital projects.