

## **Responses to City Council Questions on the 2014 Proposed Operating Budget**

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# 2014 Operating Budget Questions By Question #

**Branch:** Land Enterprise

**Asked By:** Councillor Knack

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*(P. 342) This page notes that the short time-lines to acquire needed lands is driving up costs of the Land for Municipal Purposes Program. Can you provide some examples of the short time-lines?*

**Question Answer:**

*It can take up to 12 to 18 months to finalize a negotiated land or property purchase from owners who, when we initiate contact with them, may not necessarily be forthcoming sellers of their land/property.*

*Where the expropriation of land is required and supported by Administration and Council, we need at least six months to initiate negotiations with owners and, if unsuccessful, another 12 months to acquire ownership and possession of the land through the expropriation process. Final settlement of compensation payable to an owner under expropriation can take another one to three years depending on the type of property being expropriated.*

*Corporate Properties is able to take advantage of purchase opportunities allotted by longer lead-times on the acquisitions of land for the City's capital projects.*