



COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: July 8, 2024

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REPORT TITLE: Bylaw No. 1188-2024 – Telford Cemetery Borrowing Bylaw (1st Reading)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents for first reading a Borrowing Bylaw that, if passed, would authorize up to \$3.0M in financing for the construction of Telford Cemetery.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council give Bylaw No. 1188-2024 first reading.

COUNCIL HISTORY

The first reading of the Borrowing Bylaw is the first step in acquiring the financing necessary for construction of the Telford Cemetery project.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

The City of Leduc's current cemetery is quickly approaching maximum capacity and a new cemetery is required. To prepare for a new cemetery, the City completed servicing and site preparation for a new cemetery north of Telford Lake in the Sawridge development in 2023. This project is to complete the construction of phase 1 of the new cemetery, which will be fully operational and ready for use upon its completion.

STRATEGIC / RELEVANT PLANS ALIGNMENT

A City with a plan for the future.

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATION:

N/A

RISK ANALYSIS:

N/A

FINANCIAL / LEGAL:

If the Bylaw is approved, the City of Leduc will enter into a promissory note agreement with the Province of Alberta or other similar financial institution. The City will have to abide with all the terms and conditions within the agreement.

As at December 31, 2023, the City's unused debt limit is \$98.7M (2022 - \$81.0M).

There is no legal risk associated with the recommendation for first reading. As noted below, a Borrowing Bylaw must be advertised and cannot be given final approval until the close of the petition period, or the final resolution of a valid petition.



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IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Following first reading, the proposed bylaw will be advertised in accordance with the Advertising Bylaw.
2. Electors may, within 15 days from the date of the last publication of the notice, petition Council for a vote on the proposed Borrowing Bylaw and if a valid petition is presented to Council, Council may abandon the project or submit the Borrowing Bylaw to a vote of the electors.
3. If no petition for a vote is presented, the municipality may pass the Borrowing Bylaw.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That Council amend Borrowing Bylaw No. 1188-2024.
2. That Council defeat Borrowing Bylaw No. 1188-2024. In this case, another funding source would have to be identified to proceed with the project.

ATTACHMENTS

Bylaw No. 1188-2024