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*A Community of Communities*

**Cape Breton Regional Municipality**

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**CBRM Budget 2025-2026**

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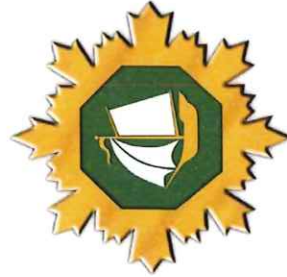
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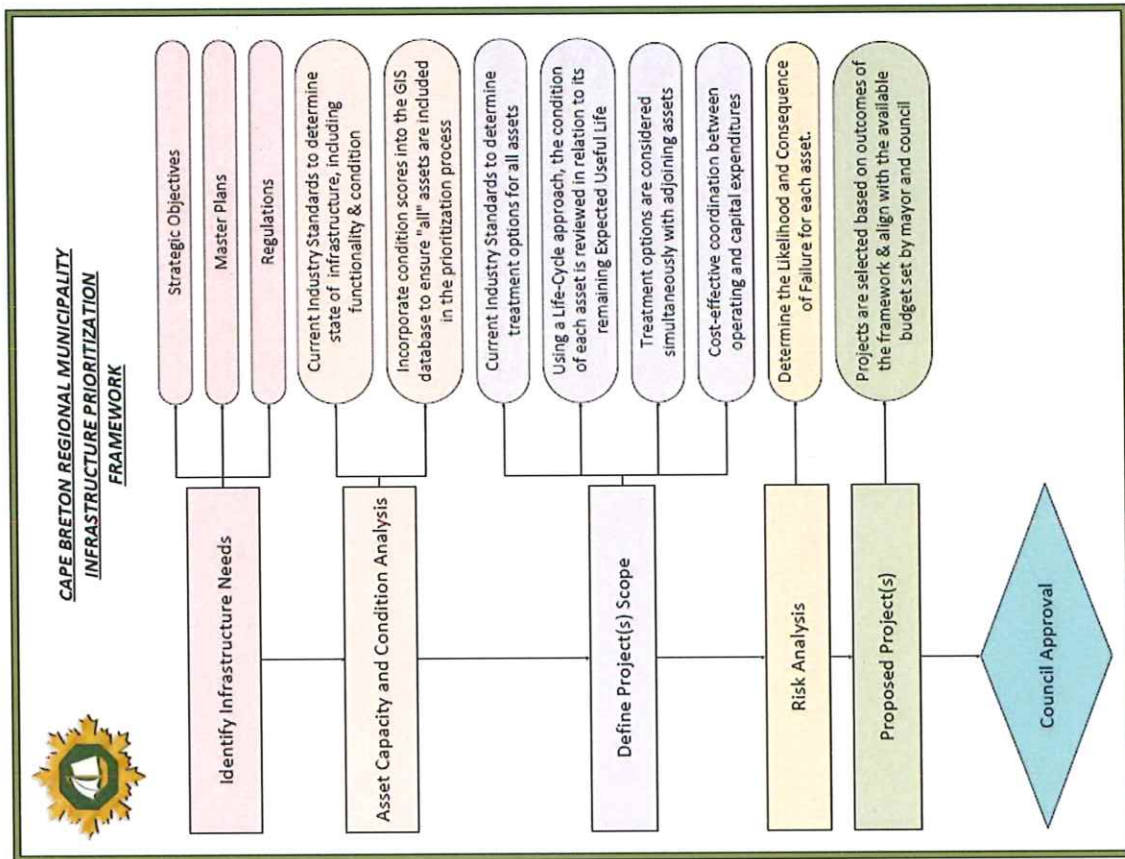
# Capital Budget Plan for 2025-26

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025



# CBRM Infrastructure Prioritization Framework



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|                  | LI-25-2    | LI-25-2        | Arterial/Collector Roads - "Road Rehabilitation/Preservation"              |
|                  | LI-25-3    | LI-25-3        | CBRM Sidewalks - "Reinstatement Program"                                   |
|                  | LI-25-4    | LI-25-4        | J Class Roads - "Initial Paving Program"                                   |
|                  | LI-25-5    | LI-25-5        | Active Transportation Projects                                             |
|                  | LI-24-6    | LI-24-6        | Combined Road and Underground Infrastructure Projects (MCGP & GRID)        |
|                  | LI-24-7    | LI-24-7        | Combined Storm, I&I, and Sidewalk Infrastructure Projects (MCGP & GRID)    |
|                  | H-25-1     | H-25-1         | Tartan Downs (CHIF & HAF)                                                  |
|                  | H-25-2     | H-25-2         | CBU Water Supply & Housing Development (CHIF)                              |
|                  | H-25-3     | H-25-3         | HAF - Housing Infrastructure                                               |
|                  | WW-19-1    | WW-19-1        | Wastewater Treatment Upgrades - 2019 - 2028 (BCF - ICIP) - (GB FM/Lagoons) |
|                  | WW-18-2    | WW-18-2        | New Victoria Wastewater Collection & Treatment (Sydney Harbour West)       |
|                  | WW-25-3    | WW-25-3        | Battery Point De-Watering Equipment Upgrades                               |
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# Cash Flow Summary Sheet

| FINAL                   |                                                                            |  | Estimated Financing  |                |                            |           |            |                  |               |       |           |                     |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------------|---------------|-------|-----------|---------------------|
| FISCAL YEAR - 2025/2026 |                                                                            |  | PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS |                |                            |           |            |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| PROJECT ID              |                                                                            |  | Total Project Budget | Budget 2025-26 | Operating/ Capital Reserve | Water     | Wastewater | Provincial Grant | Federal Grant | Other | CCBF      | Long-Term Borrowing |
| LI                      | LINEAR INFRASTRUCTURE                                                      |  |                      |                |                            |           |            |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| LI-25-1                 | Local Roads - "Road Rehabilitation"                                        |  | 6,556,950            | 6,556,950      |                            |           |            |                  |               |       | 5,312,063 | 1,244,887           |
| LI-25-2                 | Arterial/Collector Roads - "Road Rehabilitation Preservation"              |  | 2,474,950            | 2,474,950      |                            |           |            | 205,000          |               |       | 1,979,960 | 289,990             |
| LI-25-3                 | CIRM Sidewalks - "Reinstatement Program"                                   |  | 670,000              | 670,000        |                            |           |            |                  |               |       |           | 670,000             |
| LI-25-4                 | J Class Roads - "Initial Paving Program"                                   |  | 300,000              | 300,000        | 150,000                    |           |            | 150,000          |               |       |           |                     |
| LI-25-5                 | Active Transportation Projects                                             |  | 4,132,240            | 4,132,240      |                            |           |            | 1,070,208        | 2,791,088     |       |           | 270,944             |
| LI-25-6                 | Combined Road and Underground Infrastructure Projects (MCCIP & GRID)       |  | 7,975,000            | 7,975,000      |                            | 1,428,500 | 857,500    | 5,187,500        | 501,500       |       |           |                     |
| LI-25-7                 | Combined Storm, I&L and Sidewalk Infrastructure Projects (MCCIP & GRID)    |  | 1,751,000            | 1,751,000      |                            |           | 201,000    | 750,000          |               |       |           | 800,000             |
| H                       | HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE                                                     |  |                      |                |                            |           |            |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| H-25-1                  | Turian Downs (CHIP & HAF)                                                  |  | 13,728,982           | 4,576,327      |                            |           |            | 1,356,595        | 3,219,732     |       |           |                     |
| H-25-2                  | CBU Water Supply & Housing Development (CHIP)                              |  | 25,500,000           | 1,250,000      |                            |           |            | 750,000          | 500,000       |       |           |                     |
| H-25-3                  | HAF - Housing Infrastructure                                               |  | 2,168,000            | 800,000        |                            |           |            |                  | 800,000       |       |           |                     |
| WW                      | WASTEWATER/STORMWATER                                                      |  |                      |                |                            |           |            |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| WW-19-1                 | Wastewater Treatment Upgrades - 2019 - 2028 (BCF - ICIP) - (GB/PM Lagoons) |  | 97,895,574           | 31,195,927     |                            |           |            | 18,717,556       | 12,478,371    |       |           |                     |
| WW-19-2                 | New Victoria Wastewater Collection & Treatment (Sydney Harbour West)       |  | 58,007,124           | 5,684,715      |                            |           | 2,020,048  | 1,832,333        | 1,832,333     |       |           |                     |
| WW-25-3                 | Battery Point De-Watering Equipment Upgrades                               |  | 625,000              | 625,000        |                            |           | 156,250    |                  |               |       | 156,250   |                     |
| WW-25-4                 | Northside WWTP (CHIP)                                                      |  | 176,403,871          | 0              |                            |           |            |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| WW-25-5                 | New Waterford WWTP (CHIP)                                                  |  | 74,014,541           | 0              |                            |           |            |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| W                       | WATER UTILITY                                                              |  |                      |                |                            |           |            |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| W-25-1                  | George Street Transmission Main Replacement                                |  | 1,300,000            | 1,300,000      |                            |           | 1,300,000  |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| W-25-2                  | Glouce Bay PRV Chambers (Yr 1 of 2)                                        |  | 1,100,000            | 1,100,000      |                            |           | 1,100,000  |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| W-25-3                  | Meter Replacements                                                         |  | 200,000              | 200,000        |                            |           | 200,000    |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| W-25-4                  | Louisbourg Water Storage Tank                                              |  | 3,000,000            | 550,000        |                            |           | 550,000    |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| W-25-5                  | Phalen's Rd Pump Station Retrofit                                          |  | 300,000              | 300,000        |                            |           | 300,000    |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| W-25-6                  | Portle Lake Membrane Replacement                                           |  | 383,178              | 383,178        |                            |           | 383,178    |                  |               |       |           |                     |
| W-25-7                  | Watershed Land Acquisition                                                 |  | 550,000              | 550,000        |                            |           | 270,000    | 280,000          |               |       |           |                     |
| W-25-8                  | Portle Lake Master Plan                                                    |  | 250,000              | 250,000        |                            |           | 250,000    |                  |               |       |           |                     |

# CBRM Project Summary Sheets



CAPE BRETON

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2025/26 Capital Budget

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Date:

Project Name:

Project ID:

Managing Department:

Asset Category:

Asset Sub-Category:

Project Type:

Project Details:

Scope of Work:

Service Impact:

Project Cash Flow:

|                        | Unspent Previous Budget | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | Remaining Years |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Capital Budget         |                         |         |         |                 |
| Estimated Financing    |                         |         |         |                 |
| Operating Reserve      |                         |         |         |                 |
| Capital Reserve        |                         |         |         |                 |
| Capital from Operating |                         |         |         |                 |
| Water Utility          |                         |         |         |                 |
| Wastewater             |                         |         |         |                 |
| Provincial Grant       |                         |         |         |                 |
| Federal Grant          |                         |         |         |                 |
| Other                  |                         |         |         |                 |
| CCSF                   |                         |         |         |                 |
| Long Term Borrowing    |                         |         |         |                 |

New Operating Impacts

|                          | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | Remaining Years |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| On-going Operating Costs |         |         |                 |
| One-time Operating Costs |         |         |                 |

Comments:

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Related Documents:

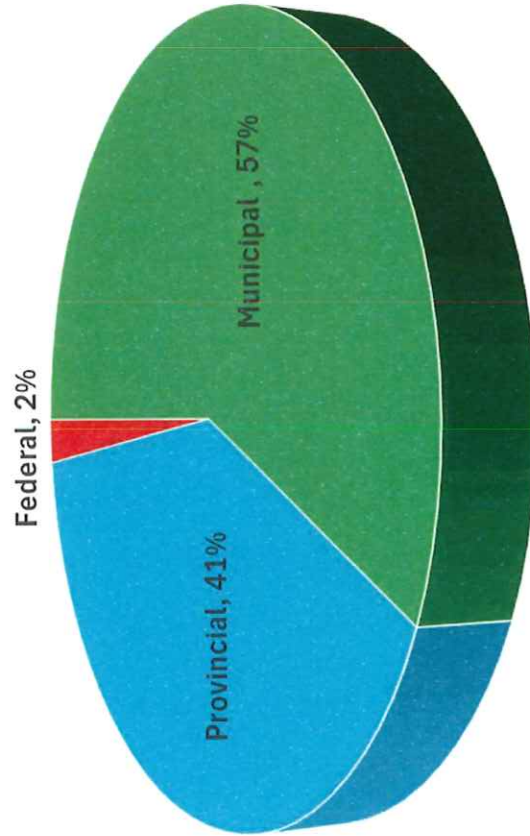
Total Work Cost in 2025/26

# Net Stock of Core Public Infrastructure in Canada

According to the FCM:

Municipalities receive about 8-10 cents for every dollar of infrastructure spending from the federal government

Net Stock of Core Public Infrastructure in Canada



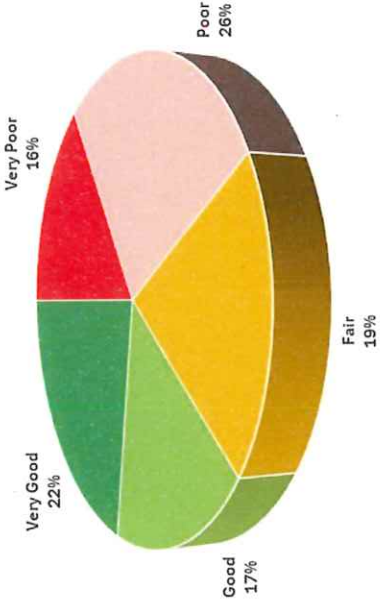


# Summary of CBRM Linear Assets

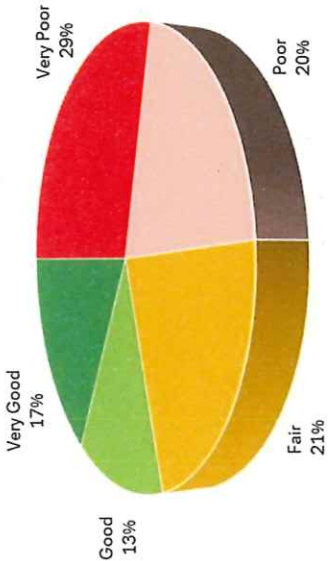
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| Asset Type         | Total Length (kms) | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Very Good               | Asset Value     |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Roads              |                    |           |      |      |      |                         |                 |
| Arterial           | 25                 | 0%        | 6%   | 47%  | 25%  | 20%                     | \$50,165,000    |
| Major Collector    | 34                 | 1%        | 13%  | 42%  | 18%  | 25%                     | \$48,332,000    |
| Collector          | 26                 | 1%        | 6%   | 35%  | 29%  | 27%                     | \$36,670,500    |
| Minor Collector    | 64                 | 2%        | 18%  | 27%  | 21%  | 32%                     | \$90,482,000    |
| Local              | 332                | 15%       | 25%  | 18%  | 16%  | 22%                     | \$310,326,500   |
| Subtotal           | 482                | 11%       | 21%  | 24%  | 18%  | 24%                     | \$535,976,000   |
| Sanitary Sewers    |                    |           |      |      |      |                         |                 |
| Trunk Sewers       | 10                 | 15%       | 13%  | 40%  | 5%   | 27%                     | \$43,860,238    |
| Collector Sewers   | 691                | 30%       | 21%  | 21%  | 13%  | 15%                     | \$1,120,708,151 |
| Pressure Sewers    | 23                 | 14%       | 4%   | 13%  | 8%   | 60%                     | \$60,560,976    |
| Subtotal           | 724                | 29%       | 20%  | 21%  | 13%  | 17%                     | \$1,225,129,365 |
| Watermains         |                    |           |      |      |      |                         |                 |
| Distribution Mains | 735                | 33%       | 31%  | 17%  | 7%   | 13%                     | \$1,256,850,000 |
| Transmission Mains | 64                 | 30%       | 15%  | 3%   | 7%   | 45%                     | \$134,360,100   |
| Subtotal           | 799                | 32%       | 30%  | 16%  | 7%   | 15%                     | \$1,391,210,100 |
|                    |                    |           |      |      |      | TOTAL REPLACEMENT VALUE | \$3,152,315,465 |

