

Options for the Housing Accelerator Fund Interest

At its December 18, 2024 Regular Business Meeting, while considering a report titled [Housing Accelerator Fund Interest](#), City Council resolved:

“That the Administration direct the Housing Accelerator Fund Interest to General Revenue and report back as part of the 2024 Year-End Preliminary Financial Results on the 2024 Interest made on Housing Accelerator Funds and options on how to allocate these.”

During 2024 there was \$500,600 interest earned on the Housing Accelerator Funds (HAF). City Council can choose to do a variety of things with these funds as outlined below.

1. Leave the funds as part of the year-end surplus which would then become part of the transfer to the Fiscal Stabilization Reserve. This is already part of the Administration recommendation, therefore there would be no additional action to enact this option.
2. Transfer the interest earned on unspent Housing Accelerator Funds to the Affordable Housing Reserve for the 2024 year-end. If City Council chooses this option, direction and changes to the recommendations in this report would be required, as well as an additional recommendation for an exception to Policy No. C03-003 to transfer the funds into the Affordable Housing Reserve.
3. Complete a one-time transfer to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (RCE). This transfer will allow funds to be placed into RCE which City Council can use at their discretion for priority capital projects. The current funding remaining in RCE is \$570,000. If City Council chooses this option, direction and changes to the recommendations in this report would be required, as well as an additional recommendation for the transfer to RCE and an exception to Policy No. C03-003.
4. Many of the City’s most recent Asset Management Plans are showing a funding gap and City Council could choose to allocate one-time funding to any of the reserves that support these plans. The most recent funding plans as presented prior to the 2024/2025 Multi-Year Business Plan and Budget meetings are listed below for information. If City Council chooses this option, direction and changes to the recommendations in this report would be required, as well as a possible additional recommendation for City Solicitors to prepare a Bylaw for an exception of Bylaw No. 6774, The Capital Reserve Bylaw, 1993 depending on the reserve where the money would be transferred.

Asset Management Plan – 2023 Update	Annual Funding Gap
<u>Facilities</u>	\$5.5 million
<u>Roadways and Sidewalks</u>	\$8.3 million
<u>Bridges and Structures</u>	\$1.5 million
<u>Water, Wastewater and Storm Water</u>	Water Distribution \$7.7 million Wastewater Collection \$1.1 million
<u>Saskatoon Light & Power</u>	\$11.0 million
<u>Parks</u>	\$4.85 million
<u>Saskatoon Transit</u>	\$10.0 million