

## City releases proposed Drainage and Waste Utilities budgets

The proposed 2015 budgets for the City of Edmonton's two utilities - Waste Management Services and Drainage Services - have been posted online at [edmonton.ca/budget2015](http://edmonton.ca/budget2015).

The Utilities' budgets address the operational and capital costs for running the two utilities. Waste and Drainage are not subsidized by property taxes. Instead, they are funded entirely through utility rates and utility program revenues.

In the 2015 budget, Waste Management Services is proposing a rate increase of \$3.35 per month for a typical residential customer. Drainage Services is proposing a rate increase of \$1.00 per month for a typical residential customer.

"The Utilities will continue to provide an essential service to Edmontonians in an environmentally responsible manner," said Lorna Rosen, the City's Chief Financial Officer. "The budgets allow for growth in volume and services for both utilities in a responsible and sustainable way."

The proposed budget allows Waste Management Services to continue operating the Edmonton Waste Management Centre's unique collection of advanced waste processing and research facilities to provide its full suite of waste reduction activities, including residential and commercial waste collection programs, recycling and organics operations and construction and demolition recycling. The budget allows for the expansion of services through the opening of the new Kennedale Eco-Station and the full service of the Refuse Derived Fuel facility, as well as meets the demands of growth in the number of households served.

The proposed budget allows Drainage Services to continue providing sanitary and stormwater drainage services to Edmonton residents and businesses by planning, building, operating and maintaining the pipes, tunnels, pump stations and stormwater management facilities that make up the City's drainage network. The Drainage Services budget provides for increased funding for the Biosolids Disposal program and plans for the completion of Flood Mitigation capital works in 18 more neighbourhoods by 2018.

The Utilities Budget will be formally presented to City Council's Utility Committee on October 30, 2014. The city-wide Operating and Capital Budgets will be made public on October 31, 2014.

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