



# Capital Budget 2026/2027 to 2030/2031





## Capital Budget

- 5 Year Capital Budget
  - Capital Investment Plan for Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)
- Projects proposed for 2026/2027 - 2030/2031 may include:
  - projects approved in prior years that are expected to continue beyond March 31 2026;
  - projects approved for further study in prior years that have not yet been actioned, but are still proposed for study on a go forward basis;
  - new projects proposed to Council for **approval** to commence in any of the years 2026/2027 through 2028/2029;
  - new projects proposed to Council for **approval for further study** to commence in any of the years 2026/2027 through 2030/2031.

# Capital Budget

- Source of Funding
  - Operations
  - Reserves
  - Debenture
  - External agency
- Reserves
  - General capital reserves (funded through revenue each year)
  - Special reserves (monies set aside for a specific purpose)
  - Open space reserves (money set aside from the Open Space Management fees);
  - Infrastructure reserves (trunk sewer and water fees)
  - Depreciation reserves (Water Utility).
- As projects progress through their timelines, alternate sources of funding may become available in lieu of reserve or debenture financing
  - Motion authorizes alternatives
  - **No staff authority to increase debenture amounts**

## Reserves at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

<b>Obligatory</b>	<b>\$3.2 Million</b>
<b>Water Utility</b>	<b>\$3.3 Million</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>\$9.2 Million</b>
<b>Operating</b>	<b>\$36 Million</b>



# Capital Project Report 2026/2027 - 2030/2031

**Project # 26-007**

Project Name <b>Belnan Playground</b>		District <b>2-Elmsdale/Belnan</b>	Department <b>Park/Rec/Cult</b>	Project Manager <b>Manager of Parks &amp; Buildings</b>
Asset Category/Life Expectancy <b>Land Improvements - 20 years</b>		Initial Approval (in 2025/2026 or prior years) in Fiscal Year		Estimated Completion Date (MMM YYYY) <b>Dec 2026</b>
Asset Class Description / # <b>LandImprov-Rec/OpenSpace / C032</b>		Work Order #		

	Prev Years	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
<b>Annual Gross Expenditures</b>						
Previously Approved						
Previously Approved						
Approval Sought		150,000				
Approval Sought for Further Study (F/S)						
<b>Gross Capital Budget</b>	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Estimated Spending by Year</b>	\$ 150,000		150,000			
	\$ -					
<b>Sources of Funding</b>						
Reserve-Open Space	\$ 100,000		100,000			
Reserve-Special	\$ 50,000		50,000			
	\$ -					
	\$ -					
<b>Total Funding</b>	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Budget - Funded by Debt</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

1. Project Summary

Replacement of a pre-existing play structure on Belnan Avenue. The playground components will include a swing bay, one toddler swing and one belt swing. There will also be site grading and tree removal as part of the project.

2. Project Objectives/Deliverables

- Facilitate and advocate for the creation of community infrastructure and opportunities/services that lead to a healthy, active and engaged community for all.
  
- By constructing new parks, including playgrounds or upgrading the existing parks and playgrounds, the Municipality is making an investment in growing communities. These parks and playgrounds will provide opportunity for the residents of East Hants to lead a healthy, active and engaged lifestyles.

3. Which East Hants Key Strategy does this project align?

Strong  
Community

4. Is this project mandated by regulatory authorities?

No

5. *(For East Hants Water Utility projects only)* Was this project included in the last Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board rate review?

N/A



## Capital Budget – New Projects Seeking \$ in 2026/2027 & Future Years

Page #	Project #	Project Name	Approval Sought 2026/2027	Funding
<b>ECONOMIC &amp; BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT</b>				
20	26-001	Development - Business Parks	40,000	Special Reserves
21	26-002	Mt. Uniacke Business Park - Buybacks	150,000	Special Reserves
22	26-003	Elmsdale Business Park - Buybacks	300,000	Special Reserves
<b>FINANCE</b>				
24	26-004	Streetlights - Urban Service Rate	10,000	Special Reserves
25	26-005	Streetlights - Other	10,000	Special Reserves
<b>PARKS, RECREATION &amp; CULTURE</b>				
43	26-007	Belnan Playground	150,000	Open Space/Special Reserves
44	26-008	Shubenacadie River Park Interpretive Panels	40,000	Special Reserves/External Funding
45	26-009	Sportsplex - Light Replacement	500,000	Debenture
46	26-010	Sportsplex - Score Clock Replacement	235,000	Special Reserves
47	26-011	Sportsplex - Street Screen Replacement	60,000	Special Reserves
48	26-012	East Hants Aquatic Centre - Back Stairs Enclosure	50,000	Special Reserves
49	26-013	East Hants Aquatic Centre - Splash Pad Alterations	50,000	Special Reserves
51	26-015	Sportsplex - Keith Miller Arena Rink Improvements	60,000	Special Reserves

## Capital Budget – New Projects Seeking \$ in 2026/2027 & Future Years (Cont'd)

Page #	Project #	Project Name	Approval Sought 2026/2027	Approval Sought 2027/2028	Funding
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
56	26-016	Park Road Cross Culvert Replacement	25,000	-	Special Reserves
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE</b>					
61	26-017	Public Drop Off Bins - Waste Management Centre	20,000	-	Special Reserves
62	26-018	Thermal Cameras - Waste Transfer Station	15,000	-	Special Reserves
63	26-019	Storage Container - Waste Management Centre	10,000	-	Special Reserves
64	26-020	Road & Ditching Renewal - Waste Management Centre	110,000	-	Special Reserves
<b>WASTEWATER SYSTEMS</b>					
73	26-021	Temperature Control - Shubenacadie WWTP	58,000	-	Special Reserves
74	26-022	Pipe Monitoring Equipment - Flow Loggers	20,000	-	Special Reserves
75	26-023	Mill Lift Station - Panel Replacement	46,500	-	Special Reserves
76	26-024	Pump Upgrade - Multiple Lift Stations	170,000	-	Special Reserves
77	26-025	Curly's Lift Station - Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	41,600	-	Special Reserves
94	26-031	Burgess Road Lift Station Back-Up Power	-	150,000	Special Reserves

