



INFORMATION REQUEST

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REQUESTED BY: Councillor Tokar

TOPIC: Utility Rates

DATE OF REQUEST: Prior to GPC Meeting 2025

DATE OF RESPONSE: November 17, 2025

QUESTION:

On page 43, it talks about ARROW raising their rates by \$0.70 per cubic meter for sanitary sewer, but we are proposing an increase of \$1.27. Where does the additional \$0.57 "planned increase" cover?

Response

The total increase in sanitary sewer utility rates is based on increase in costs from ARROW and the increase in operational budgets based on City's operations. The additional \$0.57 is representative of increases in City's costs since the last utility rate modelling done in 2023 for 2024 fiscal year. Rates from the 2023 study for the 2025 year were used to employ the year over year rate increase, however, these rates were lower than they should've been primarily due to future capital and R&M for sanitary sewer. The current rate modelling is catching up on increases from previous years to bring the utility in line with what we expect would result in nominal increases year over year going forward.

Background

The City of Spruce Grove provides water, waste and stormwater management services to its residents, and is committed to delivering sustainable services. Utility bills cover water, sewer, garbage collection, curbside organics and curbside recycling, and stormwater management.

Financial Implications/Taxation Impact

As outlined in the budget presentation to be approved by Council on December 8, 2025.

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