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Issue Paper

TO: *Mayor and Council*

December 12, 2023

RE: Municipal Capital Growth Fund – Project Application

Introduction

The Municipal Capital Growth Program (MCGP) provides investments for capital municipal infrastructure to service Nova Scotia’s growing population, while supporting provincial priority areas.

Funding

The Municipal Capital Growth Program may fund up to 50% of eligible costs for each project. The applicant must demonstrate ability to fund the remaining balance of the project through municipal and/or other sources. The total funding for the Province is \$32,000,000 and projects must be completed by March 31, 2026.

Eligible Recipients

This program is available to Nova Scotia towns, and municipalities. Village applications require confirmed support by the Municipality. The amount of funding available for distribution is limited and subject to budget availability. Funding priority will be given to applications that help communities address critical capacity issues, expand their services, build more accessible and adaptable communities, and restore contaminated land to allow for future development.

Eligible Projects

Eligible project categories include:

1. Water and Wastewater;
2. Accessibility;
3. Brownfield Redevelopment;
4. Climate Change Adaptation.

Proposed Projects

Based on the Eligible Project Criteria, and CBRM Mayor and Council Approved project lists, the following prioritized list of projects has been developed. Project funding details are attached.

- 1) City Hall Emergency Backup Power Supply – The project involves replacement of the existing UPS Generator at City Hall, which is at end of life. City Hall is our Primary Emergency Command Center location for EMO operations.
- 2) Various Underground Infrastructure Projects Across CBRM – Based on current Underground Infrastructure requirements, several projects have been included covering Infrastructure Rehabilitation/Replacement projects across CBRM. These projects include watermain rehabilitations, Inflow and Infiltration Stormwater Separation, culvert replacements, where required.
 - a. Main Street (Sydney Mines)
 - b. Bay Street (Whitney Pier)
 - c. Pleasant Street (Dominion)
 - d. Vale Street (North Sydney)
 - e. Cross Country Sewer King Street (New Waterford)
- 3) Hickman&Rosewood Infiltration and Inflow, Box Culvert Upgrades (Glace Bay) - This project has been recommended as part of the Renwick Brook Flood Mitigation and Mapping Study.
- 4) Cromerty, South Bentinck, and Shandwick Inflow and Infiltration (Sydney) – This project has been recommended as part of the Rotary Drive Infiltration and Inflow Study, aimed at reducing Inflow and Infiltration into sanitary sewer, and rehabilitating a section of stormsewer to reduce combined sewer overflows.
- 5) Active Transportation Projects – Following recent Active Transportation approved project lists, the next projects for completion include the remaining section of Rotary Drive (Sydney) and Memorial Drive (North Sydney). In addition, five (5) bus shelter replacements are planned on existing Transit Routes.
- 6) George D. Lewis Brownfield Redevelopment – Former George D. Lewis School requires demolition, which will provide an opportunity to be developed as a Brownfield Redevelopment (3.74 Acres) in the former Town of Louisbourg. The redeveloped site will be prepared for residential redevelopment and the current zoning meets the needs for many uses including high density residential development.

The project funding is provided on the attached table. The project estimates are as follows, and will be included in CBRM Capital Budget Deliberations:

Total Project Costs (2024-2026) -	\$11,900,000
Provincial Funding (50%) -	\$5,950,000
CBRM -	\$3,100,000
WaterWastewater -	\$2,850,000

Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

“CBRM Mayor and Council approve the application to the Municipal Capital Growth Fund (MCGF), for the above identified projects as presented. “

Respectfully submitted:

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Municipal Capital Growth Program

Priority Project Title Eligible Category Capital Cost Estimate Provincial Funding CBRM Funding Water Utility/Other Funding Notes

1	City Hall Emergency Backup Power Supply	CCA	\$ 1,350,000.00	\$ 675,000.00	\$ 675,000.00	\$ -	
2	a. Main Street (Sydney Mines) Watermain Replacement	WW	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	
	b. Bay Street (Whitney Pier) Watermain/Culvert/I&I	WW	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 650,000.00	
	c. Pleasant Street (Dominion), Watermain Replacement	WW	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	
	d. Vale Street (North Sydney) Watermain Replacement	WW	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	
	e. Cross Country Sewer King Street (New Waterford)	WW	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ -	\$ 325,000.00	
3	Hickman & Rosewood I&I, Box Culvert Upgrades (Glace Bay)	WW/CCA	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
4	Cromerty, South Bentinck, and Shandwick I&I (Sydney)	WW	\$ 1,750,000.00	\$ 875,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 675,000.00	
5	Active Transportation Projects	ACC	\$ 830,000.00	\$ 415,000.00	\$ 415,000.00	\$ -	
6	George D. Lewis Demolition and Redevelopment	BR	\$ 820,000.00	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 410,000.00	\$ -	
			\$ 11,900,000.00	\$ 5,950,000.00	\$ 3,100,000.00	\$ 2,850,000.00	

CCA - Climate Change Adaptation

WW - Water and Wastewater

BR - Brownfield Redevelopment

ACC - Accessibility