



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☒	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: WHRM Council

Submitted by: _____
Carlee Rochon, Director, Financial Services

Date: January 28, 2025

Subject: Fibre Network Extension to Hantsport Fire Station

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

MGA Section 65(a) – Authorized Municipal Expenditures

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

It is recommended that:

Council approves an additional \$13,425.35 to be used towards the Fibre Network Extension to Hantsport Fire Station, from the WHRM Operating Reserve.

BACKGROUND

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social ☒	Economic ☒	Councillor Activity ☐ ☒
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The public Wi-Fi and security cameras in Hantsport are run through a VCFN connection, networked through the former Town Hall in Hantsport. When the Municipality sold the former Town Hall in 2021, the buyer agreed to house these connections while the Municipality worked to move them to the new fire hall being built. Upon completion of the fire hall, IT staff have worked with VCFN to get these connections moved, as outlined in the diagram below.



We requested that this be prioritized, as the current owner of the former Town Hall is selling the property. This item is included in the 2024-25 Capital Budget.

DISCUSSION

This project is in partnership with VCFN, through their contractors. In September 2024, VCFN requested the make-ready through Nova Scotia Power and Bell Aliant. Following the completion of the make-ready component, they requested a quote to have the fibre moved (as outlined above). This was in December 2024.

The quote received will put the project over budget and additional funding is being requested.

NEXT STEPS

To pass approval to the VCFN so they can secure the contractor and begin work.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2024-25 Capital Budget includes an allocation of \$30,000 to be funded through the operating reserve.

2024-25 - Fibre Network Extension - Hantsport Fire Station

Budget	\$ 30,000.00
Costs, Including Applicable HST	
Make Ready	\$ 10,787.41
Line Construction and Splicing	\$ 28,690.18
Contingency (10%)	\$ 3,947.76
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$ 43,425.35
Over Budget Amount	
	\$ 13,425.35

The total cost including non-refundable HST is \$43,425.35. Currently, the WHRM Operating Reserve is estimated to have a balance of \$1,839,589 on March 31, 2025. This request will result in an additional amount being drawn from the WHRM Operating Reserve.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council could choose not to support the recommendations.
2. Council could choose to provide alternate direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

I support the recommendation.

Report Prepared by: _____
Carlee Rochon, Director, Financial Services

Report Approved by:  _____
Mark Phillips, CAO