The following Motions and Documents were considered by the GFC Academic Planning Committee and the GFC Facilities Development Committee at their Wednesday, November 15, 2023 meeting:

Agenda Title: Integrated Asset Management Strategy Refresh (IAMS)
IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Revised IAMS proceed to be considered by the APC without recommendations by the FDC.

The following motion was moved and seconded for consideration by the Facilities Development Committee.
WHEREAS, among other things, the Facilities Development Committee (the “FDC”) is responsible for making recommendations to the Academic Planning Committee (the “APC”) concerning policy matters with respect to:
1. comprehensive facilities development planning;
2. planning and use of physical facilities including parking facilities and transportation; and
3. use of land owned or leased by the university,
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AND WHEREAS the FDC has reviewed certain revisions to the IAMS as prepared by the Office of the Vice-President, Facilities & Operations (the “Revised IAMS”),
IT WAS RESOLVED:

CARRIED MOTION
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1. the planning and use of physical facilities;
2. the use of land owned or leased by the university; and
3. standards, systems and procedures for planning and designing physical facilities, in each such instance informed by advice from the Facilities Development Committee (the “FDC”),
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FINAL Item 5.
Decision ☒ Discussion ☐ Information ☐

ITEM OBJECTIVE: To review and approve a refreshed Integrated Asset Management Strategy.

DATE November 15th, 2023
TO Facilities Development Committee
AND TO Academic Planning Committee
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO Andrew Sharman, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

MOTIONS:

**Motion No. 1**, which is to be considered and voted on by the Facilities Development Committee meeting in joint session with the Academic Planning Committee

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**Motion No. 2**, which is to be considered and voted on immediately following Motion No. 1 by the Academic Planning Committee meeting in joint session with the Facilities Development Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Background

Approved by the General Faculties Council and the Board of Governors in June 2019, the university’s Integrated Asset Management Strategy (IAMS) ensures that decisions related to the stewardship of its infrastructure across the five campuses are made holistically and with the university’s long-term objectives in mind. IAMS outlines related principles, goals, and actions. Although not contemplated when IAMS was developed, work is now underway to develop an accompanying Asset Management Master Plan (AMMP), which will become the university’s single master plan for asset utilization (including undeveloped lands), space optimization, and investment prioritization. The AMMP will draw a clear connection between the university’s broad-based strategic objectives and paint a picture of what the university’s infrastructure could look like over the next 20 years (if investment is available).

Much has changed in the university landscape since June 2019, not the least of which is the release of Shape: The University Strategic Plan 2023-2033 and the ambitious plan to grow to 60,000 students within the decade. While the principles, goals, and actions of IAMS remain largely relevant, much of the contextual content of IAMS has become dated, necessitating a refresh.

Analysis / Discussion

In general, updates to IAMS better reflect the objectives articulated in Shape. Additionally, content has been lifted from IAMS to be incorporated into the AMMP.

- Front sections were edited substantially, primarily to remove content more appropriately reflected in AMMP and strengthen strategic focus.
- Minor edits were made to the principles, goals, and actions to reflect Shape, including content on space optimization, and remove content more applicable to the AMMP.
≥ Minor language and grammar edits were made to the entire document.

Specific revisions can be reviewed in the redline document that compares the 2019 IAMS with the refreshed IAMS.

**Risk Discussion / Mitigation of the Risk**

The following risks are mitigated by refreshing IAMS:

≥ Leadership - Infrastructure decisions must align with the university's long-term strategic objectives. With the release of Shape, it is necessary to clearly articulate these linkages and connections in the refreshed IAMS.

≥ Funding/resource management - The AMMP will ensure infrastructure investments transparently consider the greatest return to the institution and improve overall sustainability of the university's infrastructure. The refreshed IAMS provides overarching, strategic guidance to asset management, and ultimately, to related decision-making.

**Where applicable, list the legislation/policy that is being relied upon**

≥ Academic Planning Committee Terms of Reference
≥ Facilities Development Committee Terms of Reference

**Next Steps**

The refreshed IAMS document is being presented to the university’s governance committees in November 2023 and will require Board of Governors approval.

≥ Academic Planning Committee and Facilities Development Committee - November 15
≥ General Faculties Council - November 20
≥ Board Finance and Properties Committee - November 28
≥ Board of Governors - December 8

**Supporting Materials:**

1. Integrated Asset Management Strategy - Refeshed October 2023
2. Integrated Asset Management Strategy - 2019 vs 2023 Redline
Taking Care of our Campuses
Integrated Asset Management Strategy

Refresh October 2023

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Vice-President Facilities and Operations Message

UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Andrew Sharman
Vice-President Facilities and Operations

Strategic Context

Over the next 10 years, the university is sharply focused on delivering innovative, flexible learning and student experiences; reinforcing and enhancing our research, innovation and creative activities; and fulfilling our responsibility as a leader and convenor to help shape and positively impact communities in Alberta, in Canada and worldwide.

