

Capital reserve funds are established to help the City plan for its long-term infrastructure needs. The Tax Capital Reserve Fund is the primary source of funding for the majority of the City's infrastructure projects (construction, renovation or replacement of facilities and equipment).

The City receives funding from both the provincial and federal government for various programs. The Canada Community-Building Reserve Fund is used primarily for facilities, roads, bridges and transit projects. The Provincial Gas Tax Reserve Fund is used to fund transit operating expenditures. The City has various other special-purpose reserve funds that are funded by provincial and federal government programs (e.g., the federally funded Housing Accelerator Fund which helps build more homes faster).

The City also manages a variety of reserve funds to administer City programs and initiatives, including Automated Speed Enforcement, Municipal Accommodation Tax, and the Public Safety Fire Program.

Development Charges (DCs) are fees collected from developers in accordance with the *Development Charges Act, 1997* and governed by the City's DC By-law. DCs help pay for the capital costs of growth-related infrastructure and municipal services (e.g., transit, community centres, libraries and fire stations) required to support a growing population and employment base. DC revenue and capital project costs are closely monitored.

The *Planning Act* allows for cash contributions from developers to be provided in lieu of conveying parkland as a condition of development. These cash contributions are accumulated in the Cash in Lieu of Parkland (CIL Parkland) Reserve Fund and allow the City to make parkland acquisitions. CIL Parkland funds may also be used for other public recreational purposes. Additionally, the *Planning Act* allows for the collection of Community Benefits Charges. These charges are levied on high rise residential buildings and are used to fund associated growth-related capital projects not already recovered from DCs.

The Stormwater Service Area has separate reserves and reserve funds that are set aside to help offset future capital needs, obligations, pressures and costs. They are drawn upon to finance specific-purpose capital and operating expenditures as designated by Council, to minimize Stormwater Charge fluctuations due to unanticipated expenditures and revenue shortfalls, and to fund ongoing and future infrastructure programs.

The purposes of all open reserves and reserve funds and additional tables, including tables showing transfers to and from, can be found in Volume III of this document.