



Subject: *GRID Funding Application October 2025*
To: Executive Committee
Date Prepared: August 2025
Related Motions: N/A
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Summary

The province has opened the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development (GRID) funding program for application submissions, which provides up to 50% funding for a project that is to be completed by March 31, 2027. Eligible projects are within the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater infrastructure categories, and this program allows funding to be stacked with other funding programs for the same project.

The application deadline is October 7, 2025, with a stated award date for successful applications within 6 to 8 weeks of that date. There is also a criterion where a Municipal unit is not eligible for GRID funding for more than one project at a time. East Hants currently has an active project that was awarded GRID funding on February 20, 2025, the “Backwash Storage - Shubenacadie Water Treatment Plant”, which is scheduled to start construction the week of September 8, and has an estimated completion date of October 31, 2025. It is unknown whether the province will consider a new application from East Hants due to this anticipated timeline overlap of the application deadline and current project completion, however where the project is slated to be completed prior to the anticipated award timeline, there is still merit in applying.

Staff are recommending to submit the “Road Drainage Upgrades - Tyler St, Lacy Anne Ave” (Project 24-017) for GRID consideration. The project is being awarded in September, and will be completed after the application deadline.

Financial Impact Statement

Up to 50% funding

Updated Project Cost projection \$150,000 GRID Funding request; \$75,000

Recommendation

To endorse a GRID funding application to the province in support of the “Road Drainage Upgrades - Tyler St, Lacy Anne Ave”

Recommended Motion

Move that the Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommend that Council endorse the “Road Drainage Upgrades - Tyler St, Lacy Anne Ave”, capital project 24-017, as the Municipality’s priority project submission to the Provincial Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development (GRID) funding program, October 2025.