This includes developing campus environments to give our students rich, memorable and meaningful experiences, ensuring our high-impact researchers benefit from quality research spaces and supports, and delivering transformational opportunities where students can flourish through experiential learning, residence communities, athletics and recreation, creative activity, and volunteer opportunities. It also means creating more opportunities for students to experience education at Campus Saint-Jean and Augustana Campus and continuing to support access to our facilities, events and activities for the public.

The university remains committed to incorporating Indigenous identities, languages, cultures and worldviews and achieving a more diverse, equitable, accessible and inclusive environment for all who work, learn and live within our community. This also includes providing safe and healthy work and study environments that enable high-quality education and research; leading through the prudent stewardship of resources; embracing opportunities to innovate to make
things better; and working together, within and beyond the university and across traditional boundaries.

Within this context, campus infrastructure must be capable of supporting growth and providing 21st century learning environments and accessible spaces. This strategy identifies the direction and actions to be taken to achieve that. An important focus is that all students, faculty, staff, visitors, and members of the community are stewards of the University of Alberta's buildings and grounds and how each uses the institution today directly impacts its future state.

Most importantly, this strategy sets out principles, goals, and actions to guide decisions that support the infrastructure needs of learners, researchers, faculty, staff, and the community at large, while balancing the financial and reputational risks, opportunities, and fiscal environment in which the institution operates.

The university manages almost 1.63 million square metres in 411 buildings across its campuses and research facilities. This is one of the largest volumes of buildings across the greatest land base of Canadian universities and over 60 percent of these buildings are over 40 years old.

The lifespan and ongoing functionality of infrastructure is affected by how it was constructed, how it was maintained, and how it has been treated by its users. Impacts from sudden weather or temperature changes also impact buildings and grounds. Because limited funding needs to be stretched as far as possible, it is important to ensure evidence drives all infrastructure decision-making. For too many years necessary maintenance and renewal activities have been delayed due to insufficient funding and, if this trajectory is not altered, the institution will face an increasing magnitude of disruptions to facilities and, consequently, the ability to support its academic and research objectives.

Tackling deferred maintenance, future-proofing infrastructure, and continuing sound fiscal stewardship in times of fiscal constraint will require new ways of thinking and decision-making. Even though better data and strategic analytics will inform decisions and improved coordination across campuses and with other partners will reduce concern, optimizing campus infrastructure will require some difficult choices to be made.

The priority across all campuses is on the renewal and refurbishment of existing buildings with very limited consideration for facility expansion or new construction. As facilities are considered for disposal or removed from our infrastructure inventory, the associated operating resources will be retained and directed towards maintaining, renewing, and operating the remaining assets.

By prioritizing our building inventory, a natural process for determining the allocation of available investment can be developed. In practice this means that a building that is nearing end-of-life and not capable of being reasonably renewed to meet teaching and research expectations will be identified for decommissioning and, as such, will receive only critical maintenance investments. For those buildings, efforts to increase awareness of these decisions are needed. Repurposing and/or removing any infrastructure from an institution with over a 100-year history
will require discussion to understand concerns and areas of potential resistance. These collaborative discussions and ultimate choices embody sound asset management practices grounded in principles.

The University of Alberta is not unique in facing a challenge of growing costs for managing infrastructure that exceed available resources, while balancing on-going and changing space needs, changing expectations of users, and increased innovation in building design and delivery. This is a challenge of many post-secondary institutions and public organizations world-wide. What will be unique is how the university is strategic in its use of analytics, the disciplined choices it will make to meet the growing needs and expectations for space, and its decisions in managing these costs. Simply stated, decisions related to identifying buildings for renewal, repurposing, closure, disposal, and even demolition will be driven by the evidence of today with projections of tomorrow. They will also look at partnerships and collaborative opportunities in infrastructure design, operations, maintenance, and funding.

While this strategy provides an overarching direction, an accompanying Asset Management Master Plan (AMMP) is the university’s single master plan for infrastructure utilization (including undeveloped lands), space optimization, and investment prioritization. The plan presents a long-term view of our campus infrastructure and the path to get there and highlights evidence-based decision-making to optimize the university’s infrastructure portfolio. By using a robust framework for assessing where infrastructure investments return the greatest value to the institution, we will be better able to manage risk and legislative/code compliance; effectively engage and communicate decisions to stakeholders; lower building lifecycle costs; and improve financial and environmental sustainability. The AMMP makes a clear connection between the university’s broad-based strategic objectives and a picture of what the university’s infrastructure could look like over the next 20 years if investment is available.

