



## Tangible Capital Assets Policy

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**Section:** 2.0 General Government and Administrative Services  
- B. Finance

**Authority:** ~~General Manager of Corporate Services~~ Council

**Administering Department:** Corporate Services

### Statement

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.), in accordance to Section 3150 of the Public Sector Accounting Board Handbook of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, must comply with the recommendations for the disclosure of tangible capital assets, effective January 1, 2009.

### Purpose

The **purpose of this** policy is to provide the financial definition of a tangible capital asset within the M.D. and to set internal guidelines on the capitalization thresholds and amortization methods. The guidelines are outlined in *Attachment A* for this policy and are subject to change over time, at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer (~~CAO~~) in consultation with the municipal auditors, to meet the needs of the municipality.

### Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- (1) "Betterment" is a cost incurred to enhance the service potential of a tangible capital asset. **Costs Betterments** are considered to be part of the cost of a tangible capital asset and ~~would be~~ **are** added to the recorded cost of the related asset;
- (2) **"Chief Administrative Officer" (CAO) means the Chief Administrative Officer of the M.D. appointed by Council, or their authorized delegate;**
- (3) **"Council" means the duly elected Council of the M.D.;**
- (4) "Tangible Capital Assets" (**TCA**) means non-financial assets having physical substance that:
  - (a) are held for use in the production or supply of goods and services;
  - (b) are held for rental to others;
  - (c) are held for administrative purposes;
  - (d) are held for the development, construction, maintenance or repair of other tangible capital assets;
  - (e) have useful economic lives extending beyond 36 months;
  - (f) are to be used on a continuing basis;
  - (g) are not for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

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## Procedure Policy

### (1) Financial Statements

- (a) The M.D. must meet the following **recording accounting** requirements for the financial statements:
- (i) Tangible capital assets should be recorded at cost. If the municipality does not have historical cost accounting records, other methods to estimate the cost and accumulated amortization of the assets will be **needed utilized**.
  - (ii) Initial roadway infrastructure assets shall be valued in accordance with costing formulas provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. As well, initial bridges and culverts assets shall be valued in accordance with costing formulas provided by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.
  - (iii) The cost of a TCA, less any residual value, **should will** be amortized over its useful life in a rational and systematic manner appropriate to its nature and use by the municipality.
  - (iv) The amortization of the costs **should will** be accounted for as expenses in the statement of operations **in each fiscal year**.
  - (v) The amortization method and estimate of the useful life of the remaining unamortized portion of a tangible capital asset **should will** be reviewed on a regular basis and revised when ~~the appropriateness of~~ a change ~~can be is~~ clearly demonstrated.
  - (vi) When conditions indicate that a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the municipality's ability to provide goods and services, or that the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital asset is less than its book value, the cost of the tangible capital asset **should will** be reduced to reflect the decline in the asset's value. The net write-downs of tangible capital assets **should will** be accounted for as expenses in the statement of operations and **should will** not be reversed.
  - (vii) The difference between the net proceeds on disposal of tangible capital asset and the net book value of the asset **should will** be accounted for as a revenue or expense in the statement of operations.
  - (viii) Fully amortized assets still in use **need to must** be recorded.
  - (ix) Tangible capital assets **should will** be accounted for and reported as assets on the statement of financial position.
  - (x) The financial statements **should will** disclose, for each major category of tangible capital assets, the total cost, accumulated amortization and net book value at the beginning and end of the period and the total additions, disposals, write-downs and amortization for the period.
  - (xi) The financial statements **should will** also disclose other information about tangible capital assets such as:
    - 1. amortization methods and rates;
    - 2. tangible capital assets under construction;
    - 3. donated tangible capital assets;

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4. the nature of tangible capital assets recorded at a nominal value or considered to be works of art or historical treasures;
5. the amount of interest capitalized in the period.

