

**2017 Reserve Transactions****Report Purpose**

To present the 2017 reserve activity for Council's ratification.

**Recommendation**

THAT the reserve activity in the 2017 Reserve Continuity report (unaudited), as set out in Enclosure 1, be ratified.

**Council History**

February 27, 2018 – Council received the recommended surplus allocations to reserves.

December 4, 2017 – Council approved the 2018 Operating and Capital Budgets.

July 4, 2017 – Council approved the FIN-001-024: Financial Reserves Policy, as revised.

**Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** Reserves support the strategic management, investment, and planning for sustainable municipal infrastructure.

**Governance:** Reserves contribute to good governance and strong fiscal management.

**Social:** Reserves provide funding for projects that support community health and well-being.

**Culture:** Reserves provide funding for projects that support cultural assets and activities.

**Environment:** Reserves provide funding for projects that contribute to the sustainability of our environment and resources.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** FIN-001-008: Allocation of Year-End Municipal Operating Surplus; FIN-001-024: Financial Reserves

**Legislative/Legal:** *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 200, c. M-26*

**Interdepartmental:** All departments

**Summary**

All reserve transactions (unaudited) consolidated into the 2017 Reserve Continuity report have prior approval as per FIN-001-024: Financial Reserves policy. This reserve activity includes the final transactions to allocate the 2017 annual operating surplus for tax purposes recommended to Council on February 27, 2018. This final year-end ratification aligns with the Financial Reserves policy.

The optimal reserve balances as at December 31, 2017 and the corresponding variances have been updated to include the final reserve transactions allocating 2017 annual operating surplus for tax purposes to reserves. These calculations represent a point in time and should be considered in relation to resulting trends and circumstances. Further approvals regarding specific projects will be presented to Council in order to access and commit funds from the Municipal Projects reserve as intended with the surplus allocations. In preparation for the next business planning and budget cycle, the Municipal Infrastructure Lifecycle, Maintenance and Replacement reserve will be further analyzed as it has trended over the optimal balance. The General Land reserve optimal balance formula will be reassessed and confirmed upon completion of a Municipal Land Strategy.

**Enclosures**

- 1 2017 Reserve Continuity (unaudited) (Document: 11291277)
- 2 2017 Reserve Transactions Presentation (Document: 11291597)