

# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND

## NEW CAPITAL WATER PROJECTS POLICY

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### **PREAMBLE**

Whereas Council has authority to expend municipal monies on water systems pursuant to section 65(a) of the Municipal Government Act, S.N.S. 1998, c.18, as am;

And whereas Council identifies the development of water systems within the Municipality as important and desirable;

And whereas Council agrees that reasonable proposals for the development of water systems within the Municipality require careful, objective consideration;

Now therefore, this policy sets down the process by which a proposed water project may qualify for Municipal expenditure on the terms hereunder, subject always to the governing legislation and to Council's discretion on budget and spending.

### **POLICY**

1. To qualify for consideration for Municipal funding as a new major capital water project, a project must satisfy each of the following criteria:
  - a. the project must concern the installation or development of a new water system within the Municipality to serve Municipal residents;
  - b. the project must have an estimated minimum cost of at least \$500,000;
  - c. the project must have external funding covering at least one-half (50 per cent) of the estimated total project cost.
2. Where a proposed project satisfies the above criteria, it shall be placed on a list of New Major Capital Water Projects (the "List").
3. Municipal staff shall verify that a given project satisfies the above criteria prior to its being placed on the List.

4. Municipal staff may require project proponents to obtain and provide further information and particulars about the project, including breakdown of cost estimates and confirmation of proposed external funding sources, prior to the project's being placed on the List.
5. Municipal staff shall submit the List to Council together with any comments on the project proposal.
6. Where Municipal staff determines a project proposal does not meet the criteria for inclusion on the List, the proponent shall be given notice of same in writing by the Chief Administrative Officer and this notice shall be circulated to Council for information.
7. Council shall annually review the list of New Major Capital Water Projects for consideration for Municipal funding pursuant to this policy.
8. Council may give provisional approval but shall not give final approval until such time as the project proponent has satisfied any request by Council for more particulars and in particular has provided confirmation of required external funding.
9. Where Council approves funding for a new major capital water project, the Municipal contribution to that project may be up to 25% of the external funding, to a maximum contribution of one-sixth of the total estimated cost of the project.
10. Council shall determine eligibility of costs for purposes of the Municipal contribution in accordance with legislation and such other criteria as Council may identify pursuant to policy.
11. The Municipal contribution to new major capital water projects pursuant hereto shall be financed from the Municipal general rate.
12. Nothing in this policy shall require Council to approve funding for any given project at any time.

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