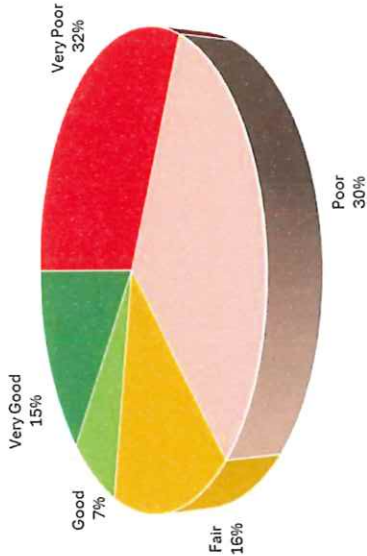
LOCAL ROADS 332 KMS



SANITARY SEWERS - 724 KMS



WATERMAINS

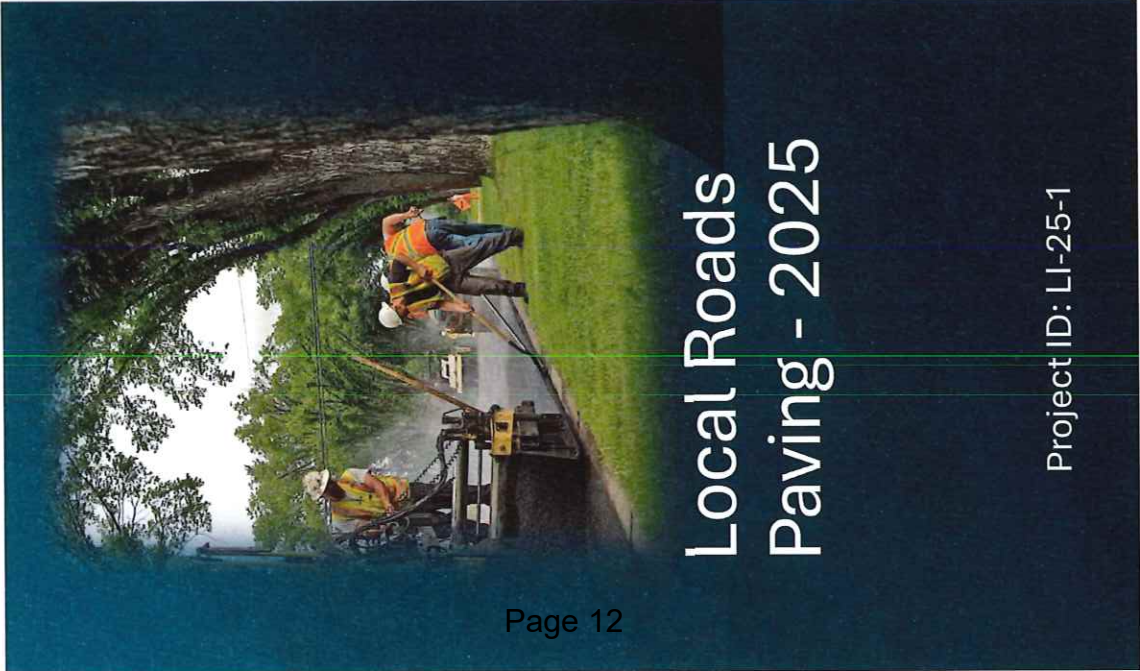


# Linear Infrastructure Projects



Linear infrastructure projects focus on the replacement and construction of assets in the following sub-categories:

- Roads
- Sidewalks
- Water distribution
- Wastewater and stormwater collection
- Active Transportation



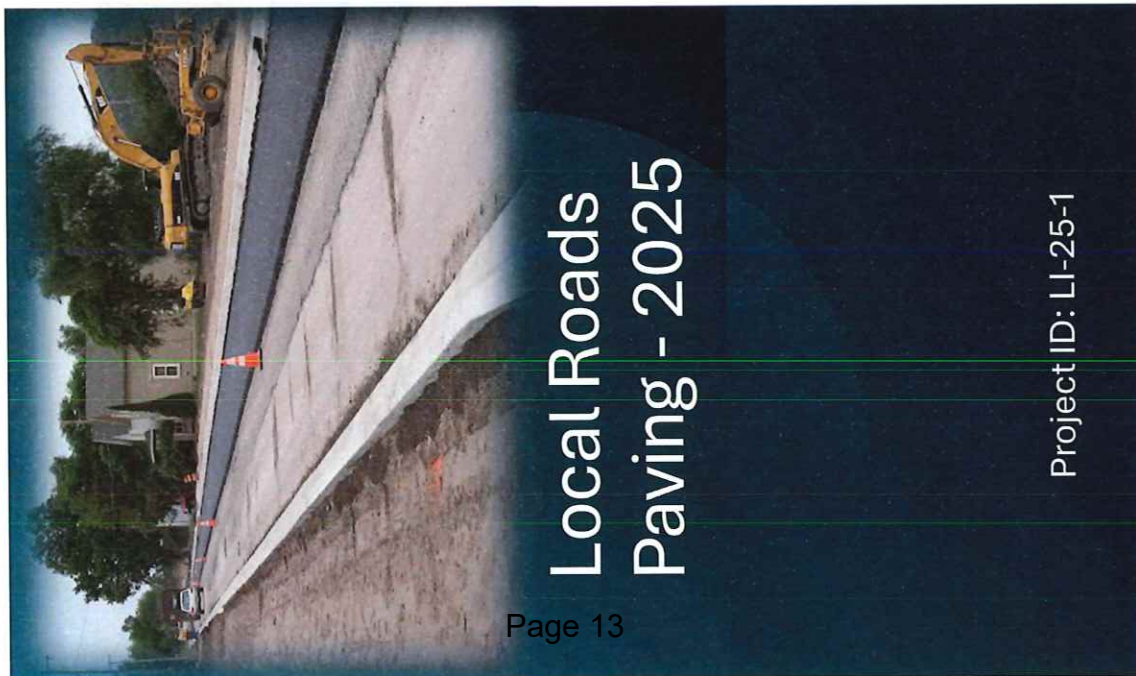
Local roads are vital elements of the CBRM road network, primarily providing direct access to residential properties, small businesses, and local amenities. They are designed to support lower traffic volumes and slower speeds, ensuring safe and convenient travel within neighborhoods.

- Proposed Local Roads Budget includes **8.24km** of roadwork

| AVERAGE ANNUAL REINVESTMENT RATE |        |                 |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
|                                  | TARGET | PROPOSED BUDGET |
| Local Roads                      | 2.9%   | 1.7%            |

| Road            | Community    | From       | To      |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|---------|
| LOCAL ROADS     |              |            |         |
| North Division  |              |            |         |
| Legatto Street  | Sydney Mines | Budgen     | Harper  |
| Pleasant Street | North Sydney | Brook      | Peppett |
| Holic Avenue    | North Sydney | Quilty     | Hodder  |
| Crescent Street | North Sydney | Queen      | End     |
| Court Street    | North Sydney | Commercial | Pierce  |

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Cost \$6,556,950 | CBRM Cost \$1,244,887 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|



# Local Roads Paving - 2025

Project ID: LI-25-1

| Road                    | Community       | From                | To            |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>LOCAL ROADS</b>      |                 |                     |               |
| <b>Central Division</b> |                 |                     |               |
| Neville Street          | Sydney          | James               | Matilda       |
| Archibald Avenue        | Sydney          | Cottage             | End           |
| Gunn Street             | Sydney          | French              | Lingan        |
| Mt Allison Drive        | Sydney          | Ranna               | End           |
| Gatacre Street          | Sydney          | MacDonald           | Gunn          |
| Champlain Avenue        | Sydney          | Cottage             | Kennedy       |
| Manse Street            | Sydney          | Oakville            | Brookdale     |
| Carroll Crescent        | Sydney          | Shendale            | Gatacre       |
| Hillside Court          | Sydney          | Hillside            | Cul-de-sac    |
| Centennial Drive        | Sydney          | Upper Prince        | End           |
| Shendale Drive          | Sydney          | Gunn                | Elmwood       |
| Starr Court             | Sydney          | St Anns             | End           |
| Birch Hill Drive        | Sydney          | Upper Prince        | Legacy        |
| Holly Street            | Sydney          | Terrace             | End           |
| Kevin Quinlan Avenue    | Grand Lake Road | Garth Wilson Avenue | SPAR          |
| <b>East Division</b>    |                 |                     |               |
| Gordon Street           | New Waterford   | MacLean             | End           |
| Thompson Street         | New Waterford   | Wilson Ave          | Nicholson Ave |
| Landry Ave              | New Waterford   | Charlesworth        | King          |
| Oceanview Boulevard     | New Waterford   | Hinchey Ave         | end           |
| McKenzie Street         | New Victoria    | New Waterford HWY   | End           |
| Maxwell Street          | New Waterford   | Ellsworth Ave       | End           |
| Sutherland Avenue       | New Waterford   | Maxwell             | End           |
| Verrier Crescent        | Louisbourg      | Lorway              | Holland       |
| Pepperell Street        | Louisbourg      | Main                | End           |
| Lorway Street           | Glace Bay       | Mansfield           | Civic # 48    |
| Veniot Ave              | New Waterford   | Gordon              | Beach         |
| Duggan Avenue Extension | New Waterford   | King                | Willow        |
| Sunset Avenue           | New Waterford   | St. Joseph          | Acadia        |
| Walsh Avenue            | New Waterford   | Eighth              | Thirteenth    |

# Arterial/Collector Roads Paving - 2025

Arterial and Collector roads are essential components of CBRM's road network, serving as intermediaries between lower order streets and communities. They balance mobility and land access, facilitating efficient traffic flow within neighborhoods and providing access to residential, commercial, and industrial areas.

- Proposed Arterial/Collector Roads Budget includes **5.2km** of roadway

| AVERAGE ANNUAL REINVESTMENT RATE |        |                 |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
|                                  | TARGET | PROPOSED BUDGET |
| Arterial/Collector Roads         | 3.6%   | 3.5%            |

| Road                            | Community       | From          | To           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>ARTERIAL/COLLECTOR ROADS</b> |                 |               |              |
| <b>Central Division</b>         |                 |               |              |
| Cottage Road                    | Sydney          | Champlain     | Cottage Crt  |
| Sydney Port Access Road         | Grand Lake Road | Kevin Quinlan | Boundary     |
| Inglis Street                   | Sydney          | Prince        | Civic 50     |
| Membertou Street                | Sydney          | Alexandra     | Boundary     |
| <b>East Division</b>            |                 |               |              |
| Roaches Road                    | New Waterford   | St. Joseph    | Civic # 2998 |
| Kings Road                      | Dominion        | Neville       | Royal        |
| Havenside Road                  | Louisbourg      | Civic 153     | End          |
| Steeles Hill Road               | Glance Bay      | Lorway        | Harrington   |
| <b>North Division</b>           |                 |               |              |
| Pitt Street                     | Sydney Mines    | East Jessome  | Cable        |
| Station Street                  | North Sydney    | King          | Blowers      |

**Total Cost \$2,474,950**

**CBRM Cost \$289,990**



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Sidewalk  
Renewals- 2025

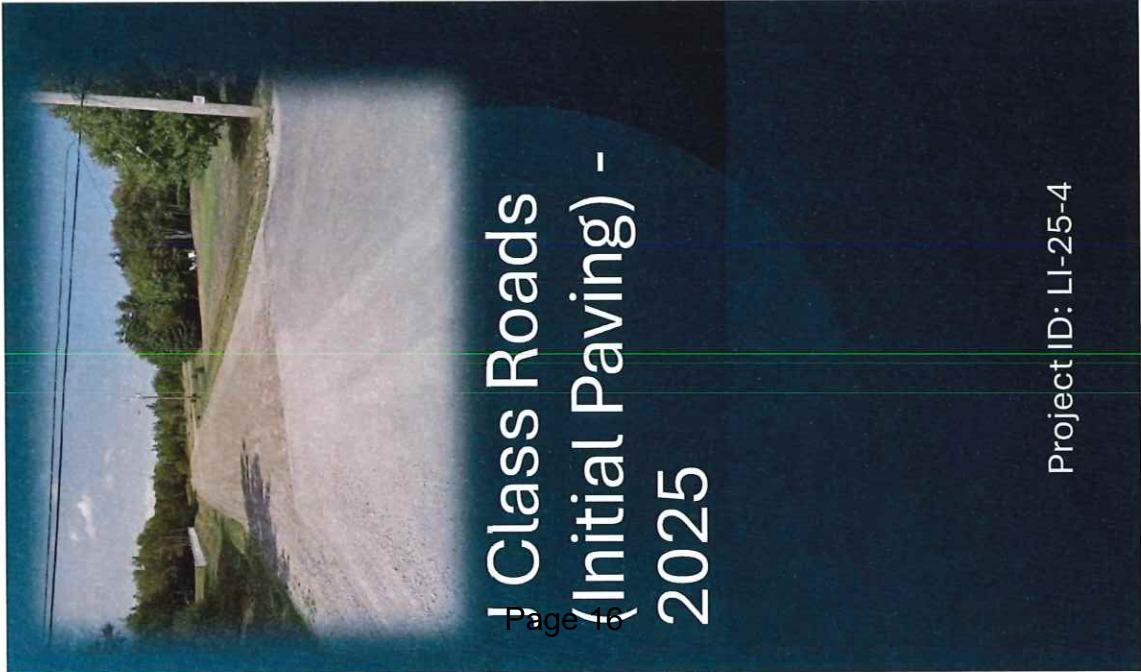
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Sidewalks provide safe and accessible pathways for pedestrians to navigate residential areas, commercial zones, and public spaces. They enhance walkability, promote healthy lifestyles, and ensure connectivity within communities.

