

Title: Financial Reporting

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Purpose: This policy outlines financial reporting requirements for Greenview. Administration will provide Council with quarterly financial reports in order to promote stewardship of Greenview resources, to support decision-making, and to provide transparent communication to the public.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Act** means the Municipal Government Act Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter M-26 and any amendments.
- 1.2. **Capital Budget** means the approved budget for the current year covering purchases of tangible capital assets.
- 1.3. **Council** means the Reeve and Councillors of the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16 duly elected pursuant to the provisions of the Local Authorities Election Act, R.S.A 2000, Chapter L-21, and who are eligible to hold office under the terms of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A 2000, Chapter M-26.
- 1.4. **Greenview** means the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.
- 1.5. **Operating Budget** means the approved budget for the current year covering annual operating expenditures such as wages, supplies, equipment, etc.
- 1.6. **Restricted Surplus** means amounts Council has designated towards a specific purpose.
- 1.7. **Restricted Surplus Report** means a report on restricted surplus balances and will include balance forwards from prior years, estimated reductions and estimated increases in the current year.
- 1.8. **Variance Report** means a report showing the budgeted amounts, actual amounts and the difference between the two reported as both dollar and percentage variances.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1 Council must be made aware of certain aspects of the financial operations of Greenview as often as Council directs in accordance with the Act.

2.2 Council should be made aware of other aspects respecting the financial position of Greenview on a regular basis.

3. PROCEDURE

3.1. Variance reports on the Operating Budget shall be provided to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting following the calendar quarters ending March, June, September, and December and will report on year to date information for those period end dates. Financial information provided will be on a summarized basis by department.

3.2. Variance reports on the Capital Budget shall be provided to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting following the calendar quarters ending March, June, September, and December and will report on year to date information for those period end dates. Financial information provided will be on a summarized basis by department.

3.3. A Restricted Surplus report shall be provided to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting following the calendar quarters ending March, June, September, and December and will report on year to date information on those periods.

3.4. December quarter-end reports will be preliminary as year end reports will not be complete.

3.5. Audited Financial Statements for the year will be presented by the Auditor to Council following the completion of the annual audit, normally in April of the year following the year for which the audit has been prepared.

4. COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Council will review the reports as presented to ensure a general familiarity with the financial information provided.

5. ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Administration shall prepare the reports and respond to any questions on the information contained in the reports.