**Infrastructure Planning and Reporting at the U of A**

The University of Alberta is renowned for its leadership, achievements, and public service, ranking among the top universities in Canada. The institution also ranks amongst the highest in Canada for its volume and value of infrastructure assets. This large volume of infrastructure assets, while supportive of space needs for all faculty and students, is increasingly difficult to support, and requires the university to strategically consider the life cycle of all buildings and grounds. Accordingly, university infrastructure assets are managed in four life-cycle stages, which are highly interdependent: planning; creating and acquiring; operating and maintaining; and renewing or disposing.

The below visual is a simplified representation of the numerous interdependent plans that the University of Alberta uses to prioritize its decision-making with respect to infrastructure investments. At its core is the University of Alberta's strategic plan, Shape as seen through the lenses of our commitments to diversity, equity, inclusion, and reconciliation outlined in *Braiding, Past, Present and Future*, University of Alberta’s *Indigenous Strategic Plan* and in the Strategic...
Plan for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity. There is also direction established in Forward with Purpose: A Strategic Plan for Research and Innovation which strategically guides the creation, operation, and financial sustainability of core and shared research infrastructure.

Subsequent infrastructure planning is guided by this Integrated Asset Management Strategy (IAMS) that reflects academic and research priorities as defined by the university's colleges and stand-alone faculties. The AMMP brings IAMS to life and is instrumental in developing implementation plans such as the university's annual capital plan, which, as legislated by the Government of Alberta, outlines requests for capital investment for the next three years.

Robust planning serves many needs, including: ensuring accessible space for learners, faculty, and staff; supporting utility needs of campuses; monitoring and maintaining capital assets; designing, renewing, building, and removing capital assets; ensuring ancillary supports and services are available and financially sustainable; and maintaining legislated long-range development plans. Regular reporting ensures progress and accountability.
Principles, Goals, and Actions

Principles set a foundation for a system of decision-making and actions. The subsequent goals guide all infrastructure decisions with corresponding actions to enable implementation. They have been validated by faculty leadership and students and reviewed and supported by both the General Faculties Council and the Board of Governors. The following principles, goals, and actions have a long-term lens in their application.

Principles

Student Success, Life Experience, Research, and Scholarship

1. Campus spaces foster positive student learning and living experiences.
2. Building assets contribute positively to teaching, research, service, and community impact.
3. Building environments, including staff space, reflect today's pedagogies.
4. Facilities are capable of supporting world-class research across multiple disciplines.

Asset Management

5. Buildings are continually evaluated to optimize space utilization and prioritize investments in life-cycle renewal and in maintenance.
6. Recognize the inherent uniqueness in an institution of higher learning, while maximizing system-wide functionality.
7. Social, economic, and environmental sustainability is advanced and achieved by:
   - Incorporating inclusive design principles into campus infrastructure (e.g. all-gender, barrier-free).
   - Reducing our ecological footprint.
   - Reducing operational costs.

Campus Character

8. Every building has a unique role and its strategic value in the institutional inventory is more than a mathematical computation.
9. Prioritizing the active transportation experience on all campuses.
10. Campus buildings and grounds are aesthetically coherent and maintained in a way that considers the community in which it resides.
11. Considerations for removing building inventory include a meaningful assessment of its historic value and placement in the university’s architectural mosaic.
Decision-Making

12. Adhere to all government-mandated long range development plans, sector plans, urban planning principles, and building codes and regulations.
13. Spending adheres to funding parameters and institutional priorities.
14. Decisions are evidence-based and supported by openly available data related to building occupancy, functionality, performance, environmental considerations, and deferred maintenance.

Goals and Actions

Planning and Programming

1. Campus planning processes and outputs consider future events, innovation and risks.

Campus planning processes are the convergence of many collaborative planning events to understand, anticipate, and design the campus and identify priorities of tomorrow including alignment with the academic mission; research priorities and needs; supporting students’ academic, social and wellness aspects; community engagement; broader community impact; and considering the emergent future risks to a post-secondary institution.

   a. Maintain current Long Range Development Plans and Sector Plans to ensure they act as frameworks to support academic visions and student experiences.

   b. Demonstrate consistency in direction and decisions for campus planning that exemplifies best practices in smart growth, healthy community, and sustainable and inclusive design.

   c. Create more innovative approaches to the development of flexible and adaptable space to meet changing needs of users.