- Total sidewalk asset budget inclusive of local and collector road projects is \$2,120,000

| AVERAGE ANNUAL REINVESTMENT RATE |        |                 |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
|                                  | TARGET | PROPOSED BUDGET |
| Sidewalks                        | 2.0%   | 2.7%            |

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Cost \$670,000 | CBRM Cost \$670,000 |
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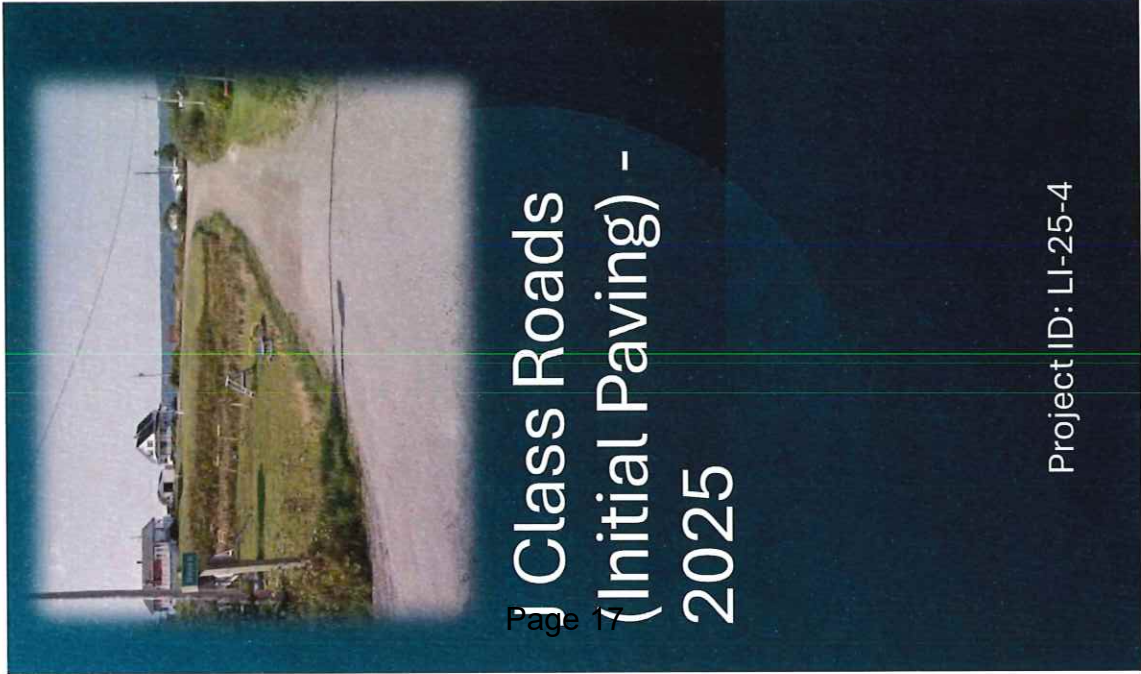


# J Class Roads (Initial Paving) - 2025

Since the early 2000's, CBRM has entered into a 50-50 cost share agreement with the province of Nova Scotia for the initial paving of "J-Class" roads that reside within CBRM. The CBRM selects and prioritizes the roads to be paved in the program. The road selection is based upon consultation with the District Councillor on a cycling basis, through each district which incorporates 'J-Class' roads.

CBRM is currently working from Council approved 2019 (Phase 6) list.

|             |                                                                                        |                                                    |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| District 12 | Rhodena Drive (Victoria Mines)<br>Kilkenny Lake Road (Victoria Mines)                  | Completed 2021<br>Completed 2020                   |
| District 3  | MacDonald Road (Scotch Lake)                                                           | Completed 2020                                     |
| District 4  | Summerhill Drive (Deerfield)<br>Trunk 4 Loop (Sydney River)<br>Dobson Road (Westmount) | Completed 2022<br>Completed 2021<br>Completed 2020 |
| District 7  | Marbern Street (Howie Center)<br>Lauren Lane (Howie Center)<br>Seaview Drive (Gabarus) | Completed 2022<br>Completed 2020<br>Completed 2024 |
| District 11 | Guy Street (New Victoria)                                                              | Completed 2021                                     |
| District 8  | Franklyn Road (Catalone)<br>Seaview Lane (Little Lorraine)<br>Rosewood Heights (Mira)  | 0.26 km<br>Completed 2023<br>0.40 km               |

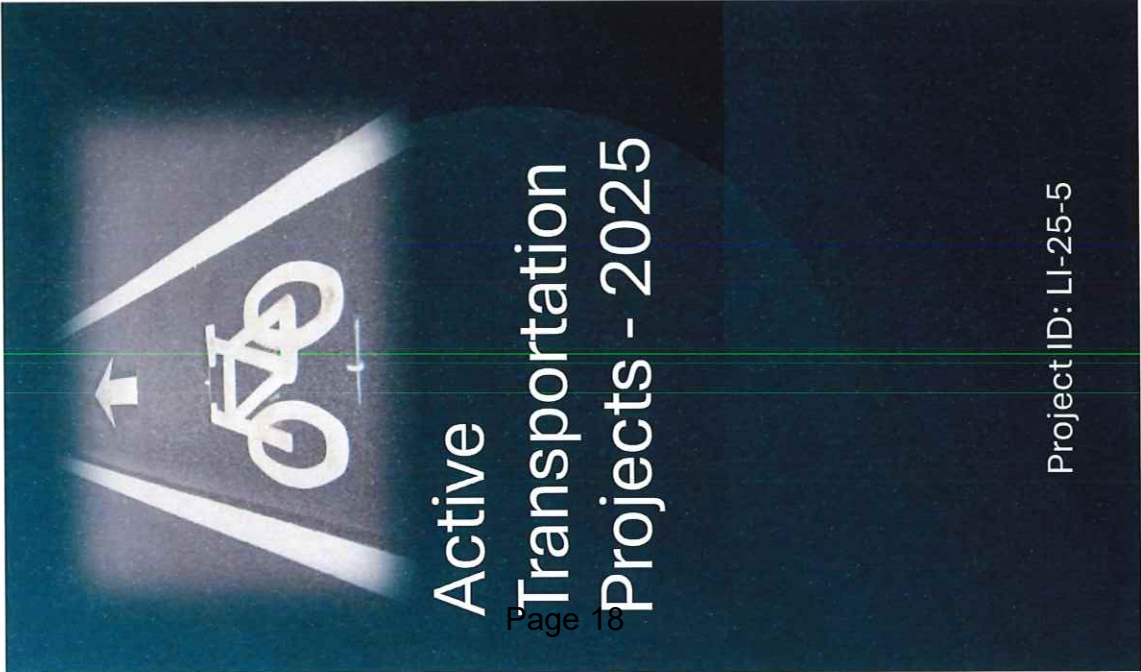


# J Class Roads (Initial Paving) - 2025

|            |                                         |         |
|------------|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| District 3 | Watson Road (Point Edward)              | .32 km  |
|            | Burton Drive (Blackett's Lake)          | .25 km  |
|            | Fairholm Close (George's River)         | .35 km  |
| District 7 | Marydale Drive (Grand Mira South)       | .63 km  |
|            | Juniper Road (Grand Mira South)         | .19 km  |
|            | Woodland Drive (Prime Brook)            | .23 km  |
|            | Livingston Road (Lingan)                | .11 km  |
| District 8 | Kennedy's Lane (Little Lorraine)        | .24 km  |
|            | MacPherson Drive (Trout Brook Rd, Mira) | .39 km  |
| District 7 | MacLellan Avenue (Sydney Forks)         | .14 km  |
|            | Sarah Drive (Howie Centre)              | .13 km  |
|            | Alder Road (Dutch Brook)                | .45 km  |
|            | Walker's Lane (Caribou Marsh)           | .15 km  |
|            | Gairloch Drive (Sydney Forks)           | .16 km  |
|            | Sheiling Drive (Marian Bridge)          | 1.91 km |

To complete the 'J Class' Roads list for CBRM would involve a  
\$4.35 million Cost Shared with Province

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Cost \$300,000 | CBRM Cost \$150,000 |
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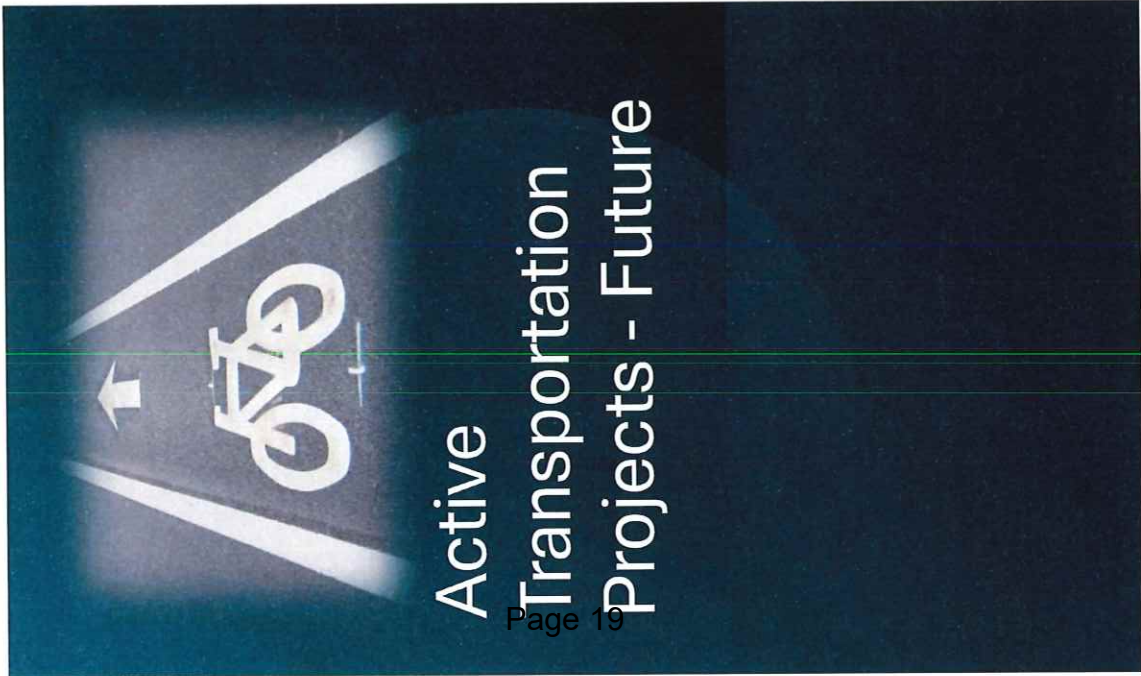


Active transportation projects promote non-motorized modes of travel, such as walking and cycling, by developing trails, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes. These projects enhance pedestrian safety, improve connectivity, and encourage healthier, more sustainable transportation options.

Projects currently applied for through the Provincial GRID fund, Federal Rural Transit Solutions Fund, and Provincial Connect2 funds.

| Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Description                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                            |
| Washbrook Greenway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | New Active Transportation Trail            |
| Kings Rd Sidewalk (Greenhill to Parkwood)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Pedestrian Safety Improvement              |
| Victoria Rd RRFB's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pedestrian Safety Improvement              |
| Victoria Rd Bicycle Lane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Bicycle Lane Pilot Project                 |
| Active Transportation Sidewalks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Sidewalk connections identified in AT Plan |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Towerview Place (Civic 50 to Alexandra)</li><li>• Young St (Borden to Victoria)</li><li>• Hospital St (Cabot to Centennial Rink)</li><li>• Argosy St (Borden to Victoria)</li><li>• Brookdale St (Manse to Victoria)</li><li>• Westmount Rd (College to Fairhaven)</li><li>• Keltic Dr (Bridge to Existing)</li><li>• Baird St (King to Holic)</li></ul> |                                            |
| Coal Town Trail Paving                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Paving existing gravel AT trail (Grant)    |
| Kings Rd Corridor Safety Improvements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Pedestrian Safety Improvement              |

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Cost \$4,132,240 | CBRM Cost \$270,944 |
|------------------------|---------------------|



The Government of Canada has allocated \$500 million to be spent over the next 5 years on Active Transportation Projects through the Federal Active Transportation Fund with a 60% Federal cost share.

CBRM has a pending application worth \$23M for projects in fiscal years 2026 to 2030.

Project Details Are Below:

1. The Sydney River Multi-Use Path - \$11M spread over fiscal 28/29 and 29/30
2. 25km of Curb and Sidewalk rehabilitation – \$10M spread over 5 years
3. 300 Crosswalk Improvements (Signage, Paint, RRFB's, etc.) - \$1.7M over 5 years
4. 150 Bench replacements and new installations - \$0.3M spread over 5 years.

The intent for this funding is to leverage federal monies to further improve and expand the existing Active Transportation System in CBRM. All projects will align with the CBRM Forward Active Transportation Master Plan and include additional focus on improving connectivity to CBRM transit.

The Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID) invests in priority municipal infrastructure projects to address capacity issues, build accessible and adaptable communities, and support housing services. Established through the renewed Service Exchange Agreement between Nova Scotia and its municipalities, GRID is a 50% cost-shared application-based program that aligns with provincial priorities and offers municipalities flexibility in leveraging funding.

Combined Road and Underground Infrastructure Projects a) and b), along with Combined Storm, I&I, and Sidewalk Infrastructure Project a) already have money secured through MCGP and are required to be completed prior to March 31, 2026.

| AVERAGE ANNUAL REINVESTMENT RATE |        |                 |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
|                                  | TARGET | PROPOSED BUDGET |
| Linear Wastewater                | 1.0%   | 0.2%            |
| Linear Water                     | 1.0%   | 0.2%            |

| GRID Program                                                             |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Combined Road and Underground Infrastructure Projects</b>             |  |
| a) Cross Country Sewer King Street (New Waterford)                       |  |
| b) Cromerty, South Bentinck, and Shandwick I&I and Water (Sydney)        |  |
| c) Church Street Infrastructure Upgrades (Sydney Mines)                  |  |
| d) Brookland Street Infrastructure Upgrades - Ph 1 (Glace Bay)           |  |
| <b>Combined Storm, I&amp;I, and Sidewalk Infrastructure Projects</b>     |  |
| a) Hickman & Rosewood Box Culvert Upgrades (Glace Bay)                   |  |
| b) Valley Sewer Sub Sewershed 1 – Inflow and Infiltration Study (Sydney) |  |
| c) Prime Brook Preliminary Design – Lower Reaches (Sydney)               |  |
| d) Active Transportation Projects                                        |  |

Proposed Projects include:

- Sanitary Sewer = 1.6km
- Water = 1.59km
- Box Culverts = 82m

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| Total Cost \$9,726,000 | CBRM Cost \$800,000 |
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## Housing Infrastructure Projects

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Housing infrastructure projects focus on enhancing municipal services including water distribution, wastewater and stormwater collection, and transportation assets to support the development of housing units across CBRM.

