



Committee of the Whole Excerpts
May 13, 2025

COLE DRIVE FLOOD MITIGATION FRIIP APPLICATION EXCERPT

The report requested Council's endorsement and pre-approval to apply for funding under the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP). An application for the Cole Drive Flood Mitigation project was submitted for consideration. WHRM has two (2) applications under the program for the 2025/26 fiscal year. It was hoped the application would be successful with this program or another funding program.

The recommended motion was that Committee of the Whole recommend that ...

COUNCIL APPROVE THE COLE DRIVE FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT FOR SUBMITTAL UNDER THE FLOOD RISK INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM.



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Information ☐	Recommendation ☒	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: Committee of the Whole

Submitted by: 
Todd Richard, Director of Public Works

Date: May 13, 2025

Subject: Cole Drive Flood Mitigation — FRIIP Application

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act, Section 65 authorizes Council to expend funds for municipal purposes.

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Committee of the Whole recommends that Council:

Approve the Cole Drive Flood Mitigation project for submittal under the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program.

BACKGROUND

Property ☒	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☒	Social ☒	Economic ☒	Councillor Activity ☐
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The Province of Nova Scotia recently issued an invitation for applications under the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP). This program supports investment in infrastructure needed to protect communities from flooding. The application deadline was April 28, 2025. The Province requires application submissions to include a resolution of Council supporting the submission of the project for funding consideration under FRIIP. Due to turnover in the Project Engineer position, the normal timelines were not met for this funding opportunity. Municipal

staff still submitted an application for the Cole Drive Flood Mitigation project, explaining the circumstances and asking for an extension on the Council resolution.

DISCUSSION

Eligible projects under FRIPP include:

- River Training and Floodway Improvements (including nature based solutions)
- Floodwater Containment and Flood Intensity Mitigation
- Study work including mapping to identify flood prone areas; and identification of potential solutions to mitigate flood impacts

The project must be complete and all invoices must be dated no later than March 31, 2026.

The FRIPP grant program provides an excellent opportunity for the Cole Drive Flood Mitigation project, which has been discussed several times recently with Council in relation to the J. D. Irving development. The intersection of Cole Drive and Wentworth Road is prone to flooding during high intensity rainfall events, and the timing would be ideal to complete the flood mitigation measures in partnership with J.D. Irving while other civil works are being conducted on the adjacent properties. The improvements will benefit the Municipality in an area that is seeing a high demand for commercial and residential growth.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of this funding application by the Province:

- Sign funding agreement with the Province.
- Negotiate and sign funding agreement with J.D. Irving.
- Project Engineer will be responsible for contract administration/management.
- Construction to be substantially completed by March 31, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed 2025-26 Capital Budget includes \$1,272,338 for upgrades to the Tregothic Creek Storm Water System, for which Cole Drive represents \$316,846. The total project is currently proposed to be funded 100% through long-term borrowing, which would result in an estimated annual debt servicing fee of \$87,510.

The estimated cost of the Cole Drive Flood Mitigation project included in the FRIPP application is \$316,846, to be funded 50% by the Province and 50% by the Municipality. A successful FRIPP application would reduce the amount of long-term borrowing for this project by \$158,423, which would also result in an annual debt servicing fee reduction of \$10,896.

ALTERNATIVES

- Council may choose not to proceed with this project (not recommended).

ATTACHMENTS

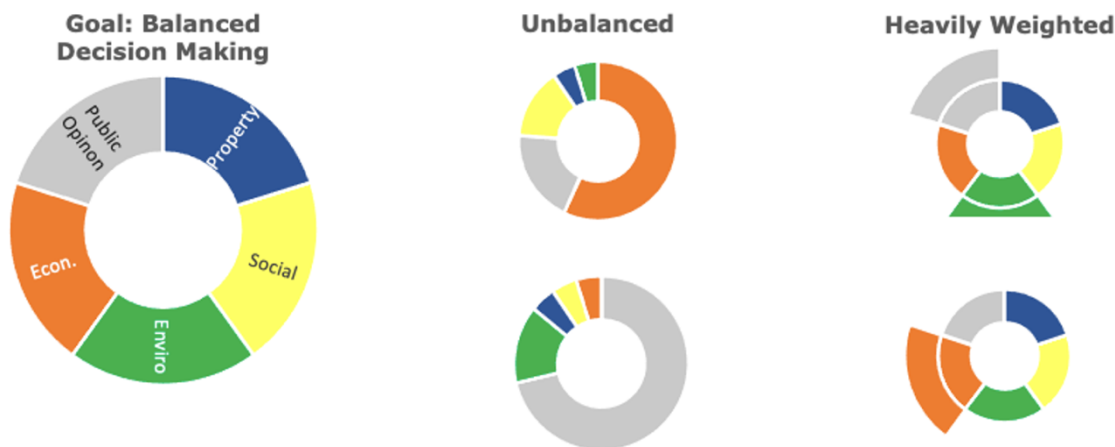
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

This would be the second project the municipality applied for under the program for the 2025/26 fiscal year. The first and the priority project would be the application for the Home Flood Protection Pilot Program. This application has value as well as the HFPPP. Having alternative options or projects for consideration will benefit the municipality.

I support the recommendation.

Council has been provided with a reference taken from the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy , Appendix C "Decision Making by Council and Committee of the Whole" as a reminder of the principles highlighted for good decision making.



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