The City of SPRUCE GROVE

INFORMATION REQUEST

INFORMATION REQUEST #: IR-009-26

REQUESTED BY: **Councillor Tokar**

TOPIC: **Water Master Plan and Sanitary Master Plan**

DATE OF REQUEST: **November 2, 2026**

DATE OF RESPONSE: November 2, 2026

QUESTION: Water Master Plan (WMP) and Sanitary Master Plans have been dropped from the 2027 and 2028 (respectively) plans. Why? The Pressure Reducing Values business case mentions a potential dependency upon the Water Master Plan, so does that just slide to a future year when the WMP is completed?

Response

The Water Master Plan and Sanitary Master Plan have not been removed or deferred. They remain scheduled for 2027 and 2028 and are present in the respective utility base operating budgets.

The Pressure Reducing Valves 2028 capital profile within the Utilities Capital Plan identifies a potential dependency on the 2027 Water Master Plan. Any outcome from the Water Master Plan that impacts future pressure reducing valves will be brought forward in future budgets.

Background

In previous budget cycles, master plan updates were presented as individual operating projects with separate business cases. The budgeting approach has now been adjusted to recognize these studies as cyclical operational requirements. Each master plan is updated on a five-year cycle, with the Transportation, Storm, Water and Sanitary Master Plans staggered to distribute costs and administrative workload over different years.

Financial Implications / Taxation Impact

The master plans will be funded through their respective utility operating budgets under Contracted and General Services

- Water Master Plan: $150,000 in 2027.
- Sanitary Master Plan: $100,000 in 2028.

There is no change to the planned timing or funding requirements for these updates; the change is to how they are budgeted and presented.

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