

Utilities & Environmental Protection Report to
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
2018 September 14

ISC: UNRESTRICTED
IGA2018-1037

Rocky View County Master Servicing Agreement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval for a revised wastewater service area, as defined by Rocky View County (RVC) and The City of Calgary (The City) through Master Service Agreement (MSA) negotiations. The new boundary differs slightly from what was presented to Council in May 2018 when servicing to Elbow Valley West was approved and better reflects existing servicing.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council:

1. Approve the Service Area shown in Attachment 1 for wastewater servicing to Rocky View County.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, DATED 2018 SEPTEMBER 14:

That the Administration Recommendation contained in Report IGA2018-1037 be approved.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

2018 February 26 (IGA2018-0089), Council approved a new Policy on Regional Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Servicing (CP2018-01) to replace policy UEP004.

2018 May 28 (IGA2018-0610), Council approved wastewater servicing to Elbow Valley West and directed Administration to execute a new Master Servicing Agreement with Rocky View County for the provisions of wastewater servicing based on a proposed a service area and term sheet.

BACKGROUND

The City has been working with RVC on a new MSA for the Highway 8 corridor and Bears paw School and Recreation Centre. The new MSA will assist in managing operational risks, achieve consistent servicing terms with other regional MSAs and address recently approved service area extensions.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

The Highway 8 Corridor service area has been updated at the request of RVC to fully encompass golf course lands that either only had portions included, or while referenced in the existing agreements, did not have their legal lands identified in the existing agreements. The service areas shown in Attachment 1 better reflect the existing servicing situation; however, it differs slightly from what was presented to Council in May 2018 when servicing to Elbow Valley

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West was approved. These changes capture the intent of the original agreement and subsequent Council approved amendments.

The clarification of the service area as shown in Attachment 1 allows for more effective contract administration, and through the new MSA terms, reduces the need for Administration to be involved in RVC matters that do not impact The City.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Administration has been negotiating a new MSA with RVC to update the existing wastewater servicing agreements to make them consistent with the servicing agreements with other regional customers.

Strategic Alignment

Regional water and wastewater servicing demonstrates The City's commitment to being a regional partner.

A new MSA with RVC has no impact on the City's Water Licences or related discussions with the Province, because it only considers wastewater servicing.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Continued wastewater servicing of the existing service areas upstream of Calgary mitigates potential environmental and drinking water risks.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There are no operating budget impacts for The City associated with this report. Costs are fully recovered through wastewater rates approved by Council.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no capital budget impacts for The City associated with this report.

Risk Assessment

A new MSA with RVC is not anticipated to conflict with the establishment of the Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board (CMRB), and its mandate of creation of a Growth Plan and Servicing Plan. A new MSA would continue to provide existing servicing to existing development, and would not deal with growth matters.

A new MSA with RVC has no impact on the City's Water Licence or related discussions with the Province.

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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The revised service areas differ slightly from what was presented to Council in May 2018 when servicing to Elbow Valley West was approved. Administration is reporting back to ensure Council is aware of the revisions.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Attachment 1 – Proposed Service Area