2. The University’s infrastructure meets end-users’ space needs while enabling a positive experience.

Sound planning and implementation inspires excellence, contributes to a positive educational experience, overall productivity, researcher retention, and satisfaction of end users. Aligning programming, planning, and functional design principles within an academic and research delivery framework is crucial to the success of the user experience. Planning inputs and cycles
consider functional elements spanning the institution, including: academic and research plans, facility imperatives such as maintenance, and risk building profiles.

a. Advance a consistent approach in optimizing space that aligns with space standards, and provides guidance on how space connects to the overall academic mission, contributes to the student experience, accessibility of key user groups, and unit cost impacts.

b. Collaborate with colleges and faculties to ensure infrastructure decisions are best able to reflect academic planning outcomes in priority areas.

3. Stakeholders are appropriately informed and engaged when there are significant changes to buildings and spaces.

Based on the resource allocations in the planning and programming phase, ensure that stakeholder engagement, principle-based outcomes and alignment to effective stewardship principles are effectively considered and executed. This will occur in a transparent and responsible manner. Excellence in planning and execution are the cornerstones to both asset management and space utilization.

a. Develop a consistent approach to communications and engagement prior to any significant change to infrastructure.

b. Seek input from key stakeholders throughout key design implementation phases to ensure the multitude of institutional perspectives are acknowledged and decisions are founded in a common understanding of approved requirements, limitations, and/or compromises.

c. Ensure compliance to institutional design and space standards as defined in university policy.

Creating and Acquiring

4. Space aspirations are aligned within a framework of established criteria.

At any given time, students, faculty, and staff will express a desire for new, expanded, or repurposed space. These requests will increasingly undergo a multitude of assessments to understand need, evaluate if stated requirements fall within a framework of established criteria, and seek assurance from leaders of the relevance and value of desired space needs.

a. Provide guidance and direction to academic and business entities regarding space needs and seek endorsement of appropriate levels of leadership.
b. Include an evaluation framework, capital and operating budget analysis, operational impact assessment, and consideration of alternatives in planning and design processes.

c. Prioritize and validate projects requiring government financial support or involving additional funding partners.

Operating and Maintaining

5. Funding is strategically invested in maintenance programs and capital renewal efforts to better manage the university’s deferred maintenance liability.

Operating and maintaining infrastructure can account for up to 90 per cent of the total cost of building ownership. As investments in university infrastructure provide incremental savings or instances of cost avoidance, those funds will be diverted to supporting other buildings. Members of the University of Alberta community individually and collectively contribute to how infrastructure is used and cared for.

   a. Enhance predictive and preventative maintenance programming to support improved efficiencies.

   b. Establish campus service standards and levels and actively manage and measure across all campuses.

   c. Develop marketing and awareness campaigns that emphasize the role each member of the university has in stewarding and maintaining its assets.

   d. Advance sustainable operations’ practices to support sustainability and environmental targets.

Renewing or Disposing

6. The renewal, repurposing, and end-stage of assets or their components will inform decisions as part of an integrated process.

Optimizing capital and other infrastructure investments to improve their use with centralized asset management and tracking is fundamental. This integrated process reduces excess inventory with a clear understanding of actual needs; enables better decisions in renewal, repurposing, or replacement to avoid unnecessary expenditures; and facilitates the decommissioning and/or disposal of assets.

   a. Undergo a regular review of aligning all assets to the academic and research mission, considering prioritization criteria and guiding principles.
b. Utilize financial, space, and academic modeling as part of the analytic framework to support choices of which buildings will (or will not) undergo change.

Strategic Enablers

7. A strong information and analytics platform supports evidence-based decision-making.

Robust, consistent, and transparent decisions can only be made when the information they are based on is complete, accurate, and integrated. In order to support improved management of infrastructure, potential investment decisions, or monitoring of performance against service levels, a strong data inventory and analytics framework is needed.

a. Strengthen front line processes and information gathering to instill higher confidence in facilities’ data.

b. Complete technology and business needs assessments to identify integrated solutions that support business requirements.

c. Build predictive modeling of key assets that consider multiple factors to the longevity and operational costs of assets.

