

Chief Financial Officer's Report to  
Gas, Power and Telecommunications  
2019 January 17

ISC: UNRESTRICTED  
GPT2019-0060

## Industry Update on Electricity, Natural Gas and Telecommunications

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes key developments in the electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications industries since 2018 November 15.

#### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee:

1. Receive this report for information.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE GAS, POWER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, DATED 2019 FEBRUARY 14:

That **Council** receive this report for information.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee, held 2019 February 14:

That the Minutes of the 2019 January 17 Regular Meeting of the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee be confirmed, **after amendment, on Page 2 of 4, Item 6.2, Industry Update on Electricity, Natural Gas and Telecommunications, GPT2019-0060**, as follows:

"That with respect to Report GPT2019-0060, the following be approved:

That the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee **recommend that Council receive this report for information.**

**And further, that this Report be forwarded to the 2019 February 25 Combined Meeting of Council."**

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

The Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee has requested that this report be prepared every second month.

### BACKGROUND

This report, with its attachment, provides a summary of relevant industry developments and policy issues.

### INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Recent developments in the Alberta utilities industry are detailed in attachment 1. Natural gas and electricity markets are analyzed to provide an understanding of energy prices which affect The City's utility costs and franchise fee revenue.

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Policy issues in Alberta's regulated utilities and general utility industry developments that could have an impact on The City's interests are reviewed to keep committee members informed of issues that may require future regulatory intervention or impact The City's operations.

### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

N/A

### **Strategic Alignment**

This report is in alignment with the mandate of the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee.

### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

This report has been reviewed for alignment with The City's Triple Bottom Line Policy Framework. No implications were identified.

### **Financial Capacity**

#### ***Current and Future Operating Budget:***

This report does not propose a decision and there is no direct budget or business plan implication.

#### ***Current and Future Capital Budget:***

There are no budget or business plan implications arising from this report.

### **Risk Assessment**

No specific risks are associated with this report. Any risks arising from energy utility developments reviewed in the attachment will be addressed in a separate report if required.

### **REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):**

This report provides information to GPT Committee members to assist them in their understanding of regulatory issues that affect The City's interests.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Industry Update on Electricity, Natural Gas and Telecommunications