

**CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE
CITY POLICY**

NUMBER

3,016

REFERENCE RES. #126-92	ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL	SUPERSEDES "NEW"
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TITLE **MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

POLICY STATEMENT*

GENERAL STATEMENT

The underlying principles for the administration of the City of Spruce Grove are our Mission, Purpose and Values statements as contained in this document.

PRIORITY RELATED (In order of importance)

1. Health, Safety and Regulatory Requirements

Capital spending must be prioritized to first address requirements of health, safety and other regulatory regulations to assure preservation of public safety and enjoyment as well as workplace health and safety issues.

2. Asset Value Preservation

Capital spending that is necessary to protect or maintain existing infrastructure or facilities will be given priority.

3. Operational Impacts

Capital Projects which allow for Operational savings or cost control will be considered a higher priority than those purchases which increase Net Tax Supported costs in any service area or facility.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY IS TO :-

Relate the general principles of Mission to the Capital Infrastructure and Facilities specifically planned for the foreseeable future.

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4, Economic Development Potential

Projects which are necessary to provide for continued physical growth and economic competitiveness of the City will be evaluated based upon their potential benefit to the assessment base and/or potential spin-off developments. Priority will be given to projects which are structured in their implementation strategy to maximize local business participation and benefit.

5. Quality of Life Enhancement

Projects which allow residents the ability to pursue opportunities to develop their social, cultural, physical, emotional, spiritual or combination of potentials will be considered within the framework of approved strategies and plan.

FUNDING RELATED

GRANTS

1. Provincial "matching" Grant Programs shall be used, wherever possible, for retrofits, repairs, overlays, modernizing, etc. of EXISTING infrastructure, facilities or equipment replacement and not for new acquisitions or projects.

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Normal Grant Services:

- Alberta Transportation and Utilities - Basic Capital
- C.R.C.
- A.T. and U. - Water and Sewer Partnership
- C.F.E.P.
- Wild Rose Foundation
- R.P.W. Foundation

BORROWING

2. a. Wherever feasible and legitimate, Offsite Levies, Developer Contributions and Capital Reserves will be maximized as a source of funds to provide for the City's share of any project cost.
- b. Borrowing to "Match" Provincial Grant Programs will be a priority, where necessary, over new projects.
- c. Debt will be strictly limited, in the overall, to \$950 per capita and no project in any single year can be undertaken if it would exceed this limit.
- d. Debt should be minimized as a source of funds and viewed as a last resort.

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- e. Efforts should be made to identify Local Improvement Levies as a source for funding versus General Debt.
- f. Debt related to Water, Sewer and Garbage projects will be paid from Utility Rates and not from the Municipal Tax Base.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 3. "Partnerships" through Community Organizations, the Corporate Sector or individuals must be encouraged as a means of project development for all facilities, including associated equipment, demonstrating a reasonable level of Community Support and participation.

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