8. Enhanced monitoring and reporting of progress ensures transparency and accountability.

This strategy provides a framework for the effective and efficient management of the institutions' assets. This is a living document which is relevant and integral to the daily asset management activities across the campuses.

a. Refresh the strategy as necessary to reflect changing university imperatives.

b. Conduct quality assurance audits to ensure the integrity and cost effectiveness of data collected.

c. Use reporting mechanisms to report on progress and performance.
Infrastructure for Tomorrow

In many tangible ways, a university campus replicates a small city. In the case of the University of Alberta’s North Campus, 160 buildings of varying use, age, and complexity are connected by a network of streets, sidewalks, and tunnels. While comprising fewer buildings, Campus Saint-Jean, Augustana, Enterprise Square, and South Campus also each form key elements of the university’s rich infrastructure mosaic.

All decisions related to investing in campus infrastructure are naturally very long-term in nature and, in a world with limited resources, must be made prudently and with an eye clearly focused on the future. The future of world-class teaching and research. The future of memorable student experiences. A sustainable future.

Shape, A Strategic Plan of Impact, reminds us of the imperative for us to be at the forefront of educating a growing province with global ambitions. Key to this is having and maintaining university infrastructure - classrooms, labs, libraries, study spaces, and other spaces to enhance the student experience - that meet today’s expectations without constraining tomorrow’s ambitions. With the necessary support of willing partners, the University of Alberta’s Integrated Asset Management Strategy will get us there.
### University of Alberta - Integrated Asset Management Strategy (IAMS) REDLINE

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While some deferred maintenance may not present an immediate challenge, as the maintenance backlog grows, the risk of building failures (mechanical, electrical, building envelope) grows exponentially. This means the cost of maintenance continues to grow (including inflationary pressures and market escalation as the age of a facility increases and needed maintenance is not completed. With the aging facilities and the growing uncertainty of provincial operating and maintenance funding, the university’s deferred maintenance liability will continue to grow until a "tipping point" is reached. This may necessitate directing available funding to emergency or break down situations, versus maintaining the facilities.

This Integrated Asset Management Strategy will look at better utilizing owned space, reducing reliance on leased space, appropriately renewing or disposing of buildings, and prioritizing where the university needs to invest its limited resources to address deferred maintenance liabilities. This all must occur while increasing a focus on preventive maintenance. Publicly funded infrastructure will be increasingly scrutinized to ensure renewal, repurposing, and optimization occurs in advance of any new construction. This continues to put pressure on all public organizations to better use and maintain their assets.

This strategy is, simply put, a guide to ensure all aspects of managing the physical assets of the university are considered. This means optimizing the inventory of facilities that are key to the institution’s mandate and prioritizing that inventory based on critical, to necessary, to non-necessary.

As the University of Alberta continues to change and evolve to continue meeting users' needs, its infrastructure must be positioned to support these changing needs and demands, now and into the future. The Facilities and Operations team looks forward to meeting these needs and collaborating across the University of Alberta and with others to take care of our campuses.

Andrew Sharman
Vice-President Facilities and Operations
### Why a Strategy

The impact of the growing operational and maintenance challenges has created a perfect storm—increased demand and expectations coupled with aging inventory, limited funding, and uncertainty of funding in the future. Facilities and Operations has therefore engaged in a review of how the university manages its inventory, what funding can reasonably be expected versus what is needed, and how best to move forward while maintaining the desire to be a leading academic institution.

This strategy sets the direction for the University of Alberta’s infrastructure assets, while defining a long-term roadmap. It describes the current state and the conditions that created some of the challenges currently being faced, while also identifying the future direction and actions to be taken. An important focus of this strategy is that all students, staff, faculty, visitors, and members of the community are stewards of the University of Alberta’s buildings and grounds and how each uses the institution today has a direct impact on its future state.

This strategy also sets a collective mission, vision, principles, goals, and actions for future-proofing the University of Alberta’s infrastructure. It will help guide decisions to support the infrastructure needs of learners, faculty, staff, and community, while balancing the risks, opportunities, and fiscal environment in which the institution operates. This strategy is a living document that will be reviewed as part of annual planning processes.

The development of the strategy occurred amongst Facilities and Operations staff with communication and feedback incorporated from stakeholders across the campuses. This strategy was approved by the University of Alberta’s Board of Governors and General Faculties Council in spring 2019 to ensure that collective feedback was considered and there was awareness of the actions that will lay ahead.

### Strategic Context

The university manages almost 1.73 million square metres in nearly 500 buildings across its five campuses. This is one of the largest volumes of buildings across the greatest land base of Canadian universities and over 60 percent of these buildings are over 40 years old. The widely recognized maintenance investment for post-secondary institutions is typically two per cent of the buildings’ replacement value and, when investments fall short of that target, maintenance is

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was constructed, how it was maintained, and how it has been treated by its users. Impacts from sudden weather or temperature changes also impact buildings and grounds. Because limited funding needs to be stretched as far as possible, it is important to ensure evidence drives all infrastructure decision-making. For too many years necessary maintenance and renewal activities have been delayed due to insufficient funding and, if this trajectory is not altered, the institution will face an increasing magnitude of disruptions to facilities and, consequently, the ability to support its academic and research objectives.

