



**Date:** July 26, 2023  
**To:** Municipal Council  
**cc:** Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Deputy Warden Perry, Corporate and Residential Services Committee Chairperson  
**RE:** Corporate & Residential Services Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting on July 18, 2023 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

**1. SUSTAINABLE SERVICES GROWTH FUND - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

The Municipality of East Hants received a letter from the NS Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated March 31, 2023 indicating the Province of Nova Scotia approved a grant of \$1,123,778 to support infrastructure investment under the new Sustainable Services Growth Fund.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that approve the use and allocation of the \$1,123,778 SSGF Grant toward the follow projects as follows:*

Project	\$ Amount
Industrial Park Lift Station	\$821,910
Waste Management Loader	\$149,000
Waste Management Centre Household Waste Receiving Expansion	\$15,000
Lantz Secondary Planning Strategy	\$130,000
Waste Management Centre Green Bin Storage Structure	\$11,000
Shubenacadie Parking Capacity Project	\$50,000

As Chair of the Committee, I so move...

**2. HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND (HAF)**

The Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) provides incentive funding to local governments to encourage local initiatives that remove barriers to housing supply, accelerate the growth of supply and support the development of complete, low-carbon and climate-resilient communities which are affordable, inclusive, equitable and diverse.

Staff presented a draft application to the committee and the committee approved the motion below. However, Staff have since received feedback from the HAF Fund Navigator at the NS Federation of Municipalities on our draft application. It was indicated that the application would not score well based on the initiatives included. As a result, Staff have amended the application to include initiatives that more closely follow the funding guidelines. As a result, Staff are recommending that the amended application be approved using the suggested motion below.

**Original motion approved at CRS Committee**

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council direct the CAO to submit a Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan that includes the initiatives as generally outlined in Appendix C of this report, along with all additional required documentation to the Canada Mortgage*

*and Housing Corporation as the Municipality's application under the Housing Accelerator Fund program; and authorize the CAO to enter into any contribution agreement or amending agreements that may be required should East Hants be approved for funding under the program.*

#### **Suggested Motion**

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council directs the CAO to submit a Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan that includes the initiatives as generally outlined in HAF Supplemental Report posted with the Council agenda, along with all additional required documentation to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as the Municipality's application under the Housing Accelerator Fund program; and authorize the CAO to enter into any contribution agreement or amending agreements that may be required should East Hants be approved for funding under the program.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move...

#### **3. 2022/2023 ANNUAL REPORT (INCLUDING TREASURER'S REPORT & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)**

The CAO presented the 2022/2023 Annual Report and Treasurer's Report. Committee had their questions answered by staff.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council accept the 2022/2023 Annual Report (including Treasurer's Report & Consolidated Financial Statements) and put it on file.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move...

#### **4. CONSTRUCTION ISSUES - HIGHWAY 2, ENFIELD**

Councillor Garden-Cole brought forward concerns from community residents regarding the road construction on the provincial Highway 2 in Enfield.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council direct staff to contact NS Department of Public Works regarding the status of the construction on Highway 2 in Enfield.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move...

#### **5. CONTRACTUAL ISSUE - ROAD GAP PROJECT II**

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council approve an additional \$72,000 to project 22-023 "Road Gap Project II", to be funded from the Contingency Reserve, and to approve an Allocation of \$42,085 to the Rural Fire Capital Fund from the Contingency Reserve, and also to allocate an amount of \$67,702 to the Mount Uniacke Recreation Fund from the Contingency Reserve.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move...

*As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.*