## Capital Budget – New Projects for Approval Sought/Further Study

Page #	Project #	Project Name	Approval Sought 2026/2027	Further Study	Funding
<b>PARKS, RECREATION &amp; CULTURE</b>					
42	26-006	Burntcoat Lighthouse Relocation	250,000	400,000	Special Res./CCBF/External Funding
50	26-014	Emergency Notification System - Lloyd E. Matheson Centre	-	100,000	Debenture
101	26-032	East Hants Aquatic Centre - LED Information Sign	-	75,000	Debenture
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
86	26-028	Municipal Road Cross Culvert Replacements	-	175,000	Debenture
105	26-033	Hwy 214 Sidewalk Replacement & Active Transportation	-	250,000	Debenture
114	26-035	Crosswalk - Milford Recreation Association Site	-	120,000	Special Reserves
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE</b>					
88	26-029	Utility Tractor - Waste Management Centre	-	90,000	Debenture
<b>WASTEWATER SYSTEMS</b>					
93	26-030	Access Road - Milford Wastewater System	-	1,000,000	Debenture
117	26-036	Truck Replacement - Wastewater #143	-	80,000	Debenture
127	26-037	Truck Replacement - Wastewater #141	-	80,000	Debenture
<b>EAST HANTS WATER UTILITY</b>					
81	26-026	Water Meter Replacement - New Meters	55,000	220,000	Capital from Operations
82	26-027	Hydrants	60,000	240,000	Depreciation Reserves
108	26-034	Engineered Spring Back-Up Power	-	200,000	Depreciation Reserves

## Capital Budget – Existing Projects Seeking New \$

Page #	Project #	Project Name	Approval Sought 2026/2027	Funding
<b>CAO'S OFFICE</b>				
14	21-001	Office Space Reconfiguration - Lloyd E. Matheson Centre	40,000	Special Reserves
<b>PARKS, RECREATION &amp; CULTURE</b>				
28	23-020	Truck Replacement - Parks, Recreation & Culture	60,000	Special Reserves
30	24-014	Lakelands Regional Park	725,000	Spec. Reserves/Open Space/HAF
39	25-015	Sportsplex - Security	171,000	Special Reserves
<b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>				
52	18-018	Scanner/Plotter Replacement	1,500	Special Reserves
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE</b>				
57	14-016	Scale Replacement - Waste Management Centre	130,000	Special Reserves
59	25-017	Construction & Demolition Landfill Cell	635,000	Debenture
<b>EAST HANTS WATER UTILITY</b>				
79	24-031	Water Tower Renewal - Shubenacadie	100,000	Depreciation Reserves
80	25-028	Water Tower Mixers - Elmsdale & Shubenacadie	20,000	Depreciation Reserves

## Capital Budget – Increased Further Study Amounts

Page #	Project #	Project Name	Current Budget Further Study	Prior Budget Further Study	Increase	Funding
<b>PARKS, RECREATION &amp; CULTURE</b>						
85	25-025	Sportsplex - Floor Replacement	500,000	300,000	200,000	Debenture
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>						
112	18-010	Sidewalks - Milford Lions Club	225,000	165,000	60,000	Special Reserves



Questions?

Move to recommend to Council that the five-year Capital Budget for the fiscal years 2026/2027 to 2030/2031 as presented, be approved and adopted effective April 1st, 2026. Administration is given approval to proceed with the previously approved capital projects and those in the “Approval Sought” sections, subject to any conditions limiting such projects in previous motions of Council or in policies of Council. Should time permit, staff are authorized to embark on projects in this Capital Budget that require long-term pre-planning prior to April 1st, 2026. Projects “Approved for Further Study” are approved in principle only; amounts identified as “Approved for Further Study” cannot be expended prior to presentation of a full report to Council for consideration or approval through a future capital budget process. Where time permits, staff are given approval to proceed with “Approval Sought” projects from 2027/2028 prior to April 1st, 2027;

And that, any projects approved in the 2025/2026 Capital Budget not reflected as carried forward to the 2026/2027 Capital Budget, but that are substantially committed at March 31st, 2026, shall be carried forward to 2026/2027, based on the remaining budget at March 31st, 2026;

And that, this five-year estimate of capital spending form the Capital Investment Plan (CIP) as required by the Federal and Provincial government funding agreements;

And that, the Water Utility sections of this budget are permitted to stand alone as the East Hants Water Utility Capital Budget as required by the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board (NSRAB);

And that, staff be given authority to alter the source(s) of funding where necessary, but in no case shall the amounts to be debentured increase without prior approval of Council;

And that, Council seek Ministerial approval for a temporary borrowing resolution (TBR) for any amounts in this Capital Budget under the “Debenture/Debt” category of funding;

And that, pre-approval to borrow amounts in this Capital Budget under the “Debenture/Debt” category<sup>82</sup> of funding for a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years at a rate not to exceed 6.5%.