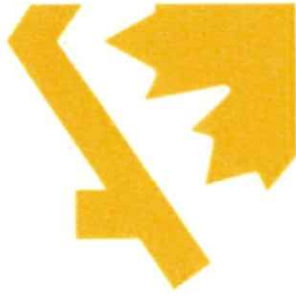
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# Housing Infrastructure Projects

Project ID: H-25-1/2/3

CBRM is currently involved with the following 3 large-scale development projects.

• **Tartan Downs - \$4,576,327**

- Through the Canadian Housing and Infrastructure Fund (CHIF), CBRM has applied for federal funding in partnership with the Urban Neighborhood Development Association to leverage funds supporting the required municipal infrastructure.
- This project has also received funding through the HAF program.

• **CBU Water Supply and Housing Development - \$1,250,000**

- Through the Canadian Housing and Infrastructure Fund (CHIF), CBRM has applied for federal funding to support supplying municipal water to the CBU campus.
- The installation of a water supply to CBU will support housing developments within reach of the water system extension.

• **Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) – \$800,000**

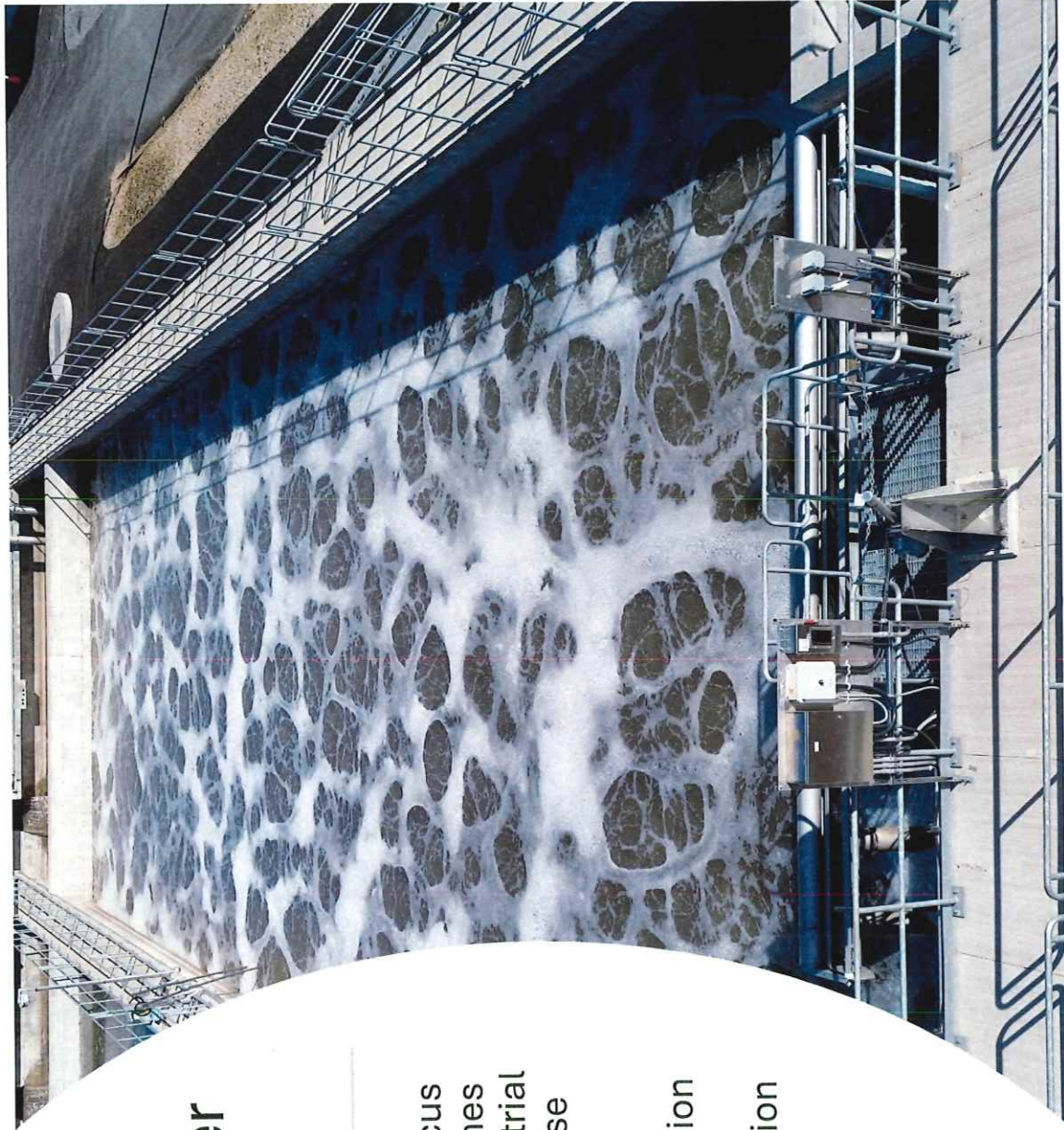
- CBRM is administering the funds received through the CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund to support municipal infrastructure installation supporting additional housing units.
- Current projects involve the Tartan Downs Development and Phase 3 of the Cossitt Heights Development.

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| <b>Total Cost \$6,626,327</b> |
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| <b>CBRM Cost \$0</b> |
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# Wastewater & Stormwater Projects

Wastewater and Stormwater projects focus on managing and treating water that comes from residential, commercial, and industrial sources, as well as rainwater runoff. These projects aim to improve water quality, mitigate flooding, and protect the environment. They include the construction and maintenance of sewer systems, treatment plants, and inflow and infiltration work.



# Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure Project - 2025

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Project ID: WW-19-1

- Mandated by Environment & Climate Change Canada through the Federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WESR)
- Fully funded by the Federal (40%) and Provincial (60%) Governments under Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)
- Total Project Budget \$97.8M
- Total Budget Glace Bay Component \$86M
  - Construction status: Year 6 of 7
- Core project components include:
  - Battery Point WWTP UV system replacement – COMPLETE
  - UV systems at four (4) existing Wastewater Treatment Lagoons – COMPLETE
  - Port Morien WW Collection and Treatment System – COMPLETE
  - Glace Bay WW Collection and Treatment System – ONGOING

Total Cost \$31,195,927

WW Cost \$0



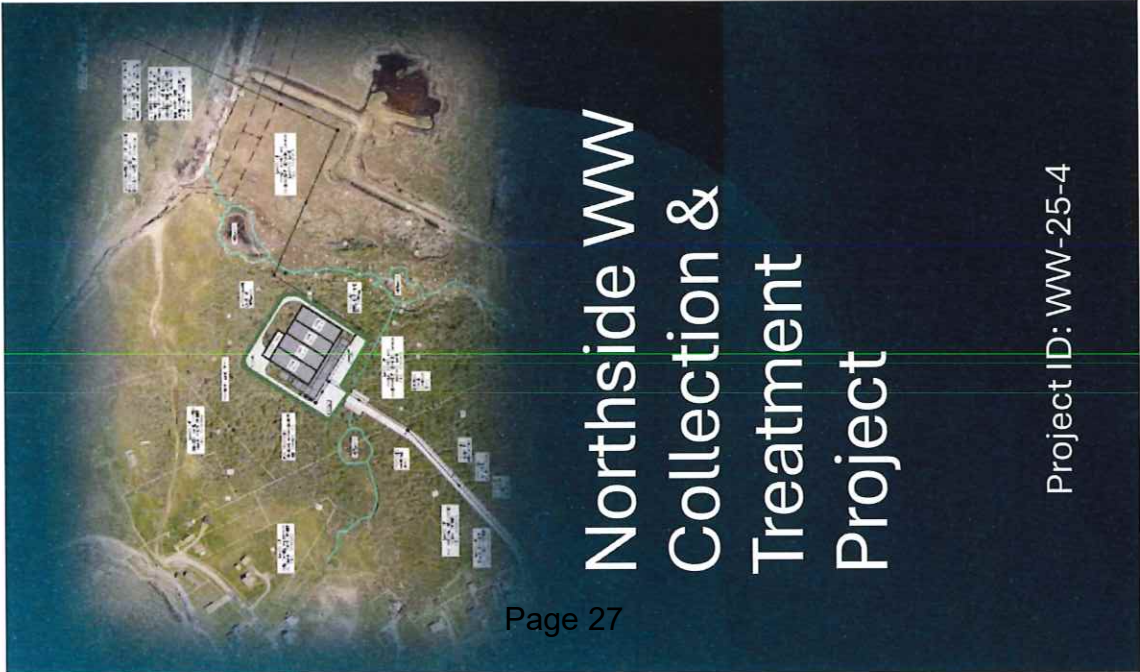
# New Victoria Wastewater Collection & Treatment Project - 2025

Project ID: WW-18-2

- Scope Change under the Sydney Harbour West WW Collection & Treatment Project
- Mandated by Environment & Climate Change Canada through the Federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WESR)
- Equally funded by Housing, Infrastructure & Communities Canada (HICC), the Province of NS, and CBRM under the New Building Canada Fund.
- Total Project Budget \$58M
- Project Budget – New Victoria \$15M
- Core project components include:
  - Design & Construction of the Sydney Harbour West Wastewater Collection and Treatment System – ONGOING
  - Design & Construction of the New Victoria Wastewater Collection & Treatment System - ONGOING

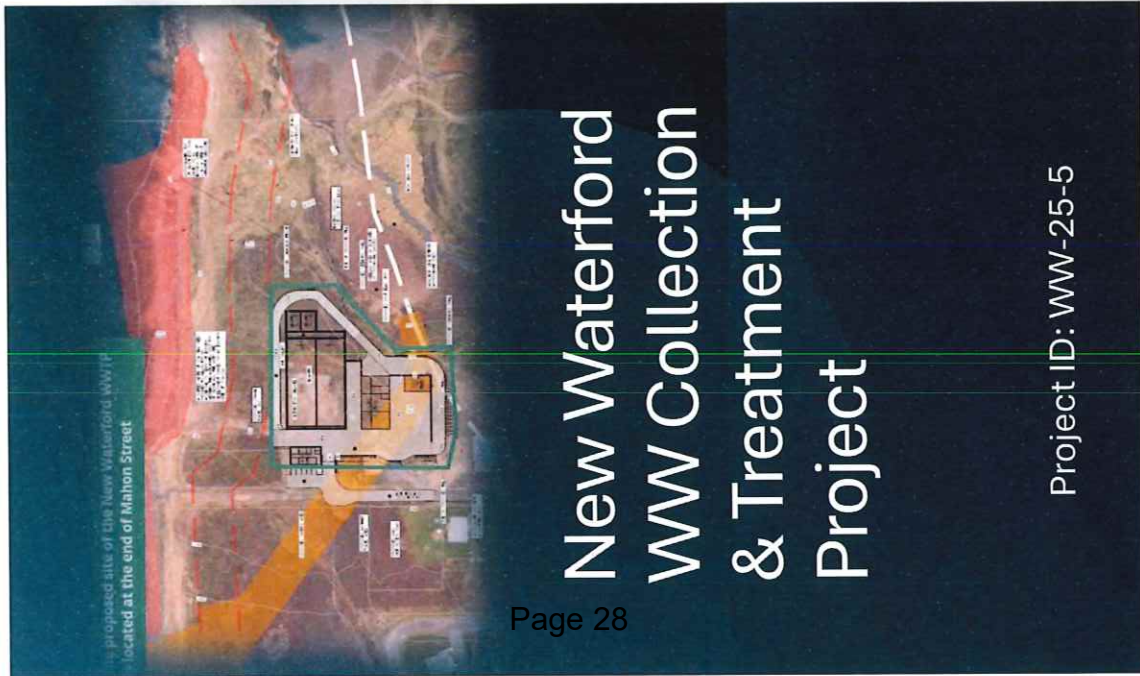
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| Total Cost \$5,684,715 | WW Cost \$2,020,048 |
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- Total Cost \$625,000**



- Mandated by Environment & Climate Change Canada through the Federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WESR)
- Preliminary design is complete ✓
- Funding application submitted – **Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF)**
  - Federal Funding Contribution 40%
  - Provincial Funding Contribution 60%
  - CBRM Funding Contribution (land purchases)
- Estimated Project Cost \$176.4M
- Core project components will include:
  - Thorough investigation and evaluation of existing wastewater infrastructure
  - GIS data integration
  - Development of infrastructure improvement plans
  - Execution of infrastructure upgrade initiatives
  - Detailed design of a new collection and treatment system
  - Detailed design of a new treated outfall structure
  - Construction & commissioning of new wastewater system
- Estimated Project duration 7 years

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| <b>Total Cost \$176,403,871</b> | <b>WW Cost \$0</b> |
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# New Waterford WW Collection & Treatment Project

