

Corporate Planning and Financial Services Report to
Regular Meeting of Council
2026 April 28

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Bylaw Tabulation - Water Utilities Borrowing

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that Council:

Give second and third readings to proposed Bylaws 5B2026 and 6B2026

BORROWING BYLAWS INFORMATION

Bylaw Number	- 5B2026
Purpose	- To authorize The City of Calgary (" The City ") to amend borrowing Bylaw 11B2024 to increase the amount The City is authorized to borrow from a maximum of \$426.162 million up to a maximum of \$941.362 million for financing capital investments for Water Treatment & Supply and Wastewater Collection & Treatment, which includes the Water Distribution Network.
Borrowing authority	- \$941.362 million
Maximum Term	- 40 years
Type of debt	- Self-supported
Statutory references	- <i>Municipal Government Act</i> , RSA 2000, c. M-26 (" MGA ")
Borrowing Authorization and Advertising Requirement	- sections 251, 258 and 606
Passing a Bylaw	- section 187
Amendment and Repeal	- section 191
Bylaw Number	- 6B2026
Purpose	- To authorize The City to amend borrowing Bylaw 10B2024 to increase the amount The City is authorized to borrow from a maximum of \$612.556 million up to a maximum of \$661.756 million for financing capital investments for Water Treatment & Supply and Wastewater Collection & Treatment and Stormwater Management, which includes the Water Distribution Network.
Borrowing authority	- \$661.756 million
Maximum Term	- 40 years

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Borrowing Authorization and Advertising Requirement:

Section 251

“(1) A municipality may only make a borrowing if the borrowing is authorized by a borrowing bylaw.

(2) A borrowing bylaw must set out

- (a) the amount of money to be borrowed and, in general terms, the purpose for which the money is borrowed;
- (b) the maximum rate of interest, expressed as a percentage, the term and the terms of repayment of the borrowing;
- (c) the source or sources of money to be used to pay the principal and interest owing under the borrowing.

(3) A borrowing bylaw must be advertised.”

Section 606

“(2) Notice of the bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing must be

- (a) published at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in at least one newspaper or other publication circulating in the area to which the proposed bylaw, resolution or other thing relates, or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held,
- (b) mailed or delivered to every residence in the area to which the proposed bylaw, resolution or other thing relates, or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held, or
- (c) given by a method provided for in a bylaw under section 606.1.

(3) A notice of a proposed bylaw must be advertised under subsection (2) before second reading.

(4) A notice of a proposed resolution must be advertised under subsection (2) before it is voted on by council.”

The public notice must contain the information set out in the MGA.

Purpose of a Borrowing

Section 258

“(1) This section applies to a borrowing made for the purpose of financing a capital property when the term of the borrowing exceeds 5 years.”

Borrowing bylaws authorized under this section require advertising.

Passing a Bylaw:

Section 187

“(1) Every proposed bylaw must have 3 distinct and separate readings.”

The readings of a bylaw must follow the legislated procedures set out in the MGA.

Amendment and Repeal:

Section 191

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“(1) The power to pass a bylaw under this or any other enactment includes a power to amend or repeal the bylaw.

(2) The amendment or repeal must be made in the same way as the original bylaw and is subject to the same consents or conditions or advertising requirements that apply to the passing of the original bylaw, unless this or any other enactment provides otherwise.”

Council’s Authorizing Document - EC2026-0173

AFFIRMATIVE VOTES REQUIRED - Majority of members, provided a quorum is present

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Borrowing by The City

Council approved a \$609.5 million increase (2026 March 17) to the capital budget for Infrastructure Services Program 892 (Water Distribution Network), following the Bearspaw South Feedermain Independent Review Panel’s findings and recommendations presented to Council on 2026 January 7.

Proposed Bylaw 5B2026 increases the borrowing authority under Bylaw 11B2024 by \$515.2 million (from \$426.162 million to \$941.362 million) to help finance this increase; repayment would come from user fees and/or other sources.

Proposed Bylaw 6B2026 increases the borrowing authority under Bylaw 10B2024 by \$49.2 million (from \$612.556 million to \$661.756 million); repayment would come from off-site levies.

Any revenue shortfall would be addressed through municipal taxes.

First Readings and Advertising

On 2026 March 17, Council gave first reading to proposed borrowing Bylaws 5B2026 and 6B2026. Pursuant to Sections 191, 251, and 606 of the MGA, proposed Bylaws 5B2026 and 6B2026 were advertised in the Calgary Herald on 2026 March 26 and 2026 April 2. The 15-day statutory deadline for a petition asking for a vote on the bylaws was 2026 April 17. No valid petitions were received.

FINANCIAL CAPACITY

Pursuant to The City’s Council-approved Debt Policy (CP2020-05), the Total Debt (as defined in the Debt Policy) shall not exceed 1.6 times Revenue (as defined in the Debt Policy) and the Total Debt Service (as defined in the Debt Policy) shall not exceed 0.28 times Revenue. This debt will be included in the total debt calculations for the purpose of calculating The City’s debt limit. The \$1,603.118 million of debt will not cause The City to exceed its debt limits.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Proposed Borrowing Bylaw 5B2026
2. Proposed Borrowing Bylaw 6B2026

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