



REQUEST FOR A DECISION

City Council Meeting – December 13, 2021

To: Her Worship Mayor Rogers and Members of City Council
From: Alicia Keating, Assistant Director – Corporate Services/City Treasurer
Date: November 22, 2021
Title: Admin Report – Revised 2019 – 2023 Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan

ISSUE:

The Federal Government recently announced additional top-up funding for the former Gas Tax Funding (renamed to the Canada Community Building Fund) in the amount of \$4,095,905 for the City of Fredericton. This requires an update to the five-year capital plan for this stream of funding.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

A. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted by City Council: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the document entitled Fredericton Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for GTF Administrative Agreement 2019-2023 be adopted.

B. Other options: Council can provide other direction to staff. The Capital Investment Plan can be amended at any time should the intended expenditures change.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

Council adopted the first 2019-2023 Five-Year Capital Plan on March 25, 2019 in the amount of \$20,937,708. Per the Water & Sewer Long Term Financial Plan, the full allotment was allocated to water & sewer infrastructure renewal.

Shortly thereafter, the Federal Government announced a top-up in the amount of \$4,188,796 and a revised five-year capital plan was adopted by Council on August 12, 2019. This included an allocation of the \$4.2 million to disaster mitigation.

The new announcement of an additional allocation of \$4,095,905 brings the total allocation of the program to \$29,222,409 for the City's share.

To-date, \$12,293,133 has been spent on water and sewer infrastructure and \$136,002 on disaster mitigation through this the Gas Tax funding agreement. The recommendation is that the remaining funds be allocated to Water & Sewer infrastructure renewal. Changes to this plan to reallocate funding to other projects can be made at any time should new funding streams become available or priorities change.

FINANCIAL: This allows the City to investment more in water and sewer infrastructure renewal which in turns reduces the requirement to increase rates in order to fund renewal required to reduce the infrastructure deficit.

LEGAL: The Department/Division has determined that there are no legal considerations associated with this matter. The **Office of the City Solicitor** was not specifically consulted with respect to this administrative report.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Department/Division has determined that there is no communication considerations associated with this matter. Neither Corporate nor Strategic Communications was consulted with respect to this administrative report.

SPOKESPERSON:

Alicia Keating, Michael Baldwin

Prepared by: Alicia Keating, Assistant Director – Corporate Services/City Treasurer

Approved by: Michael Baldwin, Director – Corporate Services

/Attachments:

- COF Capital Investment Plan Revised Dec 2021
- COF – Five Year Capital Budget Summary 2019-2023 – Revised Dec 2021
- Fredericton 2021-08-09 – 2020/2021 Top Up

APPENDIX A – ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND WORDING

Note: Remove/Delete this section before submitting.

GLOSSARY OF TITLES:

Issue	What is the ask?
Recommendation(s)	Council's requested action.
Background & Discussion	Why and where did this issue come from? What is going to happen?

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

IMPACT ON FUTURE BUDGET:

What are the long-term funding implications of this issue on capital and/or operational expenses (medium and long term), as well as any future financial risk or burden? Is the recommendation consistent with the City's commitment to ensure sustainable infrastructure and service provision?

Note: Our commitment to sustainable infrastructure and services is set out in Policy No. COR-POL-060, *Capital Prioritization & Investment* and Policy No. COR-POL-061, *Debt Affordability & Management*.

If the Department/Division independently determines that there are no financial considerations without consulting the City Treasurer, then the author must insert the following wording in this section of their report:

*The Department/Division has determined that there are no financial considerations associated with this matter. The **City Treasurer** was not specifically consulted with respect to this administrative report.*

LEGAL CONSIDERATION:

If the Department/Division independently determines that there are no legal considerations without consulting the Office of the City Solicitor, then the author must insert the following wording in this section of their report:

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COMMUNICATION:

If you are making changes to existing programs and/or services that will affect the public or staff, or introducing new ones, input should be sought from communications staff.

Depending on the nature of the matter, communications support may be needed in advance. Communications staff require a minimum of two (2) weeks to prepare basic communications. Strategic communications support may take longer. Emergency situations are handled outside these timelines.

Pre-determined options:

Option 1: If the Department/Division independently determines that there is no need for consulting Corporate or Strategic Communications, then the author must insert the following wording in this section of their report:

The Department/Division has determined that there is no communication considerations associated with this matter. Neither Corporate nor Strategic Communications was consulted with respect to this administrative report.

Option 2: If the Department/Division determines that there is no need for consulting Corporate or Strategic Communications prior to the approval of the report but will require assistance upon approval, then the author must insert the following wording in this section of their report:

Corporate and/or Strategic Communications will be consulted upon the approval this administrative report.

Option 3: Corporate Communications provides statement for the Administrative Report prior to the submission of the report.