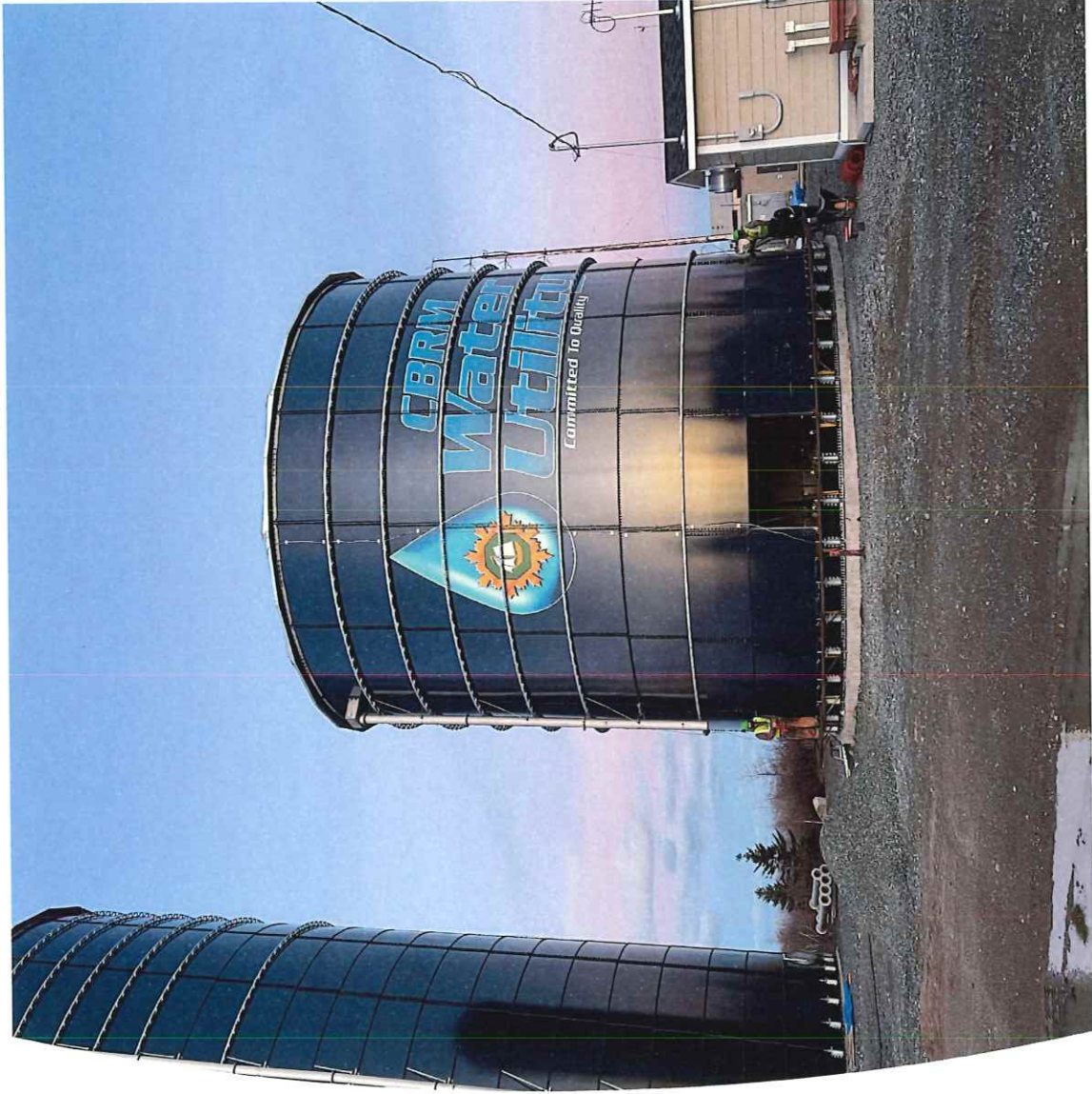
Project ID: WW-25-5

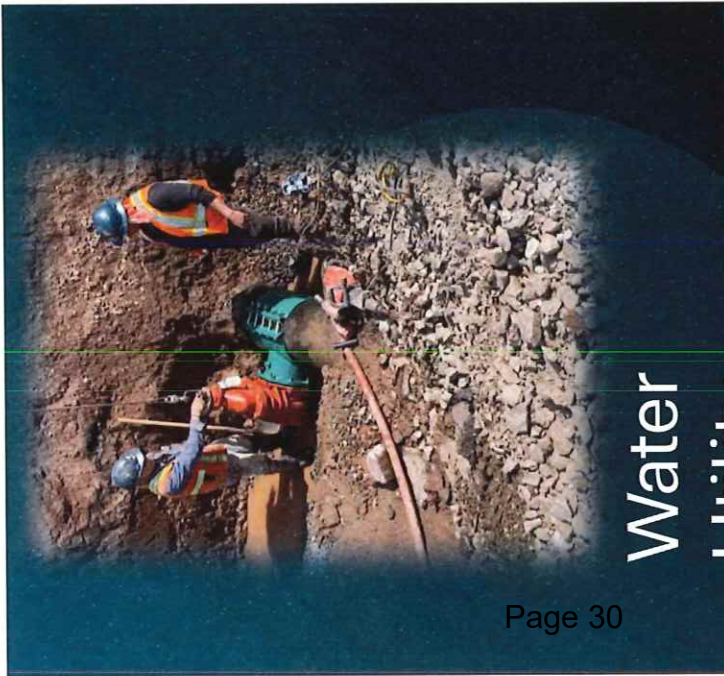
- Mandated by Environment & Climate Change Canada through the Federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WESR)
- Preliminary design is complete 
- Funding application submitted – **Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF)**
  - Federal Funding Contribution 40%
  - Provincial Funding Contribution 60%
  - CBRM Funding Contribution (land purchases)
- Estimated Project Cost \$74M
- Core project components will include:
  - Thorough investigation and evaluation of existing wastewater infrastructure
  - GIS data integration
  - Development of infrastructure improvement plans
  - Execution of infrastructure upgrade initiatives
  - Detailed design of a new collection and treatment system
  - Detailed design of a new treated outfall structure
  - Construction & commissioning of new wastewater system
- Estimated Project duration 4 years

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| <b>Total Cost \$74,014,541</b> | <b>WW Cost \$0</b> |
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## Water Utility Projects

Water Utility Projects focus on the assets required to treat and move water from a source of supply to the end-users. This is achieved through maintaining, replacing, and upgrading treatment facilities, distribution and transmission piping, storage facilities, pumping systems, etc. On top of physical upgrades, completing study work and assessments helps optimize water infrastructure efficiency. The goal of these projects is to ensure a safe, reliable, and efficient water supply for communities.





# Water Utility Projects - 2025

Project ID: W-25-  
1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8

The following water projects have been approved through the current Water Rate Study and are funded by depreciation and long-term borrowing.

The Water Utility currently has applications in with the federal Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund for several of these projects. This funding is not required to complete the projects, but if successful, may reduce borrowing requirements or create opportunity for more planned work to happen sooner.

WATER UTILITY PROJECTS

- a) George Street Transmission Main Replacement
- b) Glace Bay PRV Chambers (Yr 1 of 2)
- c) Meter Replacements
- d) Louisbourg Water Storage Tank
- e) Phalen's Rd Pump Station Retrofit
- f) Pottle Lake Membrane Replacement
- g) Watershed Land Acquisition
- h) Pottle Lake Master Plan

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| Total Cost \$10,324,208 | Water Utility Cost \$6,431,678 |
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## Parks, Grounds, Building, & Facilities Projects

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Parks, Grounds, Buildings, and Facility assets require strategic investments to develop, enhance, and maintain these physical spaces. Examples include upgrading playgrounds, essential building upgrades, HVAC and generator systems, etc. These projects ensure public spaces and buildings are safe, functional, and meet the community needs.



# Buildings & Facilities- 2025

Project ID: PGB-24/25-1/2/3/4/5/6/7

- MCGP Carry Over projects are 50/50 cost shared with the Provincial Government and required to be completed prior to March 31, 2026
- Buildings and Police Upgrades include associated work to maintain current operations

| Buildings & Facilities Projects              |  |
|----------------------------------------------|--|
| MCGP - Carry Over Projects                   |  |
| City Hall Emergency Generator                |  |
| George D Lewis Brownfield Redevelopment      |  |
| Buildings Upgrades                           |  |
| General Upgrades                             |  |
| Efficiency Upgrades                          |  |
| C200 Building Envelope & Efficiency Upgrades |  |
| City Hall HVAC                               |  |
| Police Upgrades                              |  |
| Elevator Upgrades - Sydney Mines & Central   |  |

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| Total Cost \$7,523,357 | CBRM Cost \$3,892,179 |
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# Parks & Grounds - 2025

Project ID: PGB-24/25-8/9

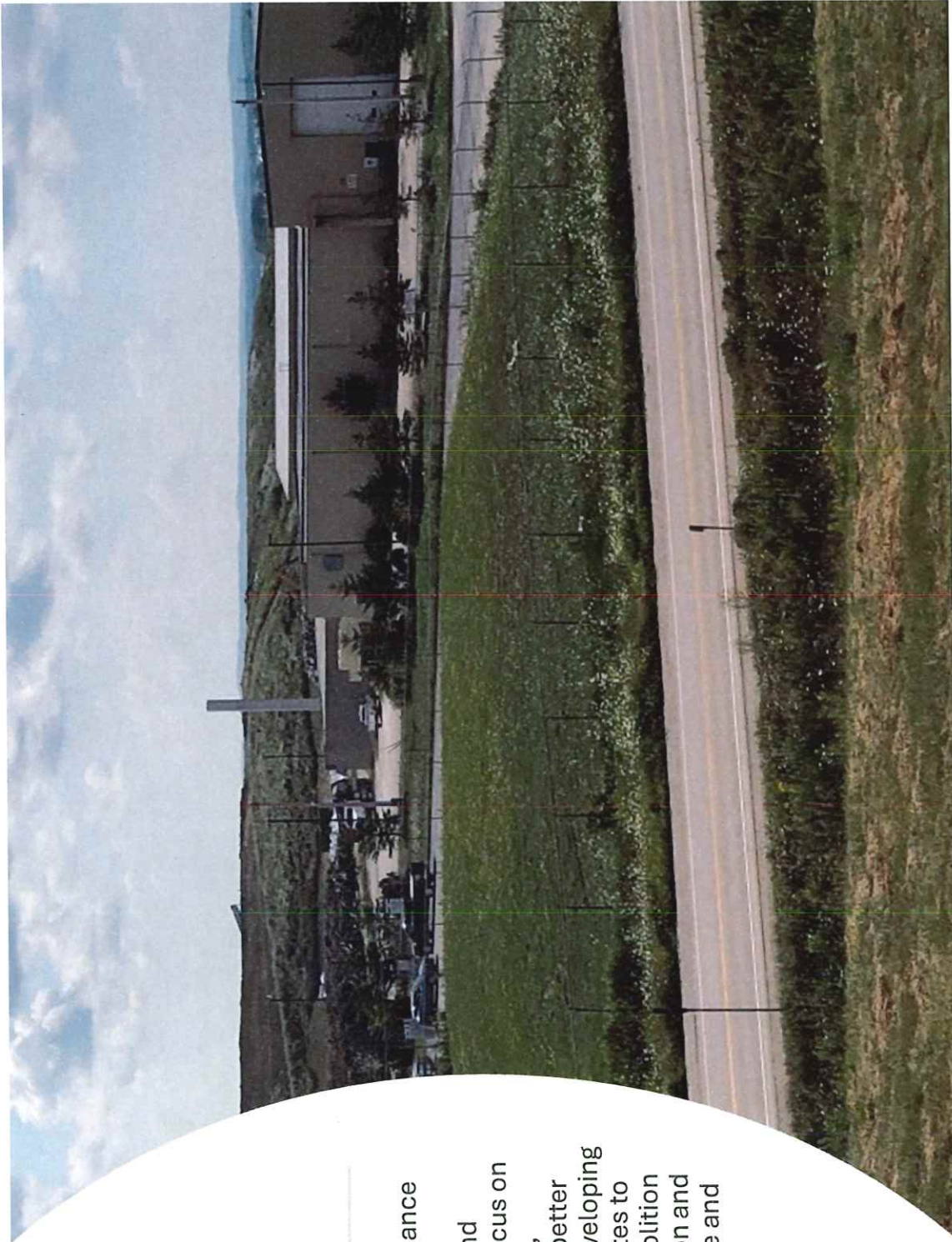
- Park Upgrades include tennis court and ballfield work across all three divisions of CBRM.
- Renwick Brook Bridge Replacement is a "Carry over" project from 2024/25 budget.
- Community initiative projects include the CBRM share to support projects being driven by Community organizations and include various levels of funding.

| Parks & Grounds Projects                       |  |
|------------------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Park Upgrades</i>                           |  |
| Cromarty Tennis Court Lighting Installation    |  |
| Vince Muise Ballfield Upgrades (Carry over)    |  |
| Renwick brook Bridge Replacement (Carry over)  |  |
| Pitt Street Complex Park Upgrades              |  |
| Glace Bay Tennis Court Rebuild                 |  |
| Coxheath Tennis Court Resurfacing              |  |
| <i>Community Initiatives</i>                   |  |
| Victory Park (Carry Over)                      |  |
| Bernie MacNeil Ballfield Upgrades (Carry Over) |  |
| Cameron Bowl Ballfield Upgrades                |  |

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| Total Cost \$4,600,000 | CBRM Cost \$2,808,000 |
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## Solid Waste Projects

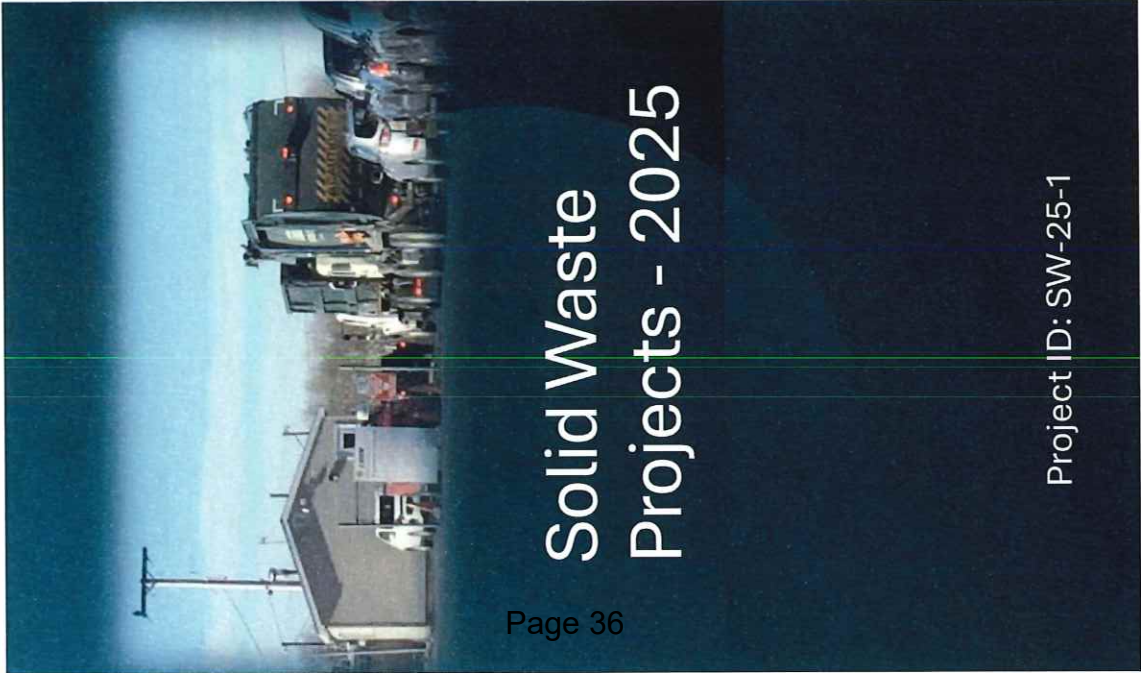
Solid Waste projects aim to enhance waste management efficiency, environmental sustainability, and public health. These projects focus on improving composting facilities, upgrading transfer stations for better waste sorting and recycling, developing and maintaining C&D landfill sites to manage construction and demolition debris, and enhancing collection and disposal systems to ensure safe and efficient waste handling for the communities within CBRM.



