

# Asset Management Governance

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### AM Governance

### Glossary

Executive Leadership Team ELT Senior Management Team Asset Management Team SMT AMT Corporate Asset Management CAM

SME

Subject Matter Expert
Strategic Asset Management Policy
Steering Committee SAMP

SC

#### Introduction

The Asset Management (AM) governance framework considers asset management using multidisciplinary and integrated activities or a holistic approach. The AM governance identifies the "why, what and who" of asset management for the town. The governance framework will include:

- a purpose statement
- a description of activities involved in asset management
- an identification of stakeholders.

#### **Purpose**

The objective of the Asset Management Governance Framework is to enable the stakeholders of the town to understand their roles in improving and enhancing the services of the town by promoting better asset management techniques.

Ontario Regulation 588/17 requires the Strategic Asset Management Policy (SAMP) to indicate the individual who provides strategic advice and direction on how to guide the asset management plan. The regulation also emphasizes that there should be an integrated approach to asset management where stakeholders from all departments have a stake in asset management goals, including their integration with the larger community.

Asset Management is an integrated business approach involving finance, engineering, operations, planning and management to effectively manage existing and new infrastructure to balance costs, opportunities and risks to provide satisfactory levels of service to the community. As there is emphasis on this integrated approach, the Town of New Tecumseth has involved major service areas to be part of the asset management governance that will enable the town to make evidence-based decisions that will benefit the community. There are two types of stakeholders:

#### **Internal Stakeholders**

The internal stakeholders are the council, management and service areas or departments who are involved in developing asset management policies, plans and maintenance strategies. The service areas that have assets are involved in accountability for the asset inventory, asset condition, asset maintenance and meeting the levels of service for their service areas.

#### **External Stakeholders**

The external stakeholders include the provincial and federal governments, contractors, developers, legal authorities, regulation and policy makers, associations, professional bodies and the residents of the town.

The acknowledgement and endorsement of the framework is an important step in integrating the collective efforts of all the departments and stakeholders to address the common strategic objectives. Table 1.1 provides a snapshot of the AM governance for the Town of New Tecumseth

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Figure 1.1 AM Governance at Town of New Tecumseth

# Council





Approves budget, policies, levels of service targets, and plans

# **Executive Leadership Team**





Provides leadership and guidance to asset management initiatives

# **Steering Committee**





Monitors current progress on AM activities and provide feedback. Provides support and direction to asset management practices at department levels

Manager of Corporate Assets



Corporate AM Team Leads & Network

Strategically administer, coordinate and support AM Activities

Deliver and manage departmental services

#### Council

The Council for the Town of New Tecumseth is a ten-member council which is comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 8 councilors. The Council is responsible for developing a New Tecumseth Strategic Plan, approving an asset management policy, determining levels of service, approving the budget and overall fiscal framework.

#### **Executive Leadership Team (ELT)**

The executive leadership team is comprised of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), General Manager for Corporate Services (GM CS) and General Manager for Infrastructure and Development (GM I&D). The executive leadership approves asset management policies, strategies and plans. They are responsible for coordinating the Strategic Plan for the Town of New Tecumseth, as directed by Council. The Strategic Asset Management Policy must align with the Strategic Plan of the town. The General Manager for Corporate Services is the executive lead for asset management.

#### **Steering Committee (SC)**

The steering committee consists of senior leadership from all the major service areas which have significant asset portfolios; roads, parks, recreation, water, wastewater, fire, fleet and corporate services. The steering committee at the Town of New Tecumseth is comprised of:

- General Manager of Corporate Services
- Director of Public Works
- Director of Parks and Recreation
- Director of Engineering
- Manager of IT Services
- Manager of Corporate Assets

The steering committee monitors the current progress on asset management activities and provides status reports to the executive leadership team and feedback to the asset management network. The steering committee can bring in Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), for questions requiring particular areas of expertise. Areas of focus for the Steering Committee include:

- Assessment of the Town's maturity
- Hierarchy structure
- Asset Management Policy
- Technology evaluation and selection
- Asset Management Plan approval
- Discussions on levels of service and risks
- Asset management strategies

#### **Asset Management Team (AMT)**

The Asset Management Team will include the Manager of Corporate Assets and Team leads, who will represent the service areas. Team leads will be knowledgeable of and have experience with the various category of assets. They will be relied upon to provide knowledge to support the quality development of ongoing asset management plans and maintenance for their various service areas. In collaboration with the Manager of Corporate Assets and department they will develop levels of service and identify risks within each service area. The asset management process includes the operational activities of developing condition

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assessments, levels of service, risk frameworks and strategies that meets the Town's strategic plan. Another process within asset management is referred to as capacity building. This includes developing asset management maturity within the organization through training, knowledge transfer, skill development, research and data management. The team is also responsible for developing funding opportunities that can support asset management capacity within the Town.

The asset management team will be actively involved in lifecycle activities such as acquisition, operations, maintenance, renewals, replacing, refurbishing, and disposal or decommissioning for each category of asset. The Manager of Information Technology will provide technical support to the asset management activities by promoting the integration of technical resources across the town.

