

## Tangible Capital Assets Project

### Recent Questions & Answers

**Q. What is the easiest way to review the corporate history for a municipality?**

A. The corporate history of every Alberta municipality can be found on the Alberta Municipal Affairs website – Municipalities & Communities – Municipal Profiles – Location & History [http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/mc\\_municipal\\_profiles.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/mc_municipal_profiles.cfm)

**Q. The maximum useful life for bridges in the toolkit indicates “variable”. Is there a maximum useful life for bridges?**

A. Alberta Transportation suggests that the maximum useful life can be as follows:

- Steel culverts – 80 years (or up to 100 years if there is no corrosive water or soil)
- Concrete culverts – 100 years (could be as high as 150 years)
- Standard bridges – 60 years
- Major bridges – 100 years

**Q. The linear infrastructure valuation manual uses concrete pipe to determine the cost of storm drainage (Table 2.1). What isn't PVC pipe is used instead of concrete?**

A. Solid wall PVC pipe is about the same cost as concrete for 300 mm size and more expensive than concrete for the 600 mm size. PVC ultra rib (the less expensive type of PVC pipe) is about 60% and 80% of the concrete pipe, 300 mm and 600 mm respectively.

Because the cost difference is not significant when considering that materials are only part of the total the cost estimates in Table 2.1 can also be used for PVC pipe.