

**Borrowing Bylaw 12-2023 - Bremner Stage One Water Reservoir Pumphouse and Supply Project****Report Purpose**

To give second and third readings to a borrowing bylaw for the construction of the Bremner Stage One Water Reservoir Pumphouse and Supply.

**Recommendations**

THAT Bylaw 12-2023, a bylaw to approve the incurrence of utility rate supported, non-tax supported debt, for the construction of the Bremner Stage One Water Reservoir Pumphouse and Supply, be given second reading.

THAT Bylaw 12-2023 be given third reading.

**Our Strategic Goals**

Goal 3 - Responsible Development

Goal 3 Priority - Investment in our infrastructure that supports development and complete communities

**Report**

Utility rate supported Borrowing Bylaw 12-2023 for up to \$13,000,000 will enable the completion of the Bremner Stage One Water Reservoir Pumphouse and Supply project as approved by Council on April 4, 2023. The Municipal Government Act (MGA) indicates that a municipality may only make a borrowing if the borrowing is authorized by a borrowing bylaw, and all bylaws must be approved by Council and passed with three readings.

Approval of Borrowing Bylaw 12-2023 will enable the Municipal Government Act regulation requirement to be met where a borrowing bylaw must be in place prior to the start of a capital project. The bylaw was advertised for the required petition period per the Municipal Government Act, and no petitions were received.

It is important to note that the debenture funding associated with this borrowing bylaw is to be considered non-tax supported debt.

**Council and Committee History**

May 16, 2023	Council approved: THAT item 8.3 Borrowing Bylaw 12-2023 - Bremner Stage One Water Reservoir Pumphouse and Supply Project be referred to Administration to prepare a report for Council's consideration by the end of Q4 2023 on funding and development implications and potential next steps.
May 2, 2023	Council approved: THAT item 8.1 Borrowing Bylaw 12-2023 - Bremner Stage One Water Reservoir Pumphouse and Supply Project be postponed to the May 16, 2023 Council meeting.
April 4, 2023	Council gave first reading to Bylaw 12-2023, a bylaw to approve the incurrence of Utility rate supported, non-tax supported debt, for the construction of the Bremner Stage One Water Reservoir Pumphouse and Supply.
April 4, 2023	Council approved an amendment to the 2023 Capital Budget to construct the Bremner Stage One Water Reservoir Pumphouse and

Supply in the amount of \$26,000,000, to be funded \$13,000,000 from Utilities Reserves and \$13,000,000 from utility rate-supported debenture

November 24, 2022 Council approved the 2023 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget.

**Other Impacts:** n/a

**Policy:** FIN-001-025: Debt Management Policy, FIN-001-027: Tangible Capital Assets Financial Reporting; SER-009-044: Offsite Development Levies for New Growth Areas

**Legislative/Legal:** Sections 251 through 263 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26 govern municipal borrowing. Section 606 of the MGA sets out the requirements for advertising proposed bylaws.

**Financial/Budget:** Approval of the second and third readings of this Borrowing Bylaw will meet our MGA requirements to borrow debt, when required, on behalf of the Project.

**Interdepartmental:** Financial and Strategic Services; Utilities

**Master Plan/Framework:** n/a

#### **Enclosure**

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