



Town of Shelburne 2017-18 CAPITAL BUDGET PRESS RELEASE

Shelburne, NS – The Shelburne Town Council approved a five-year capital budget with projects totaling \$10.78 million on April 19th, 2017; projects which could potentially begin this year total \$6.62 million. The top priority in this five-year budget is investing in public infrastructure with over \$4.15 million for public works projects, \$640,000 for buildings and facilities, and \$3.96 million for waste and wastewater projects.

Community and economic development remains a key priority as well and 2017-18 will see the completion of capital projects including improved visitor signage, construction of the new Guild Hall, restoration of the historic Mill Building, Graham's Park, and the Parr Street Community Playground. Continued improvements to the Pine Grove Cemetery are planned, as is a new downtown revitalization project to support the implementation of the Town's Economic Development Strategic Action Plan.

More than 59% of the funding for the capital projects included in the budget comes from expected federal and provincial contributions. Over \$1.77 million in external funding has already been confirmed for 2017-18 and Town staff are working to secure additional commitments to support Council's budget priorities. Council has approved the Town's contribution to projects contingent on external funding however these projects may not proceed if projected federal and provincial support does not materialize.

New infrastructure investments in the 2017-18 capital budget include:

- Needed equipment for the Town's Public Works Department including streets and snow removal.
- Major investments in the Town's sewer treatment plant to meet federal requirements and improve operations, funded by external contributions and resident sewer charges.
- Continued improvement of culverts to address stormwater issues and flooding.
- Infrastructure improvements for active transportation including continued improvement of sidewalks and paved shoulders / bike lanes in high traffic areas.
- Contingent on funding, a project at the Shelburne Marine Terminal intended to ensure the facility continues to support employment in the community for years to come.
- Contingent on funding, a project to construct a sidewalk along Hammond Street from George Street towards Roseway Hospital, resurface the road, and upgrade culverts and other existing infrastructure; Council's top priority for funding under the New Building Canada Program.

The complete 2017-18 Town Budgets – operating, capital and water – are now available on the Town of Shelburne website at www.town.shelburne.ns.ca/budgeting-and-reporting.html.

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