# Solid Waste Go-Forward Plan

|                                         | 2025-26   | 2026-27     | 2027-28     | 2028-29     | Total        |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Capital Expenditures                    |           |             |             |             |              |
| Compost roof replacement                | \$600,000 | \$400,000   |             |             | \$1,000,000  |
| C&D Landfill Cell (SPAR RD SITE)        | \$100,000 | \$1,600,000 |             |             | \$1,700,000  |
| Collection Vehicles                     |           | \$1,500,000 | \$2,000,000 |             | \$3,500,000  |
| Black Carts                             |           | \$500,000   | \$2,000,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$4,000,000  |
| Compost Facility Re-commission          |           | \$500,000   |             |             | \$500,000    |
| Spar Site Lift Station                  | \$50,000  | \$450,000   |             |             | \$500,000    |
| SW Site's Demo & Fencing/Beautification |           | \$250,000   |             | \$400,000   | \$650,000    |
|                                         |           |             |             |             |              |
| EXPENDITURE                             | \$750,000 | \$5,200,000 | \$4,000,000 | \$1,900,000 | \$11,850,000 |

|                           | 2025-26/Last quarter | 2026-27     | 2027-28     | 2028-29     | Total        |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Cost Recoveries           |                      |             |             |             |              |
| Collection Cost Recovery  | \$500,000            | \$2,500,000 | \$2,500,000 | \$2,500,000 | \$8,000,000  |
| Camdon Expense Eliminated | \$250,000            | \$1,200,000 | \$1,200,000 | \$1,200,000 | \$3,850,000  |
|                           |                      |             |             |             |              |
| Cost Recoveries           | \$750,000            | \$3,700,000 | \$3,700,000 | \$3,700,000 | \$11,850,000 |
| Yearly variance           | 0                    | 1,500,000   | 300,000     | 1,800,000   | \$-          |



- Details on the Solid Waste projects are below. All costs associated with these projects are funded through Operating by Cost Recoveries resulting from “Collections” and “Elimination of Camdon Expense”.
- Compost Building Roof Upgrades:
  - Replacement of a failed roof system – Year 1 of 2
- C&D Landfill Cell Expansion
  - Design of an additional Landfill cell – Year 1 of 2
- C&D Lift Station Upgrade
  - Design expenses for repairs to an existing lift station – Year 1 of 2

| Solid Waste Projects           |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Compost Building Roof Upgrades |  |
| C&D Landfill Cell Expansion    |  |
| C&D Lift Station Upgrade       |  |

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Cost \$750,000 | CBRM Cost \$750,000 |
|----------------------|---------------------|

## Transit & Fleet Initiatives



Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Transit and Fleet departments are experiencing significant upgrades to improve efficiency and sustainability. Major projects include investment in electric buses and a new maintenance facility. These improvements, along with Fleet replacements, aim to provide reliable, accessible, and environmentally responsible services to CBRM's communities.



# Transit Projects 2025

Project ID: TF-25-1

- Transit EV Maintenance Facility:
  - Funded through ICIP in collaboration with the Federal and Provincial Government
  - CBRM Share is 30%
  - On hold for current fiscal year while agreement is renegotiated.
- Ongoing Transit Initiatives
  - Implementation of Transit Report Recommendations
    - SmartCard Technology
    - Policy Updates
    - Route Analysis
    - Planning for Downtown "Hub(s)"
- Fiscal 25/26 Transit Fleet Requirements include:
  - Rolling Stock (full size, accessible, minibus)
    - 6 Accessible/mini-bus
  - Transit Shelters

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Total Cost \$1,310,000 | CBRM Cost \$0 |
|------------------------|---------------|



# Fleet Program - 2025

Project ID: TF-25-2

- CBRM Public Works department requires the following fleet upgrades for Fiscal 25/26:

| Fleet Assets     |                        |     |                 |                  |
|------------------|------------------------|-----|-----------------|------------------|
| Item             | Location               | No. | Unit Cost       | Total Cost       |
| Trackless        | North                  | 1   |                 |                  |
|                  | Central                | 2   |                 |                  |
|                  | Glace Bay              | 2   | \$ 170,000      | \$ 1,020,000     |
|                  | New Waterford          | 1   |                 |                  |
| Salt Trucks      | Northside              | 1   |                 |                  |
|                  | Glace Bay              | 1   | \$ 400,000      | \$ 800,000       |
| One Ton Truck    | Central                | 2   |                 |                  |
|                  | Glace Bay              | 1   | \$ 130,000      | \$ 390,000       |
| Front End Loader | Central - Lease Buyout | 1   | \$ 230,000      | \$ 230,000       |
| SUV              | Buildings              | 2   | \$ 50,000       | \$ 100,000       |
|                  |                        |     | <b>Total \$</b> | <b>2,540,000</b> |

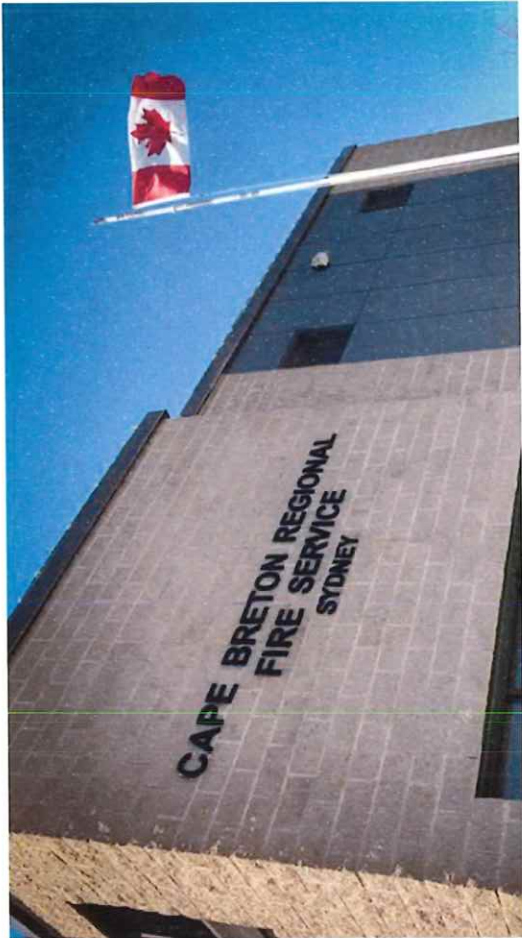
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| <b>Total Cost \$2,540,000</b> | <b>CBRM Cost \$1,890,000</b>        |
|                               | <b>Water Utility Cost \$650,000</b> |

# Fire Services Initiatives

The following upgrades are required to bring the Fire Fleet up to ULC Fire Underwriters Survey used to Class insurance rates for Municipalities:

Fiscal 2025-26

- Fire Fleet = \$3,300,000
  - 1 Boat Pontoon = \$40,000
  - Building Upgrades = \$100,000
- Long Term Plan \$25,690,000
- 20 Pumps @ \$775,000 = \$15,500,000
  - 9 Tankers @ \$750,000 = \$6,750,000

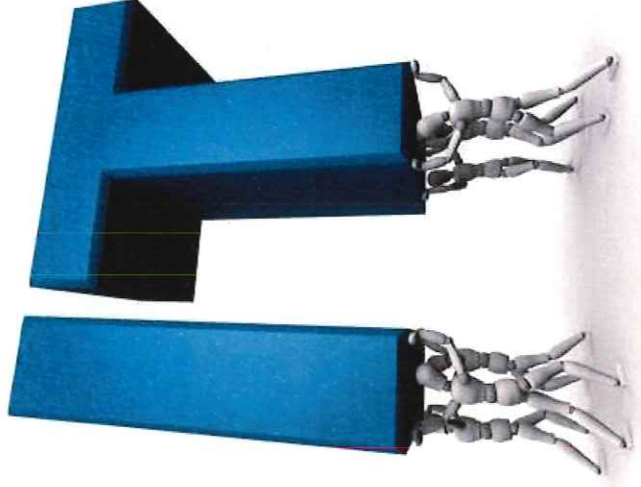


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| Total Cost \$3,440,000 | CBRM Cost \$3,440,000 |
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# IT/TECH Projects

IT upgrades are crucial for enhancing efficiency, security, and competitiveness. They enable businesses to use the latest technology, improve workflows, and protect against cyber threats, ensuring long-term success.

- 2025 IT/Tech Projects involve server upgrades



Project ID: IT-25-1

Total Cost \$250,000

CBRM Cost \$250,000



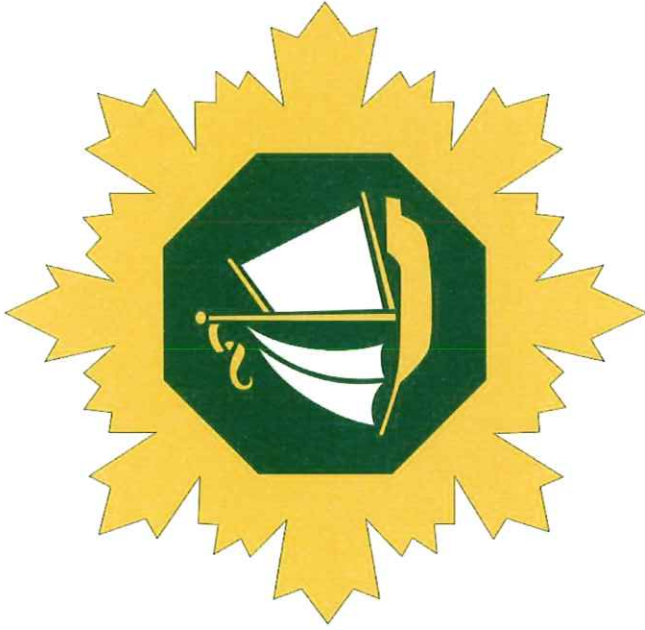
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# Capital Budget

[Required \(draft\) motions to approve:](#)

|                                              |              |
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| • Capital Budget for 2025-26                 | \$93,038,645 |
| • Approval of Temporary Borrowing Resolution | \$14,000,000 |
| • Transfer from Operating reserve            | \$ 833,000   |
| • Parks Community Initiatives                | \$583K       |
| • J-Class Road Contribution                  | \$150K       |
| • Building Efficiency Upgrades               | \$100K       |
| • Transfer from Capital Reserve              | \$ 873,000   |
| • Building upgrades                          | \$160K       |
| • C200                                       | \$713K       |





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**Budget Deliberations**  
2025-26 – Operating Fund



# Budget Highlights

## Proposed Operating Budget

- ▶ **Proposed Balanced Operating Budget \$187,850,713** (increase of 5.5%)
- ▶ 8 FTE's added to improve public safety and service delivery:
  - ▶ 3 – Training Division (Platoon Chief + 2 officers) (advance training and recruitment in fire service)
  - ▶ 2 – Property Maintenance Enforcement Officers (dedicated to DUP's for community safety)
  - ▶ 1 - Electrician (Traffic/pedestrian signal response)
  - ▶ 1 – Communications staff (support website redevelopment, communication initiatives, navigator for vulnerable persons)
  - ▶ 1 – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer (to ensure an equally diverse and inclusive public service)

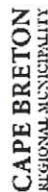


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# Budget Highlights

## Proposed Operating Budget

- ▶ Departmental realignment to improve communications and support to the public
  - ▶ 311 service now embedded in Communications department
  - ▶ 911 realigned with protective services (Police)
- 5 FTE's added to support internal service delivery
  - ▶ 1 – Staff sergeant added to Police (to improve management capacity to support 911 operations)
  - ▶ 1 – Accounts payable clerk (increase department productivity and capacity)
  - ▶ 1 – Billing and collections supervisor (coordinate and monitor billing and collection activities and provide direct staff support)
  - ▶ 1 – Human Resource Generalist (support overall HR activities and increase department capacity)
  - ▶ 1 – Human Resource Recruiter (increase capacity)
- ▶ Solid Waste Educator position absorbed into 311 section (-1 FTE)



# Budget Highlights

## Proposed Operating Budget

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) implementation effective Jan 1, 2026.
  - Reduction in collection and processing costs for recycled materials (estimated at \$750K in Year 1) funding solid waste capital needs in 2025-26 in lieu of borrowing
- Investments in critical equipment and software upgrades to support teams, and improve public safety and service delivery
  - e-Permitting Stationary cameras in downtown cores
  - e-Procurement TMR radios
  - Body-worn cameras



# Budget Highlights

## Proposed Operating Budget

- ▲ **No increases in tax rates**

- ▲ ▲ \$(.0075) decrease in hydrant rate



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# Budget Highlights

## Rate Summary

| 2025-26 (Draft - Includes changes to Hydrant) |                                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |                               |                                        |                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                               |                                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |                               |                                        |                                 |
| Locations                                     | Assessment Rate Code             | Base     |          |          | Hydrant  | Transit  | BIDC     | Rate for Provincial Education | Total Rate for Full area-rated Service | Total Rate for Unserviced areas |
| County                                        | Base Commercial Taxes (Dollars)  | \$4.0832 | \$0.0947 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$4.7846                      | \$4.4935                               |                                 |
| Sydney Mines                                  | Base Commercial Taxes (Dollars)  | \$4.0832 | \$0.1598 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$4.8497                      | \$4.5586                               |                                 |
| Dominion                                      | Base Commercial Taxes (Dollars)  | \$4.0832 | \$0.2362 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$4.9261                      | \$4.6350                               |                                 |
| New Waterford                                 | Base Commercial Taxes (Dollars)  | \$4.0832 | \$0.2494 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$4.9393                      | \$4.6482                               |                                 |
| Glace Bay                                     | Base Commercial Taxes (Dollars)  | \$4.0832 | \$0.2626 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$4.9525                      | \$4.6614                               |                                 |
| North Sydney                                  | Base Commercial Taxes (Dollars)  | \$4.0832 | \$0.2748 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 | \$0.1750 | \$0.3156 | \$5.1397                      | \$4.6736                               |                                 |
| Louisbourg                                    | Base Commercial Taxes (Dollars)  | \$4.0832 | \$0.2921 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$4.9820                      | \$4.6909                               |                                 |
| Sydney                                        | Base Commercial Taxes (Dollars)  | \$4.0832 | \$0.3834 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 | \$0.2000 | \$0.3156 | \$5.2733                      | \$4.7822                               |                                 |
| Sydney/Suburban                               | Base Commercial Taxes (Dollars)  | \$4.0832 | \$0.3834 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$5.0733                      | \$4.7822                               |                                 |
| County                                        | Base Residential Taxes (Dollars) | \$0.8931 | \$0.0947 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$1.5945                      | \$1.3034                               |                                 |
| Sydney Mines                                  | Base Residential Taxes (Dollars) | \$0.8931 | \$0.1598 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$1.6596                      | \$1.3685                               |                                 |
| Dominion                                      | Base Residential Taxes (Dollars) | \$0.8931 | \$0.2362 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$1.7360                      | \$1.4449                               |                                 |
| New Waterford                                 | Base Residential Taxes (Dollars) | \$0.8931 | \$0.2494 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$1.7492                      | \$1.4581                               |                                 |
| Glace Bay                                     | Base Residential Taxes (Dollars) | \$0.8931 | \$0.2626 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$1.7624                      | \$1.4713                               |                                 |
| North Sydney                                  | Base Residential Taxes (Dollars) | \$0.8931 | \$0.2748 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$1.7746                      | \$1.4835                               |                                 |
| Louisbourg                                    | Base Residential Taxes (Dollars) | \$0.8931 | \$0.2921 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1400 |          | \$0.3156 | \$1.7919                      | \$1.5008                               |                                 |
| Sydney                                        | Base Residential Taxes (Dollars) | \$0.8931 | \$0.4570 | \$0.1511 | \$0.1192 |          | \$0.3156 | \$1.9360                      | \$1.6657                               |                                 |