Tackling deferred maintenance, future-proofing infrastructure, and continuing sound fiscal stewardship in times of fiscal constraint will require new ways of thinking and decision-making. Even though better data and strategic analytics will inform decisions and improved coordination across campuses and with other partners will reduce concern, optimizing campus infrastructure will require some difficult choices to be made.

The priority across all campuses is on the renewal and refurbishment of existing buildings with very limited consideration for facility expansion or new construction. As facilities are considered for disposal or removed from our infrastructure inventory, the associated operating resources will be retained and directed towards maintaining, renewing, and operating the remaining assets.

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While this strategy provides an overarching direction, an accompanying Asset Management Master Plan (AMMP) is the university’s single master plan for infrastructure utilization (including undeveloped lands), space optimization, and investment prioritization. The plan presents a long-term view of our campus infrastructure and the path to get there and highlights evidence-based decision-making to optimize the university’s infrastructure portfolio. By using a robust framework for assessing where infrastructure investments return the greatest value to the institution, we will be better able to manage risk and legislative/code compliance; effectively engage and communicate decisions to stakeholders; lower building lifecycle costs; and improve financial and environmental sustainability. The AMMP makes a clear connection between the university’s broad-based strategic objectives and a picture of what the university’s infrastructure could look like over the next 20 years if investment is available.

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Maintenance is considered any activity that seeks to maintain the desired operating condition of an asset. Keeping up with maintenance ensures reliable and safe building occupancy for users. There are five types of maintenance, including: 1) emergency and reactive maintenance that is typically unplanned and urgent; 2) supportive maintenance that supports program and research equipment; 3) corrective maintenance that seeks to resolve chronic failures through performing major repairs or replacement of assets; 4) preventive and predictive maintenance that seeks to resolve maintenance issues before they arise as well as regular maintenance requirements; and 5) deferred maintenance that is required but deferred to future years. The accrual of deferred maintenance increases the risk and liability to the institution and is a large focus of this strategy.

The current asset replacement value of the supported and unsupported buildings is nearly $7.25 billion. As of 2018, the University of Alberta’s deferred maintenance liability for these buildings was nearly $353 million, with only $34.9 million currently provided as an annual Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP) grant for the supported buildings by the Government of Alberta. The University’s buildings, roadways and grounds, whether for learning and research, student services, offices or storage, incur significant capital and recurring operating and maintenance costs and are amongst the highest of the direct operating costs of the institution. If this current rate of growth of on-going maintenance and deferred maintenance liability continues, deferred maintenance liability could reach $1 billion by 2027 (See Figure 2).

In order to effectively manage risks associated with this liability, it is critical to
strategically invest funding. Extensive research across North America suggests that the annual average maintenance investment in facilities should represent approximately two per cent of the replacement value. This can vary from less than two per cent to around five per cent for complex and/or sophisticated buildings (laboratories, research, and other specialized facilities). This would typically have meant a minimum of $145 million per year (two per cent of $7.25 billion of the current replacement value) dedicated to maintenance to avoid an accumulation of deferred maintenance for all buildings and roadways. The impact of not having an appropriate threshold of maintenance funding for infrastructure has resulted in the current deferred maintenance liability and its rapid upward trend.

Facility maintenance is a continuum made up operational (day to day), major maintenance (building systems and components), and major upgrade/modernization. The University is funded by the Government of Alberta through a variety of sources: operational through lights-on funding (allocated as part of our base funding allocation), major maintenance through capital maintenance and renewal (IMP) funding, and major upgrade/modernization funding which is provided on a project-by-project approval basis. Other sources of maintenance funding can be directed from internal sources such as partner funding from faculties or centrally by the university. The University contributed its first funding of $1 million in 2019-20 to address deferred maintenance with an aspiration for that amount to increase over time.

Difficult choices lie ahead and repurposing and/or removing any infrastructure from such a monumental institution with over a 100-year history will require debate and discussion to understand concerns and areas of potential resistance. These collaborative discussions and ultimate choices are good asset management practices grounded in principles.

The principles have been discussed in early 2019 with the Board of Governors, the General Faculties Council, the university’s executive and faculty leadership, and students. The principles emphasize: 1) student life experience, research and scholarship; 2) asset management; 3) campus character; and 4) decision-making.

