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Mowing Program and Service Levels

The following information is related to The City of Red Deer's mowing program.

1. Why were mowing services reduced?

City Council approved a \$921,884 reduction to the Parks and Public Works budget for 2025, which included a \$268,000 reduction in the parks, turf, trees and trails program. This required administration to reduce service levels across several areas, including less frequent mowing.

2. Why is The City now adjusting the mowing program?

Council and administration received a high volume of citizen feedback about reduced mowing. Administration is reallocating existing funds from other operational areas where we have seen some early-year savings or lower spending. This allows us to respond to community concerns and adjust mowing in key visible areas, while continuing to operate within the Council-approved reduced budget.

3. Is The City increasing the Parks and Public Works budget?

No. The City is still operating within the Council-directed 2025 reduced budget. Adjustments are being made by reallocating existing funds and adapting implementation plans.

4. Where is the reallocated money coming from?

Administration is reallocating existing funds from other operational areas where we have seen some early-year savings or lower spending.

5. Where will mowing happen?

Crews have already started mowing high-visibility berms and other priority areas. Further mowing will continue based on available resources and seasonal conditions.

6. Will all mowing return to pre-2025 levels?

No. While adjustments are being made, the overall service levels remain reduced compared to previous years, in alignment with the approved budget.

7. Where can I find more information?

More details about the 2025 budget and service level adjustments can be found at www.reddeer.ca/budget2025 under *Parks and Public Works*.