

Appendix C Second Stage Evaluation

The following evaluation shall apply to the second-stage decision for municipal funding of infrastructure projects, based on sections 6.3, and 5.1 (a) (i). The evaluation will be assessed against the following criteria:

Criterion	Weight	Score
<p>Eligibility for funding under this or any other funding policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment factors include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whether the project meets the specific eligibility criteria laid out in the municipal funding policy or any other relevant funding policies. ○ Consideration of any regulatory or legal requirements that must be met for funding approval. ○ Verification of the project's alignment with the strategic priorities of the funding body. 	10	
<p>Objective reasonableness and soundness of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment factors include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluation of the project's feasibility, including technical, financial, and operational aspects. ○ Assessment of the project's objectives and the clarity of its expected outcomes. ○ Review of the project's timeline and milestones to ensure they are achievable and realistic. 	10	
<p>Validity and reliability of the proponent's data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment factors include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Examination of the accuracy and completeness of data provided by the project proponent. ○ Verification of assumptions, methodologies, and sources used to compile project data. ○ Assessment of any potential biases or gaps in data collection that could affect project assessment. 	10	
<p>Identification and resolution of concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment factors include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identification and evaluation of any potential risks, challenges, or issues related to the project. ○ Consideration of mitigation strategies proposed by the project proponent to address identified concerns. ○ Review of any outstanding questions or uncertainties that require clarification before funding approval. 	10	



<p>Overall cost-benefit analysis (as far as possible):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment factors include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conducting a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis to evaluate the economic viability and financial sustainability of the project. ○ Comparison of anticipated benefits against projected costs, including both direct and indirect impacts. ○ Consideration of long-term benefits and potential returns on investment relative to the initial funding requirements. 	10	
<p>Relevance of collateral information to the project and funding request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment factors include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluation of supplementary information, such as environmental impact assessments, feasibility studies, and community impact assessments. ○ Review of additional documentation that supports or provides context for the project proposal. ○ Consideration of how collateral information strengthens the rationale for funding approval. ○ infrastructure must be built to the appropriate standards and adhere to applicable legislation. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipality of the County of Richmond Municipal Services Design and Construction Specifications; ▪ Standard Specifications for Municipal Services as published by the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association, the Nova Scotia Consulting Engineers Association and the Joint Committee on Contract Documents; ▪ Atlantic Canada Wastewater Guidelines for Collection, Treatment and Disposal; ▪ Atlantic Canada Guidelines for the Supply, Treatment, Storage, Distribution, and Operation of Drinking Water Supply Systems 	10	
<p>Alignment with the overall MOCR Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment factors include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessment of the extent to which the project aligns with the key goals, objectives, and priorities outlined in the Municipality of the County of Richmond Strategic Plan. ○ Evaluation of the project's potential to contribute to the strategic outcomes and developmental targets set by the municipality. ○ Consideration of synergies with other ongoing or planned initiatives under the strategic plan to maximize impact and efficiency. 	10	
<p>Maximum Score Possible = 70</p>		
	<p>Final Score =</p>	