

RESOLUTION – Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund – Regular Meeting of Council – November 20, 2024

Recommendation:

Move that Council prioritize the “Brookside Wastewater Revitalization” project as the Municipality’s first priority for funding applications through the federal Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF).

Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund

1st wave opened up that is \$1B available across Canada. Where our Municipality has less than 30,000 residents we have access to 50% funding. The spending does not need to be completed until the year 2031, however it’s a rolling application thus getting a large project approved early is in the best financial interests of East Hants.

Upcoming capital budget will include a project: “**Brookside Wastewater Revitalization**”. The project consists of the following;

- \$3 Million to replace Poplar Drive lift station
- \$3.262 Million Wastewater Forcemain along Brookside, Towerview & Ashford
- \$1.4 Million for enclosing storm on one side of Brookside and a portion of Towerview, including a curb
- \$450k for 2 permanent backup generators (Poplar Drive and Sportsplex)
- \$844k for Engineering (10%)
- \$2.1Million in contingency (25%)
- This totals **\$11.9 Million**

This bundling of projects targets major strategy themes for the municipality;

- **Capacity**

- The forcemain and lift station are needed for Phase 2 of the Seven Lakes development and an adjacent development by Elegant Acreage
 - These 2 development phases would increase housing by approximately 130 homes/units (single family, duplexes, townhomes)
- Wastewater capacity would also be setup to take on future flows from Seven Lakes Phase 3 and several phases of Armco development lands (phases closer to Hwy 102)
- **Active Transportation**
 - Enclosing storm along Brookside deals with some stormwater flow management through the centre of the development and setups the future path for a center **Active Transportation** (AT) route through the existing neighborhood which would then tie to the AT already in place in the Seven Lakes development and being build on the Kiln Creek development. This would be in the same work area as the wastewater forcemain so the most economically responsible thing to do long term in combining these scopes.
- **Climate Resiliency**
 - Backup power at 2 lift stations is part of building in much needed **Climate Resiliency**.