



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

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To: Council

Submitted by: 
Todd Richard, Director of Public Works

Date: September 23, 2025

Subject: Windsor WTP Expansion — GRID Application

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

It is recommended that Council:

Approve the Windsor WTP Expansion project for submittal under the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development (GRID) 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 Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development (GRID) program. This program supports investment in priority municipal infrastructure projects that address critical capacity issues, build more accessible and adaptable communities and enable the preservation and expansion of services to support housing. The program provides funding for up to 50% of eligible project costs. The application deadline is October 9, 2025. The Province requires application submissions to include

a resolution of Council supporting the submission of the project for funding consideration under GRID.

DISCUSSION

Eligible projects under GRID include:

1. Water, Wastewater and Stormwater

Construction, expansion and/or renewal of:

- Facilities for the treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage
- Sanitary sewage collection systems
- Water intake, treatment, pumping and storage facilities
- Water transmission and distribution systems
- Construction, expansion and /or renewal of storm sewers
- Infrastructure which reduces/eliminates combined sewer overflows

2. Climate Change Adaptation

- Capital Project Recommendations from Climate Hazard/Risk Assessments
- Coastal and Inland Flooding Adaptations

3. Accessibility

- Capital projects required to comply with *Accessibility Act*
- Projects supported by accessibility plans
- Accessibility improvements to municipal infrastructure including sidewalks and active Transportation (excluding Fleet)

The GRID program provides an excellent opportunity to obtain funding for the Windsor WTP Expansion project, which was recently awarded by Council. This project is required in order to increase capacity, meet regulatory filter redundancy, increase resilience of the Water Utility in support of population growth and provide water service to numerous development opportunities that are underway in WHRM. The WTP expansion will increase capacity, allowing the utility to be well suited to meet future demands of the Windsor system and be able to supplement supply to the Falmouth system after the distribution systems are interconnected. This project aims to resolve critical capacity issues and enable the expansion of services to support housing in WHRM in conjunction with numerous other utility capital projects, currently in progress, in design or identified in our capital plan.

In discussions with the GRID program administrators, Windsor WTP Expansion project was deemed to best fit the program objectives. This project meets the application targets, is “shovel-ready” and has funding sources that have already been secured. Under the GRID program, any capital expenditures made from August 12, 2025 (when the program was launched) are deemed to be eligible, even if the tender was awarded prior to this date. All the expenditures for the construction phase of the Windsor WTP Expansion will therefore be eligible under the program.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of this funding application by the Province:

- Sign funding agreement with the Province.
- Complete project monitoring reports for the Province during construction.
- Complete project close-out documentation for the Province following substantial completion of construction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If successful in obtaining 50% funding, reducing the municipal funding from \$5,304,172.03 + HST to \$2,652,086.02 + HST for construction for this project.

ALTERNATIVES

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

ATTACHMENTS

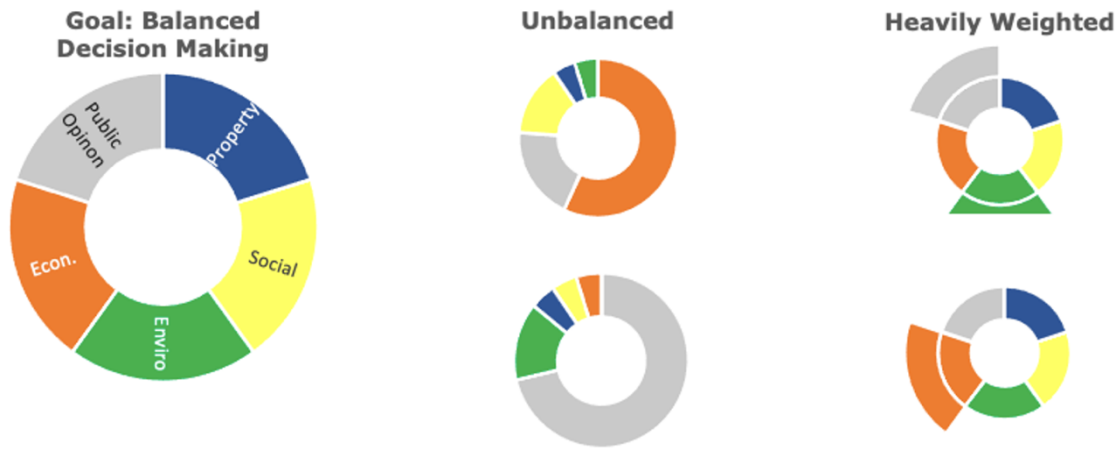
- None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

The Director has provided the rationale for the application and the financial benefits should the municipality be successful with their application, pending Council's endorsement.

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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