Figure 2 provides examples of the types of choices that will be informed by an asset management strategy. This figure forecasts six scenarios based on varying levels of financial commitment from the Government of Alberta and the University of Alberta to mitigate the deferred maintenance liability coupled with removing building assets that have either exceeded their life expectancy, their cost to
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Figure 2: Deferred maintenance liability scenarios for supported, unsupported and mixed buildings

The data presented in Figure 2 are the best available at this time, but do not include the maintenance needs of the newer and more complex buildings on campus. It is likely that when this information becomes available and integrated into our information systems, the forecasted liabilities will be significantly higher.

Greater than 50% of the University of Alberta’s individual buildings were built in the post-war (1951-75) or modern (1976-90) eras. These eras were known to have unsustainable construction processes with an original intent that lesser construction quality would be offset by sufficient maintenance funding that would mitigate deficiencies. These buildings have a 50–60 year life cycle, ending now (Figure 3). Many of the critical systems in these buildings are at or near the end of their life and their failures would impair the delivery of the institution’s academic mission if preservation funding or increased maintenance dollars are not available.

The choices the University makes will need to bend the trend of expenditure growth in our deferred maintenance liability. While the adjacent visuals display the number and volume of buildings at different ages and areas, the impact of the more modern and complex buildings will be significant (Figure 4). This second wave of impact of maintenance needs requires the planning and financial policies to be established now in order to best mitigate the future consequences.

Figure 3: Building Distribution Based on Age
Figure 4: Bow Wave of Deferred Maintenance Liability

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9. Fostering the active transportation experience is seen to be a priority on all campuses.

10. Campus buildings and grounds will be aesthetically coherent and maintained in a way that considers the community in which it resides.

11. Considerations for removing building inventory will include a meaningful assessment of its historic value and placement in the university’s architectural mosaic.

**Decision-Making**

12. Adhere to all government-mandated long range development plans, sector plans, urban planning principles, and building codes and regulations.

13. Spending must adhere to government guided parameters:
   - “Lights-on” (Base) funding: the portion of the Campus Alberta Grant that is used to cover building operating costs (e.g., utilities, janitorial, maintenance, insurance, etc.).
   - Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP): a variable annual allocation intended to address deferred maintenance on base building systems.
   - Capital grants: funds received in order to achieve a specific building project.

14. Decisions are evidence-based and supported by openly available data related to building occupancy, functionality, performance, environmental considerations, and deferred maintenance.
   - Supported by the CIP, we strive to have a “data-driven approach to maintaining, renovating and repurposing existing spaces on campus.”
   - In order to support modern learning environments we need to have the ability to sustain building infrastructure.

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### Planning and Programming

1. Strengthen campus planning processes and outputs to consider future events, innovation and risks.

   - Campus long range development planning processes are the convergence of many collaborative planning events to understand, anticipate, and design the campus and identify priorities of tomorrow including alignment with the academic mission; research priorities and needs; supporting students’ academic, social and wellness aspects; and considering the emergent future risks to a post-secondary institution.
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   - **B.** Demonstrate consistency in direction and decisions for campus planning that exemplifies best practices in smart growth, healthy community, and sustainable design.
   - **C.** Create more innovative approaches to the development of flexible and adaptable space to meet changing needs of users.

2. The University’s infrastructure will meet end-users’ space needs while enabling a positive experience.

   - Planning inputs and cycles are interdependent with many functional inputs across the institution, including academic, research, operational, risk, equipment maintenance, deferred maintenance, and capital disposal. Sound planning and implementation inspires excellence, significantly impacts educational progress, and contributes to a positive educational experience, overall productivity, researcher retention, and satisfaction of end users. Aligned programming, planning, and functional.

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3. Stakeholders are appropriately informed and engaged when there are significant changes to assets.

Based on the resource allocations in the planning and programming phase, ensure that stakeholder engagement, principle-based outcomes and alignment to effective stewardship principles are effectively considered and executed. This will occur in a transparent and responsible manner. Excellence in planning and execution are the cornerstones to both asset management and space utilization.

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Creating and Acquiring

4. Evaluate space aspirations to align within a framework of established criteria.

At any given time, students, faculty, and staff will express a desire for new, expanded, or repurposed space. These requests will increasingly undergo a multitude of assessments to understand need, evaluate if stated requirements fall within a framework of established criteria, and seek assurance from leaders of the relevance and value of desired space needs.

A. Facilities and Operations will provide guidance and direction to academic and business entities regarding space needs and seek endorsement of appropriate levels of leadership.