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# Proposed Operating Budget

## Budgeted Revenues

| Revenue Summary<br>2025-26    | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| TAXES                         | \$ 127,050,997                            | \$ 126,272,495                | \$ 133,148,232                | \$ 6,875,738                  | 5.4%                     |
| GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES       | \$ 10,528,717                             | \$ 10,452,600                 | \$ 10,835,122                 | \$ 382,522                    | 3.7%                     |
| PROV. TRANS OPERATING GRANT   | \$ 15,335,838                             | \$ 15,335,838                 | \$ 15,335,838                 | -                             | 0.0%                     |
| PROV. TRANS HST PAYMENT       | \$ 606,300                                | \$ 500,000                    | \$ 500,000                    | -                             | 0.0%                     |
| MUNICIPAL SERVICES FUNDING    | \$ 1,287,947                              | \$ 1,066,899                  | \$ 1,384,275                  | \$ 317,376                    | 29.7%                    |
| POLICE                        | \$ 482,000                                | \$ 500,000                    | \$ 500,000                    | -                             | 0.0%                     |
| TRANSIT                       | \$ 2,000,000                              | \$ 2,490,000                  | \$ 3,614,000                  | \$ 1,124,000                  | 45.1%                    |
| ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES        | \$ 3,355,000                              | \$ 3,155,000                  | \$ 4,125,000                  | \$ 970,000                    | 30.7%                    |
| BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT            | \$ 254,622                                | \$ 348,500                    | \$ 298,500                    | \$ (50,000)                   | -14.3%                   |
| PLANNING / DEVELOPMENT        | \$ 352,027                                | \$ 275,500                    | \$ 300,500                    | \$ 25,000                     | 9.1%                     |
| RECREATION & FACILITIES       | \$ 2,659,363                              | \$ 2,591,000                  | \$ 2,639,500                  | \$ 48,500                     | 1.9%                     |
| ADMINISTRATIVE                | \$ 1,662,884                              | \$ 1,550,000                  | \$ 1,550,000                  | -                             | 0.0%                     |
| BUILDING RENTALS              | \$ 501,589                                | \$ 508,277                    | \$ 519,777                    | \$ 11,500                     | 2.3%                     |
| WATER/WW UTILITY TRANSFER     | \$ 12,426,440                             | \$ 12,426,440                 | \$ 12,674,968                 | \$ 248,529                    | 2.0%                     |
| TRANSFER FROM RESERVES        | \$ 685,000                                | \$ 610,000                    | \$ 425,000                    | \$ (185,000)                  | -30.3%                   |
| DISASTER RECOVERY (DFAA)      | \$ 853,972                                | \$ -                          | \$ -                          | -                             |                          |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE</b> | <b>\$ 180,042,695</b>                     | <b>\$ 178,082,548</b>         | <b>\$ 187,850,713</b>         | <b>\$ 9,768,164</b>           | <b>5.5%</b>              |



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# Revenue Budget Highlights

## Taxes

### TAXES

|                             | Forecasted<br>Revenue | Annual<br>Budget   | Annual<br>Budget   | Budgeted<br>Increase<br>(Decrease) | %<br>Change |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
|                             | 2024-25               | 2024-25            | 2025-26            |                                    |             |
| Residential Taxes           | 85,408,936            | 85,408,939         | 90,419,090         | 5,010,152                          | 5.9%        |
| Commercial Taxes            | 34,523,294            | 34,523,294         | 36,023,343         | 1,500,050                          | 4.3%        |
| Based on special agreement  | 223,293               | 224,220            | 225,450            | 1,230                              | 0.5%        |
| Resource Property taxation  | 1,549,269             | 1,549,269          | 1,549,437          | 168                                | 0.0%        |
| Recreational Property Taxes | 22,388                | 22,388             | 24,495             | 2,108                              | 9.4%        |
| Forest Property             | 36,636                | 36,636             | 36,418             | (218)                              | -0.6%       |
| MTT Based on Special Calc.  | 393,518               | 407,751            | 370,000            | (37,751)                           | -9.3%       |
| Deed Transfer Tax           | 4,893,664             | 4,100,000          | 4,500,000          | 400,000                            | 9.8%        |
| <b>Total Taxes</b>          | <b>127,050,997</b>    | <b>126,272,495</b> | <b>133,148,232</b> | <b>6,875,738</b>                   | <b>5.4%</b> |

- ▶ Tax Revenues driven by assessment and tax rate changes including:
  - ▶ Increase in taxable residential assessment – 6.14% (CAP CPI increase 1.5%)
  - ▶ Decrease in taxable commercial assessment – (1.17)% however additional revenues generated due to increased assessment on tax exempt provincial properties in MASH sector.
  - ▶ Resource taxable assessment – flat
  - ▶ Deed transfer tax revenues adjusted to reflect historic actuals (\$400K increase)



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# Revenue Budget Highlights

## Grants in Lieu, Provincial Grants & Municipal Services Funding

| Revenue Summary<br>2025-26   | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES      | \$ 10,528,717                             | \$ 10,452,600                 | \$ 10,835,122                 | \$ 382,522                    | 3.7%                     |
| PROV. TRANS OPERATING GRANT  | \$ 15,335,838                             | \$ 15,335,838                 | \$ 15,335,838                 | -                             | 0.0%                     |
| PROV. TRANS HST OFFSET GRANT | \$ 606,300                                | \$ 500,000                    | \$ 500,000                    | -                             | 0.0%                     |
| MUNICIPAL SERVICES FUNDING   | \$ 1,287,947                              | \$ 1,066,899                  | \$ 1,384,275                  | \$ 317,376                    | 29.7%                    |

► **Grants in lieu of taxes - \$10,835,122 (increase - \$382,522)**

- Federal: \$ 4,510,996 increase - \$ 287,500
- Provincial: \$ 2,424,126 decrease - (\$ 36,148)
- NS Power: \$3,900,000 increase - \$ 131,230

► **Provincial Grants - No anticipated changes for 2025-26**

► **Municipal Services Funding - \$1,384,275**

- Fire protection (supported institutions) - increase due to higher assessment of NSCC (\$268K increase)
- 911 funding for EHS call processing - \$49K increase



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# Revenue Budget Highlights

## Fines & Fees for Service

| Revenue Summary<br>2025-26 | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| POLICE                     | \$ 482,000                                | \$ 500,000                    | \$ 500,000                    | \$ -                          | 0.0%                     |
| TRANSIT                    | \$ 2,000,000                              | \$ 2,490,000                  | \$ 3,614,000                  | \$ 1,124,000                  | 45.1%                    |
| ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES     | \$ 3,355,000                              | \$ 3,155,000                  | \$ 4,125,000                  | \$ 970,000                    | 30.7%                    |
| BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT         | \$ 254,622                                | \$ 348,500                    | \$ 298,500                    | \$ (50,000)                   | -14.3%                   |
| PLANNING / DEVELOPMENT     | \$ 352,027                                | \$ 275,500                    | \$ 300,500                    | \$ 25,000                     | 9.1%                     |
| RECREATION & FACILITIES    | \$ 2,659,363                              | \$ 2,591,000                  | \$ 2,639,500                  | \$ 48,500                     | 1.9%                     |

- ▶ Transit revenues increase to reflect transit partnership.
- ▶ Environmental Services increase due to EPR Recovery (\$750K); CPI
- ▶ Bylaw enforcement, planning, recreation & facilities revenue relatively unchanged.



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# Revenue Budget Highlights

## Administrative

| Revenue Summary<br>2025-26 | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE             | \$ 1,662,884                              | \$ 1,550,000                  | \$ 1,550,000                  | \$ -                          | 0.0%                     |
| BUILDING RENTALS           | \$ 501,589                                | \$ 508,277                    | \$ 519,777                    | \$ 11,500                     | 2.3%                     |
| WATER/WW UTILITY TRANSFER  | \$ 12,426,440                             | \$ 12,426,440                 | \$ 12,674,968                 | \$ 248,529                    | 2.0%                     |
| TRANSFER FROM RESERVES     | \$ 685,000                                | \$ 610,000                    | \$ 425,000                    | \$ (185,000)                  | -30.3%                   |
| DISASTER RECOVERY (DFAA)   | \$ 853,972                                | \$ -                          | \$ -                          | \$ -                          |                          |

- ▶ Building Rentals increase due to lease renewals
- ▶ Water/WW Utility Transfer increase tied to CPI/CUPE contracts
- ▶ Transfer from Trust
  - ▶ \$425,000 Housing Action Plan Initiatives (HAPI) (100% funded) (Planning)



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# Proposed Operating Budget

## Expenditures by Department

| Expenditure Summary<br>2025-26 |                                              |                               |                               |                               |             |        |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Department                     | Projected<br>Operating<br>Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease) | %<br>Change |        |
| ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS     |                                              |                               |                               |                               |             |        |
| PW Administration              | 4,772,062                                    | 4,802,847                     | 4,915,520                     | 112,673                       | 2.3%        | 2.3%   |
| Engineering                    | 763,048                                      | 810,862                       | 1,095,209                     | 284,347                       | 35.1%       | 35.1%  |
| PW Operations                  | 20,713,207                                   | 20,592,158                    | 21,345,561                    | 753,403                       | 3.7%        | 3.7%   |
| Solid Waste                    | 17,892,933                                   | 16,619,231                    | 17,309,927                    | 690,696                       | 4.2%        | 4.2%   |
| Fleet                          | 5,725,697                                    | 5,422,532                     | 6,239,651                     | 817,119                       | 15.1%       | 15.1%  |
| Transit                        | 9,543,526                                    | 10,074,526                    | 10,178,375                    | 103,849                       | 1.0%        | 1.0%   |
| Waste Water                    | -                                            | -                             | -                             | -                             | -           | -      |
|                                | \$ 59,410,473                                | \$ 58,322,156                 | \$ 61,084,243                 | \$ 2,762,087                  | 4.7%        | 4.7%   |
| PARKS & BUILDINGS              |                                              |                               |                               |                               |             |        |
| BUILDINGS & LIBRARIES          | 3,755,965                                    | 3,734,163                     | 3,937,806                     | 203,643                       | 5.5%        | 5.5%   |
| PARKS & GROUNDS                | 3,455,158                                    | 3,473,847                     | 3,610,306                     | 136,458                       | 3.9%        | 3.9%   |
| FACILITIES / ARENAS            | 5,069,064                                    | 4,581,687                     | 4,753,430                     | 171,742                       | 3.7%        | 3.7%   |
| RECREATION                     | 2,961,406                                    | 2,966,228                     | 3,053,686                     | 87,458                        | 2.9%        | 2.9%   |
| POLICE SERVICES                | 31,020,051                                   | 32,260,249                    | 33,981,702                    | 1,721,453                     | 5.3%        | 5.3%   |
| 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE      | 2,598,121                                    | 2,612,542                     | 2,132,590                     | (479,952)                     | -18.4%      | -18.4% |
| CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS          | 20,247,696                                   | 20,247,696                    | 28,804,187                    | 8,556,491                     | 42.3%       | 42.3%  |
| FISCAL SERVICES                | 13,061,551                                   | 13,049,457                    | 13,177,837                    | 128,380                       | 1.0%        | 1.0%   |
| FIRE SERVICES                  | 20,635,145                                   | 19,973,485                    | 14,255,649                    | (5,717,836)                   | -28.6%      | -28.6% |
| PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT         | 3,896,818                                    | 4,017,907                     | 4,495,883                     | 477,976                       | 11.9%       | 11.9%  |
| FINANCE                        | 3,337,238                                    | 3,482,574                     | 3,871,331                     | 388,757                       | 11.2%       | 11.2%  |
| CORPORATE INFORMATION SERVICES |                                              |                               |                               |                               |             |        |
| TECHNOLOGY                     | 1,761,749                                    | 1,820,668                     | 1,663,858                     | (156,810)                     | -8.6%       | -8.6%  |
| COMMUNICATIONS                 | -                                            | -                             | 1,003,786                     | 1,003,786                     | -           | -      |
| MUNICIPAL CLERK                | 918,733                                      | 886,802                       | 665,585                       | (221,217)                     | -24.9%      | -24.9% |
| ADMINISTRATION                 | 426,170                                      | 470,846                       | 481,627                       | 10,781                        | 2.3%        | 2.3%   |
| HUMAN RESOURCES / OH&S         | 1,460,101                                    | 1,544,312                     | 1,867,656                     | 323,345                       | 20.9%       | 20.9%  |
| LEGAL                          | 2,953,708                                    | 2,967,059                     | 3,309,483                     | 342,424                       | 11.5%       | 11.5%  |
| LEGISLATIVE                    | 1,565,054                                    | 1,670,870                     | 1,700,066                     | 29,197                        | 1.7%        | 1.7%   |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES             | \$ 178,534,201                               | \$ 178,082,548                | \$ 187,850,713                | \$ 9,768,165                  | 5.5%        | 5.5%   |



