



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **Policy 9505 Debt Management**
SUBMISSION TO: POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: June 11, 2025
DEPARTMENT: FINANCE
STRATEGIC PLAN: Economy

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
CAO: MANAGER: MH
DIR: EK PRESENTER: MH
LEG:

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) –N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Policy Review Committee recommend Council approve Policy 9505 “Debt Management” as presented.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Utilizing debt (including loans and lines of credit) to fund public infrastructure is a valuable strategy for Governments to spread the cost associated with capital growth across the generations which will be enjoying the benefits of long-term assets over their useful life. It can also be a useful tool in times of favourable interest rates as it may be more cost effective in the long-term to borrow funds than to lose out on potential investment income. It is important to analyze many factors in the decision to issue debt and to make sure resources are identified to prepare for the issuance of debt and to address on-going requirements throughout its term.

Debt management policies are written guidelines and requirements that guide the process of debt evaluation and debt issuance, including management of a debt portfolio and adherence to various laws and regulations. A debt management policy should improve the quality of decisions, articulate policy goals, provide guidelines for the structure of debt issuance, and demonstrate a commitment to long-term capital and financial planning. This policy will provide credibility, transparency and ensure that there is a common understanding among Administration, Council and ratepayers regarding Greenview’s approach to debt financing.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of accepting the recommended motion is that this policy will continue to strengthen Greenview’s long-term financial planning process.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: Policy Review Committee has the alternative to make amendments to the draft policy.

Alternative #2: Policy Review Committee has the alternative to reject the policy and continue without one. However, Administration does not recommend this action because it is best practice to set out guidelines for debt management.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

There are no financial implications to the recommended motion.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Administration will apply any amendments and bring the policy to a regular council meeting for approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Policy 9505 Debt Management (Draft)