#### Manager of Corporate Assets

The Manager of Corporate Assets is responsible to strategically develop, administer, coordinate, support, measure and communicate asset management activities. He leads the asset management department by developing policy that is in consistent with the town's strategic plan and develop strategies to meet the asset management objectives.

#### Corporate Team Lead – Asset Management & Network

The Team leads for asset management are staff with expertise in infrastructure who can work with the service areas in developing risk frameworks and assisting the service areas in asset management activities like lifecycle costing and developing key performance indicators (KPI's) for performance measurement. The team leads will coordinate asset management activities between the manager of corporate assets and the service areas. Tasks such as gathering data, updating system information, evaluating conditions, understanding costing, identifying new risks and evaluating various maintenance programs will be performed through this position. Team leads are identified in the Asset Management Road Map in connection with the establishment of the Asset Management Plans. Initially, while the asset management focus is corporate a Team Lead will be shared across the organization but as we develop individual service areas plans the team will expand to ensure strong technical skills are available for each asset type.

#### Manager of Information Technology

The Manager of Information Technology will provide expertise on identifying and implementing Technical solutions or applications that can support asset management activities. He will be responsible for leveraging the existing Geographical Interface Solution (GIS) data into any new applications as well as promoting a standard approach among the various service areas.

#### Communication with Governance Team

The following is the proposed meeting of asset management governance team for the year 2018 and 2019. As the maturity in asset management improves, the meeting will move to a quarterly basis with the steering team and semi-annual with the executive leadership team.

Year	AM Governance	Scheduled Meetings	
2018			
	Steering Team Meetings	Monthly	
	Executive Leadership Team	Quarterly	
2019		Quarterly	
Jan-Jun	Steering Team Meetings	Quarterly	
	Executive Leadership Team	Quarterly	
Jul-Dec	Steering Team Meetings	Quarterly	
	Executive Leadership Team	Semi-Annual	

# Table 1.1 Asset Management Governance at Town of New Tecumseth

Executive Leadership Team	CAO, GM CS, GM I&D	
Steering Management Team	GM CS, Director of Public Works, Director of Parks & Recreation, Director of Engineering, Mgr. Information Technology, Mgr. Asset Mgmt.	
Asset Management Team	Mgr. Asset Mgmt., Infrastructure Asset Management Technologist	

Role	Responsibilities		
	Approve LOS Targets		
	Approve capital & operational programs and budgets		
Council	Approverates (including the overall fiscal framework—allocation of charges)		
Council	across user groups, infrastructure levy, cost allocation over generations)		
	Approve project selection criteria and weightings		
	<ul> <li>Makes budgetary and property tax/rate and Infrastructure levy setting recommendations to the Council</li> </ul>		
	Recommends project selection criteria and weightings to Council		
Executive Leadership Team	Endorses the Strategic Asset Management Policy & ContinuousImprovement     Strategy		
	<ul> <li>Provide Executive leadership in imbedding asset management practices across the organization</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Provides overall guidance and direction for development and application of Corporate Asset Management initiatives</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Ensures that adequate resources are available for development and implementation of these initiatives</li> </ul>		
	Monitors and reviews the overall schedule for the Asset Management Program		
	Manage the decisions as it relates to the Corporate Asset Management Project Charter based on Senior Management Team's strategic direction		
	Review and approve project charter		
	Review and sign off on all closeout reports		
Steering Management Team	Ensure resources are deployed in a manner that benefits the projects and the corporation		
	<ul> <li>Play an active role in the key decision-making, stakeholder management, risk management and issue resolution, removing obstacles and providing direction pertaining to the Corporate where necessary</li> </ul>		
	Take any action necessary to ensure the smooth integration of tactics and strategies within and between projects		
	Be active and visible, building the change coalition with management and communicating to employees throughout the project		
	Providesupportand direction for asset management practices at the department level		
	<ul> <li>Provides strategic direction on the implementation of technologies and competencies needed to support the management of the City's assets</li> </ul>		
	Monitors progress and performance of asset management practices		
	<ul> <li>Ensures consistency of asset management approaches across the City's service areas</li> </ul>		

Manager of Corporate Assets and Team Leads	Develop Strategic Asset Management Policy & Strategy
	Asset Management Program Benefits tracking
	Asset Management Plans development
	<ul> <li>Provide skills development to employees in specific asset management disciplines</li> </ul>
	Create & implement the risk management process
	Create & implement the Investment Planning Process
	<ul> <li>Participate in implementation task teams as part of the asset management development process</li> </ul>
	Provide skills development to employees in specific asset management disciplines
Service Area Managers	Provide Service Area sponsorship for asset management practices and concepts
	Provide adequate resources to support asset management goals at the service area level
	Provide leadership and support to Service Area Asset Management Coordinators
Town's Staff	Embrace the new business processes and technology tools necessary to be effective at asset management
	Adopt a team based approach to service delivery and customer satisfaction
	Capture quality data as part of daily operations
	Make best use of available data to track performance and drive decision making
	Seek to be innovative with respect to service delivery and adopt a culture of continuous improvement
	Participate in implementation task teams as part of the Corporate Asset  Management process