



Subject: *Shubenacadie Water Treatment Plant GUDI Budget*
To: Executive Committee
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Related Motions: C25(377)
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Summary

In November 2025, Staff presented a report requesting approval of \$25,000 to complete a Step 2 GUDI study for the most recent production well installed for the Shubenacadie Water Treatment Plant. The recommended motion was passed with funding sourced through the Housing Accelerator Fund. The budget estimate at that time was based on a comparable study completed for the previous well that had been installed in 2019.

Staff have since gone to market for the completion of the study, with market results varying greatly. The lowest compliant bid has come in at \$33,685, not including HST, which requires an additional budget approval of \$8,685 to award the study.

The unexpected variation in bids is related to new requirements for environmental data to be captured within 10 kilometers of the Water Treatment Plant. Not all bidders would have the same cost ability to collect that data, versus previous studies being approved to leverage data from the Halifax Airport, which put all bids comparable for that portion of the work and kept the pricing of the studies lower.

Financial Impact Statement

Original budget was set at \$25,000

Updated budget is being recommended to be \$35,000

Recommendation

Recommending to approve an additional \$10,000 to complete the Shubenacadie Water Treatment Plant PW2024 GUDI Step 2 Study, to also be funded through the Housing Accelerator Fund.

Recommended Motion

Move that the Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommend that Council approve an additional \$10,000 for the completion of GUDI Step 2 Study of the new well at the Shubenacadie Water Treatment Plant, to be funded from the Housing Accelerator Fund.