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# Proposed Operating Budget

## Expenditure by Type

| Expenditure Summary<br>2025-26              | Budget<br>2024-25     | Budget<br>2025-26     | Budget<br>Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| WAGES, BENEFITS, EMPLOYMENT RELATED COSTS   | \$ 82,636,138         | \$ 86,078,877         | \$ 3,442,739                     | 4.2%                     |
| CONTRACTS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES           | \$ 29,908,363         | \$ 31,460,260         | \$ 1,551,897                     | 5.2%                     |
| VEHICLE RELATED                             | \$ 8,410,165          | \$ 9,327,765          | \$ 917,600                       | 10.9%                    |
| STREET LIGHTS                               | \$ 2,637,500          | \$ 2,637,500          | \$ -                             | 0.0%                     |
| BUILDINGS                                   | \$ 4,732,972          | \$ 4,991,905          | \$ 258,933                       | 5.5%                     |
| OPERATIONAL MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT | \$ 9,383,873          | \$ 11,372,381         | \$ 1,988,508                     | 21.2%                    |
| DEBT SERVING AND RELATED COSTS              | \$ 13,049,457         | \$ 13,177,837         | \$ 128,380                       | 1.0%                     |
| MANDATED COSTS AND PROVINCIAL TRANSFERS     | \$ 27,324,081         | \$ 28,804,187         | \$ 1,480,107                     | 5.4%                     |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                   | <b>\$ 178,082,548</b> | <b>\$ 187,850,713</b> | <b>\$ 9,768,164</b>              | <b>5.5%</b>              |



# Expenditures by Department

## Engineering & Public Works

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### Expenditure Summary 2025-26

|                                       | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease) | %<br>Change |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>ENGINEERING &amp; PUBLIC WORKS</b> |                                           |                               |                               |                               |             |
| PW Administration                     | 4,772,062                                 | 4,802,847                     | 4,915,520                     | 112,673                       | 2.3%        |
| Engineering                           | 763,048                                   | 810,862                       | 1,095,209                     | 284,347                       | 35.1%       |
| PW Operations                         | 20,713,207                                | 20,592,158                    | 21,345,561                    | 753,403                       | 3.7%        |
| Solid Waste                           | 17,892,933                                | 16,619,231                    | 17,309,927                    | 690,696                       | 4.2%        |
| Fleet                                 | 5,725,697                                 | 5,422,532                     | 6,239,651                     | 817,119                       | 15.1%       |
| Transit                               | 9,543,526                                 | 10,074,526                    | 10,178,375                    | 103,849                       | 1.0%        |
|                                       | <b>\$ 59,410,473</b>                      | <b>\$ 58,322,156</b>          | <b>\$ 61,084,243</b>          | <b>\$ 2,762,087</b>           | <b>4.7%</b> |

▲ PW Administration: Increase due to provincial roads agreement, asset management s/w licensing \$51K

▲ Engineering: Road condition assessments, surveys, traffic counter and traffic/pedestrian reviews \$115K

▲ PW Operations: Increase due to recent tender pricing, fuel escalation provisions, plane and pave, equipment attachments \$634K, net of reduction in contracts and agreements for pedestrian/traffic signals due to addition of dedicated electrician (\$90K)

▲ Solid waste: Increase due to CPI/contract pricing, offset by changes in EPR effective January 1, 2026 - \$700K offset by completion of FTE transfer (311) (\$65K)

▲ Fleet: Increase in operating costs (repairs, maintenance) \$810K

▲ Transit: No significant changes

Remaining department variances due to contractual increases in wages/benefits and other minor adjustments/reallocations.



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# Expenditures by Department

## Parks, Buildings & Libraries, Facilities, & Recreation

| <b>Expenditure Summary</b>       |  | <b>Projected</b>         | <b>Approved</b> | <b>Proposed</b> | <b>Budget Increase</b> | <b>%</b>      |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>2025-26</b>                   |  | <b>Operating Results</b> | <b>Budget</b>   | <b>Budget</b>   | <b>(Decrease)</b>      | <b>Change</b> |
|                                  |  | <b>2024-25</b>           | <b>2024-25</b>  | <b>2025-26</b>  |                        |               |
| <b>PARKS &amp; BUILDINGS</b>     |  |                          |                 |                 |                        |               |
| <b>BUILDINGS &amp; LIBRARIES</b> |  | 3,755,965                | 3,734,163       | 3,937,806       | 203,643                | 5.5%          |
| <b>PARKS &amp; GROUNDS</b>       |  | 3,455,158                | 3,473,847       | 3,610,306       | 136,458                | 3.9%          |
| <b>FACILITIES / ARENAS</b>       |  | 5,069,064                | 4,581,687       | 4,753,430       | 171,742                | 3.7%          |
| <b>RECREATION</b>                |  | 2,961,406                | 2,966,228       | 3,053,686       | 87,458                 | 2.9%          |

Buildings: 1 FTE (Electrician) \$90K

Libraries: Negotiated increase in rent (Council approved) \$24K

Facilities/Arenas: Special event wages impacted by minimum wage increase  
General increases in utilities and required maintenance \$90K  
Centennial Arena removed

Parks: Decorative lighting repair \$44K

Recreation: Summer student wages impacted by minimum wage increase \$15K  
Cost of lifeguard contract, storage facility rent, and event costs increase \$39K

Remaining department variances due to contractual increases in wages/benefits and other minor adjustments/reallocations.



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# Expenditures by Department

## Police Services / 911 Communications

| Expenditure Summary<br>2025-26 |  | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease)<br>% | Change |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| POLICE SERVICES                |  | 31,020,051                                | 32,260,249                    | 33,981,702                    | 1,721,453                          | 5.3%   |
| 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE      |  | 2,598,121                                 | 2,612,542                     | 2,132,590                     | (479,952)                          | -18.4% |

### POLICE:

- ▶ Salaries and benefits (net of cost recoveries/partnership agreements) \$1M
    - ▶ Includes \$176K for 1 FTE to support operations of 911 Comms Centre
  - ▶ One-time increases for equipment upgrades, body-worn cameras, and stationary cameras for downtown cores \$413K
  - ▶ TMR radio lease (shared with fire services) \$158K
  - ▶ Major crime costs \$50K increase
  - ▶ Vehicle maintenance \$32K increase
- ### 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE
- ▶ One-time increases in repeater replacements \$60K
  - ▶ Repeater maintenance increase \$10K
  - ▶ Transfer of 311 costs to NEW Communications Dept (\$599K)

Remaining department variances due to contractual increases in wages/benefits and other minor adjustments/reallocations.

Police Budget  
approval  
scheduled for  
Board of Police  
Commissioners  
March 5, 2025



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# Expenditures by Department

## Conditional Transfers / Fiscal

|                                   | Projected<br>Operating<br>Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Requested<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS</b>      |                                              |                               |                                |                        |
| C.B./Victoria School Board        | \$ 17,942,799                                | \$ 17,942,800                 | \$ 19,378,692                  | \$ 1,435,893           |
| Regional Library                  | 703,800                                      | 703,800                       | 703,800                        | -                      |
| Property Assessment Cost          | 1,388,536                                    | 1,388,536                     | 1,416,307                      | 27,771                 |
| Water Supply/Hydrant Fee          |                                              |                               | 7,076,384                      | 7,076,384              |
| Business Improvement Commissions  | 212,561                                      | 212,561                       | 229,004                        | 16,443                 |
| <b>Requested Budget</b>           | <b>\$ 20,247,696</b>                         | <b>\$ 20,247,696</b>          | <b>\$ 28,804,187</b>           | <b>\$ 8,556,491</b>    |
| <b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>            |                                              |                               |                                |                        |
| Short Term Interest               | \$ 400,000                                   | \$ 400,000                    | \$ 400,000                     | -                      |
| Interest on Debt                  | 1,617,486                                    | 1,617,486                     | 1,794,276                      | 176,790                |
| Principal on Debt                 | 9,208,971                                    | 9,208,971                     | 8,395,561                      | (813,410)              |
| Amortization of bond discount     | 63,000                                       | 63,000                        | 63,000                         | -                      |
| Bank Charges                      | 82,094                                       | 70,000                        | 85,000                         | 15,000                 |
| Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes | 600,000                                      | 600,000                       | 600,000                        | -                      |
| Appropriation to Reserve/Capital  | 1,090,000                                    | 1,090,000                     | 1,840,000                      | 750,000                |
| <b>Requested Budget</b>           | <b>\$ 13,061,551</b>                         | <b>\$ 13,049,457</b>          | <b>\$ 13,177,837</b>           | <b>\$ 128,380</b>      |



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# Expenditures by Department

## Fire & Emergency Services

| Expenditure Summary |  | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease)<br>% |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2025-26             |  |                                           |                               |                               | Change                             |
| FIRE SERVICES       |  | 20,635,145                                | 19,973,485                    | 14,255,649                    | (5,717,836)<br>-28.6%              |

- ▶ Transfer of hydrant costs to fiscal (\$7.1M)
- ▶ True increase in operating costs - \$1,358,548
  - ▶ 3 FTE's added to NEW training division \$372K
  - ▶ TMR leasing costs (shared with Police) and maintenance facility lease \$164K
  - ▶ Fuel and fleet maintenance increase \$202K
  - ▶ Operational equipment cost increases \$85K
  - ▶ One-time cost of HAZMAT equipment replacement \$75K
  - ▶ TMR radio license budget reinstatement \$72K

Remaining department variances due to contractual increases in wages/benefits and other minor adjustments/reallocations.



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# Expenditures by Department

## Planning & Development

| Expenditure Summary               |  | Projected<br>Operating<br>Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease) %<br>Change |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>2025-26</b>                    |  |                                              |                               |                               |                                           |
| <b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b> |  | <b>3,896,818</b>                             | <b>4,017,907</b>              | <b>4,495,883</b>              | <b>477,976 11.9%</b>                      |

- ▶ Housing Action Plan Initiative \$425K (offset by reserve transfer) - \$115K increase
- ▶ 2 FTE – Property Maintenance Enforcement Officers \$148K
- ▶ Reinstate bi-annual Pictometry contract for 2025-26 \$75K
- ▶ Additional costs for increased compliment \$47K (training, tech, uniforms, office)

Remaining department variances due to contractual increases in wages/benefits and other minor adjustments/reallocations.



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# Economic Development

## 2025-26 Grants to Organizations

|                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Economic Development Funding (REN)  | \$300,000               |
| Destination Cape Breton Association | \$ 80,000               |
| Savoy Theatre                       | <u>\$ 75,000</u>        |
| Total Grants to Organizations       | <u><u>\$455,000</u></u> |

No changes to grants from 2024-25.



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## Finance

| Expenditure Summary<br>2025-26 | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease) | %<br>Change |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| FINANCE                        | 3,337,238                                 | 3,482,574                     | 3,871,331                     | 388,757                       | 11.2%       |

- ▶ Addition of 2 FTE's \$193K
- ▶ Postage increases \$39K (25%)
- ▶ One-time increase for insurance RFP evaluator \$23K
- ▶ CPI increase in contracts and agreements and SAP licenses \$20K
- ▶ e-Procurement solution \$15K

Remaining department variances due to contractual increases in wages/benefits and other minor adjustments/reallocations.



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## Corporate Information Services

| <b>Expenditure Summary</b>            |  | <b>Projected<br/>Operating Results<br/>2024-25</b> | <b>Approved<br/>Budget<br/>2024-25</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>Budget<br/>2025-26</b> | <b>Budget Increase<br/>(Decrease)</b> | <b>%<br/>Change</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2025-26</b>                        |  |                                                    |                                        |                                        |                                       |                     |
| <b>CORPORATE INFORMATION SERVICES</b> |  |                                                    |                                        |                                        |                                       |                     |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY</b>                     |  |                                                    |                                        |                                        |                                       |                     |
| <b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>                 |  |                                                    |                                        |                                        |                                       |                     |
|                                       |  | 1,761,749                                          | 1,820,668                              | 1,663,858                              | (156,810)                             | -8.6%               |
|                                       |  | -                                                  | -                                      | 1,003,786                              | 1,003,786                             |                     |

### TECHNOLOGY

- ▶ Management realignment \$(210K)
- ▶ Transfer Communications staff and related operating expenses to NEW Communications Dept (\$285K)
- ▶ Migration to Office 365 & associated licenses (police) \$208K
- ▶ Increase in contracts/agreements for CPI, Document management plan/design and project support (temporary) \$124K

### COMMUNICATIONS

- ▶ Transfer of existing Communications/311 staff from Technology and 911 \$806K
- ▶ 1 FTE – Junior Communications Officer/Vulnerable persons navigator \$100K
- ▶ Transfer other operating expenses from Technology and 911 \$86K

Remaining department variances due to contractual increases in wages/benefits and other minor adjustments/reallocations.



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# Expenditures by Department

## Municipal Clerk

## Administration

| Expenditure Summary<br>2025-26 | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease)<br>Change | %<br>Change |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| MUNICIPAL CLERK                | 918,733                                   | 886,802                       | 665,585                       | (221,217)                               | -24.9%      |
| ADMINISTRATION                 | 426,170                                   | 470,846                       | 481,627                       | 10,781                                  | 2.3%        |

### Municipal Clerk

- ▶ Reset election reserve transfer post-election (\$270K)

Remaining department variances due to contractual increases in wages/benefits and other minor adjustments/reallocations.

### Administration

- ▶ Increase solely related to contractual increases in salaries and benefits



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# Expenditures by Department

## Human Resources/OHS

| <b>Expenditure Summary</b>        | <b>Projected<br/>Operating Results<br/>2024-25</b> | <b>Approved<br/>Budget<br/>2024-25</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>Budget<br/>2025-26</b> | <b>Budget Increase<br/>(Decrease)<br/>%</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>2025-26</b>                    |                                                    |                                        |                                        |                                             |               |
| <b>HUMAN RESOURCES / OH&amp;S</b> | <b>1,460,101</b>                                   | <b>1,544,312</b>                       | <b>1,867,656</b>                       | <b>323,345</b>                              | <b>20.9%</b>  |

- ▶ 3 FTE's \$290K (Generalist, Recruiter, DEI Officer)

Remaining department variances due to contractual increases in wages/benefits and other minor adjustments/reallocations.



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# Expenditures by Department

## Legal Legislative

| Expenditure Summary<br>2025-26 |  | Projected<br>Operating Results<br>2024-25 | Approved<br>Budget<br>2024-25 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>2025-26 | Budget Increase<br>(Decrease) Change<br>% |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| LEGAL                          |  | 2,953,708                                 | 2,967,059                     | 3,309,483                     | 342,424 11.5%                             |
| LEGISLATIVE                    |  | 1,565,054                                 | 1,670,870                     | 1,700,066                     | 29,197 1.7%                               |

- ▲ Legal: Estimated increase in corporate insurance policy \$290K  
Reinstate pre-2024-25 professional services budget \$25K
- ▲ Legislative: Contractual increases in salaries and benefits as well as  
minor budget adjustments/reallocations between accounts.



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# Operating Budget

## Required (draft) motions to approve:

- ▲ Operating Budget for 2025-26 of \$187,850,713 and associated tax rates as presented.

