

## Tolls on Major Roads to Edmonton

**Motion:** In order to increase city revenue, tolls on major roads into Edmonton will be installed (Highways 16, 16X and 2; Baseline Road and Sherwood Park Freeway).

| Advantages of Tolls  | Disadvantages of Tolls  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The most frequent users of the road would be paying for keeping the road maintained</li> <li>• The toll could be for a special express lane that is more efficient for those willing to pay, and therefore less toll on the environment (CO2)</li> <li>• People may think again before jumping in a car and making a trip into the city leading to the need to continually expand roads to deal with road congestion</li> <li>• It would make transportation costs fairer since transit riders are already having to pay user fees to the City</li> <li>• Technology can make time-of-day pricing possible so that work hours can be adjusted to cut back on “rush-hour” clogging of roads</li> <li>• It is estimated that City-residents would realize \$700 million in annual benefits resulting from reduced congestion, reduced collisions, decreased parking requirements, and improved environmental conditions</li> <li>• License plate cameras could charge only those drivers from outside Edmonton so that those living in regional municipalities would pay their</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would put the City at a competitive disadvantage if other cities in the province don’t also follow suit (Many businesses might choose to relocate to another city if it is hard to find skilled workers)</li> <li>• It would be tough to set-up because there are various ways to get from Point A to Point B and this might lead to more serious problems related to commuters using “shortcuts”</li> <li>• 25% of survey respondents state that developers should be paying for roads and road maintenance to the suburbs, following a report that Edmonton is collecting \$1.4 billion less in property taxes than the value of services like new roads to the suburbs</li> <li>• Having developers shoulder more of the cost could lead to the increased price of a home being passed on to consumers thereby making it less possible for people to become homeowners</li> <li>• If businesses have to pay more to transport goods and services into the city, that cost will be passed on to consumers making the city more of an undesirable location to live due to the cost of living</li> </ul> |

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| <p>share for using facilities and infrastructure within Edmonton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Could lead to a drop in property taxes for residents of Edmonton, making Edmonton a more desirable place for people to live</li><li>• Could help reduce urban sprawl to surrounding municipalities and districts</li></ul> |  |
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