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Towns using city service told to pay

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Municipalities on Calgary's periphery that enjoy city utility and emergency services will have to pay the piper or be forced to find their own solutions, says Mayor Dave Bronconnier.

Council will meet today for a special strategic planning session to discuss millions that are being lost every year by subsidizing services for other jurisdictions as the city faces a financial crunch brought on by a slowing economy.

Bronconnier said the city has been providing services such as water, sewer, fire and EMS to a number of municipalities that border Calgary for years.

"We're reviewing the cost of providing these services outside the city of Calgary because we want to make sure those who are paying are paying the real cost," he said.

A report going to council says the Tsuu T'ina First Nation will be put on notice that 13 servicing agreements with the city will be cancelled by 2012 unless they are renegotiated.

"We have to do everything we can to keep taxes down," said Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart.

"It's unacceptable that Calgarians are subsidizing servicing for any jurisdiction, period," she said.