(2) Capitalization Thresholds

- (a) Capitalization thresholds will vary based on the Major Asset Classifications of the municipality. Minor Asset Classifications shall be determined by each department of the municipality on an as-needed basis and must comply with the threshold limits listed.
- (b) Betterments are to be capitalized when the unit cost of the betterment meets the betterment definition and meets or exceeds 50% of the threshold limit as listed above.
- (c) Capitalization thresholds are as follows:

01 Engineering Structures	Permanent structural works such as kilometers of roads, bridges, drainage ditches, water and sewer, including plants and infrastructure. This class also includes all land improvements of a permanent nature such as parking lots, landscaping, lighting, pathways and fences.	\$50,000.00
02 Buildings	Permanent, temporary or portable building structures, such as offices, garages, warehouses, and recreation facilities intended to shelter persons and/or goods, machinery, equipment and working space.	\$30,000.00
03 Machinery and Equipment	Equipment that is heavy equipment for constructing infrastructure, smaller equipment in buildings and offices, furnishings, computer hardware and software. This class does not include stationary equipment used in the engineered structure class.	\$5000.00
04 Land	Land includes land purchased or acquired for value for parks and recreation, building sites, infrastructure, landfills, and other program use, but not land held for resale.	No Minimum
05 Vehicles	Rolling stock that is used primarily for transportation purposes.	\$5000.00
06 Other	Any tangible capital asset that does not fit into another asset classification listed above.	\$5000.00

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(3) Amortization Methods and Rates

- (a) Amortization will be recorded at 50% of the annual amortization amount in the year of acquisition and disposal. All other amortization rates to be approved by the CAO.

### Policy Review

Within ~~five (5)~~ **four (4)** years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

### For administrative use only:

<b>Previous Policy Number:</b> (prior to July 24, 2019)	10.12.34
<b>Related Documentation:</b> (plans, bylaws, policies, procedures, etc.)	Attachment A: M.D. Amortization and Rates

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**Municipal District of Bonnyville Amortization and Rates**

Major Class	Minor Class	Description		Useful Life (yrs or %)	Amortization Method
01	01	Engineering Structures	Paved Asphalt Concrete Roads	20	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Unpaved Gravel Roads	10	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Unpaved Surface-Treated Roads	10	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Concrete Curb and Gutter	30	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Sidewalk – Concrete	30	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Street Lighting	30	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Traffic Signals / Controls / Pedestrian Lights	50	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Bridges	Variable	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Water Wells	40	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Water Treatment	40	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Water Reservoirs	40	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Water Distribution Pump Station	40	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Water Distribution Pipe System	40	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Sewage Collection System	40	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Lift Stations	40	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Sewage Lagoons	40	Straight-line
01	01	Engineering Structures	Other	Variable	Straight-line
02	02	Buildings		50	Straight-line
04	04	Land		Unlimited	Not amortized
03	11	Elected Officials – General		20	Straight-line
03	12	Administration – General		20	Straight-line
05	12	Vehicles < 1 ton	Light	10	Straight-line
03	13	Computer Equipment		5	Straight-line
05	21	Fire Trucks < 1 ton	Light	10	Straight-line
05	22	Fire Trucks > 1 ton	Heavy	15	Straight-line
03	23	Fire Equipment – General		10	Straight-line
03	24	Communication Equipment		10	Straight-line
03	26	Public Safety – CPO's		10	Straight-line
05	26	Vehicles < 1 ton	Light (acquired prior to Jan.1/11)	10	Straight-line
05	26	Vehicles < 1 ton	Light (acquired after Dec.31/10)	4	Straight-line
03	31	Public Works – General		10	Straight-line
03	32	Field Equipment		10	<b>% Declining Balance</b> <b>Straight-line</b>
03	33	Loaders		10	<b>% Declining Balance</b> <b>Straight-line</b>

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03	34	Motor Graders		10	<del>% Declining Balance</del> Straight-line
03	35	Packers		10	<del>% Declining Balance</del> Straight-line
03	36	RV Equipment		10	<del>% Declining Balance</del> Straight-line
03	37	Shop / Yard Equipment		10	<del>% Declining Balance</del> Straight-line
03	38	Tankers		10	<del>% Declining Balance</del> Straight-line
03	39	Tractors		10	<del>% Declining Balance</del> Straight-line
03	40	Trailers		10	<del>% Declining Balance</del> Straight-line
05	41	Trucks < 1 ton	Light	<del>10</del> 7	Straight-line
05	42	Trucks > 1 ton	Heavy	<del>10</del> 7	Straight-line
03	43	Tractor Crawlers		10	<del>% Declining Balance</del> Straight-line
03	44	Tractor Scrapers		10	<del>% Declining Balance</del> Straight-line
03	63	Ag Services Equipment		<del>10</del> 5	Straight-line
03	72	Parks Equipment		10	Straight-line
03	73	Kinosoo Equipment	Small	10	Straight-line
03	73	Kinosoo Equipment	Large	30	Straight-line