B. Formal planning and design will include an evaluation framework; capital and operating budget analysis; operational impact assessment; and consideration of alternatives (renewal, lease, rebuild). Space need options will be formalized and submitted to appropriate levels of leadership for input and decision.

C. Projects requiring government financial support will be prioritized, benchmarked, and submitted for consideration within the BLIMS and/or federal government submission processes.

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5. Optimize operations to strategically re-invest funding to maintenance programs

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B. Establish campus service standards and levels and actively manage and measure across all campuses.
C. Develop marketing and awareness campaigns that emphasize the role each member of the university has in stewarding and maintaining its assets.
D. Advance sustainable operations’ practices to support sustainability and environmental targets.

Renewing and Disposing

6. The renewal, repurposing and end-stage of assets or their components will inform decisions as part of an integrated process.

Facilities and Operations will lead the optimization of capital and other asset investments to improve their use with centralized asset management and tracking. This integrated process reduces excess inventory with a clear understanding of actual needs; enables better decisions in renewal, repurposing, or replacement to avoid unnecessary expenditures; and facilitates the decommissioning and/or disposal of assets.

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**Next Steps**

Taking care of our campuses today, will provide a stronger tomorrow. This requires strategic choices of how to manage and future-proof the full life-cycle of current and future infrastructure assets. This requires support from across the university faculties, schools, departments, faculty, researchers and staff, key stakeholders, as well as with different orders of government. All stakeholders are stewards of these assets and have a direct influence on the state and care of all of them.

**One to Two Years**

In the next year, Facilities and Operations will be more evidence-driven and seek opportunities to harness innovation in how it maintains, monitors, and operates infrastructure. This includes predicting trends that will improve capital-planning decisions based on expected performance of existing infrastructure. It will also see remote sensors reporting on performance of equipment and productivity of these assets to enhance maintenance cycles and reduce overall operating costs.

Space will be optimized in ways that will align with the academic and research mission while minimizing the quantity of leased space to reduce the overall operating and maintenance costs while allowing more focused and targeted investments. All new or enhanced capital infrastructure will be evaluated to establish the full life cycle costs. There will be renewal of targeted buildings where learners’ needs, efficiency gains, and space optimization are evident, such as renovations of the Dentistry/Pharmacy building and Lister Hall.

Land and infrastructure not core to the academic and research missions or not aligned with students’ needs or support may be disposed or exchanged for other assets or developed to realize revenues for the institution. And lastly, buildings that have met the end of their life cycle, do not align with the academic and research missions, do not meet student needs’ or supports, or are prohibitive to operate or maintain will be decommissioned and, in select instances, demolished.

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Summary

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Infrastructure is an enormous collective investment and a tremendous resource for a community, society, and the economy. All members of the University of Alberta community are stewards of its buildings and grounds. The majority of assets are increasingly vulnerable to outliving their life cycle, bringing safety, student and research programming, financial enterprise risks, and escalating overall operations and maintenance costs. The current situation is not sustainable and action is needed now, therefore this Integrated Asset Management Strategy requires extensive thought, input, and action. These challenges are not insurmountable but will require dedicated resources, behaviour change, concerted focus, and purposeful collaboration.

This strategy and the actions within it will strengthen how the institution cares for its assets and work toward bending the trend of growth in operations and maintenance expenditures to ensure that the institution is resilient and sustainable for the long-term. Strategic asset management will underpin all activities and investment decisions related to managing our physical infrastructure assets in order to ensure optimal outcomes that underpin the core mission.

Infrastructure for Tomorrow

In many tangible ways, a university campus replicates a small city. In the case of the University of Alberta’s North Campus, 160 buildings of varying use, age, and complexity are connected by a network of streets, sidewalks, and tunnels. While comprising fewer buildings, Campus Saint-Jean, Augustana, Enterprise Square, and South Campus also each form key elements of the university’s rich infrastructure mosaic.

All decisions related to investing in campus infrastructure are naturally very long-term in nature and, in a world with limited resources, must be made prudently and with an eye clearly focused on the future. The future of world-class teaching and research. The future of memorable student experiences. A sustainable future.

Shape, A Strategic Plan of Impact, reminds us of the imperative for us to be at the forefront of educating a growing province with global ambitions. Key to this is having and maintaining university infrastructure - classrooms, labs, libraries, study spaces, and other spaces to enhance the student experience - that meet today’s expectations without constraining tomorrow’s ambitions. With the necessary support of willing partners, the University of Alberta’s Integrated Asset Management Strategy will get us there.

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