



MUNICIPALITY *of the*
COUNTY *of* KINGS

SPECIAL COUNCIL

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Following Committee of the Whole

AGENDA

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1. Roll Call **52:43**
2. Approval of Agenda **53:28** Page 1
3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues **None**
4. Financial Services **53:49**
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5. Comments from the Public **None**
6. Closed Session **59:29**
 - a. MGA s. 22 (2) (g): legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege
7. Adjournment **1:53:49**

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TO	Municipal Council
PREPARED BY	Greg Barr, Director of Finance & IT
MEETING DATE	December 12, 2024
SUBJECT	Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID): Village Project – Cornwallis Square

ORIGIN

- [GRID: Municipal and Village Projects – December 3, 2024 Municipal Council](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Municipal Council approve the issuance of a letter confirming support to the Village of Cornwallis Square to accompany their application for funding under the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program, and to identify the Canning Sewer Lagoon Optimization project being advanced by the Municipality of the County of Kings as the priority project application.

INTENT

For Municipal Council to consider approval of a letter of confirmed support for the application to be submitted by the Village of Cornwallis Square.

DISCUSSION

The [Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program \(GRID\)](#) is a new funding program of the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH) that was established as part of the [Service Exchange Agreement](#) between the Province and the Municipalities. The program is application-based, includes \$15M of provincial funds that provides funding for 50% of eligible project costs, and is available to Nova Scotia municipalities and villages. The application submission deadline is December 13, 2024.

GRID has been developed to support 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. Funding priority will be given to shovel-ready projects.

Village applications under the GRID program require confirmed support by the Municipality. The other three applications were previously brought to Council on December 3, 2024. The Municipality has received an additional request for confirmed support from the Village of Cornwallis Square. This request was received late on December 9, 2024. The project summary is contained in Appendix A.

This village project aligns with the eligible project criteria under the GRID program and is recommended to receive confirmed support from the Municipality. However, GRID is a competitive application program and the Municipality has been asked to identify its project priority. Therefore, although the Village project would be separate and distinct from the project submitted directly by the Municipality, the recommended motion includes a reference to prioritization of projects.

Request for Decision

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Direct financial implications of providing the requested Letter of Support cannot be reasonably quantified. All other approved GRID projects reduce the total \$15M of available provincial grant funds.

Financial details of the proposed Village project can be summarized as follows:

		Village of Cornwallis Square
Project Cost		20,512
Requested GRID Funding		10,256

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

	Strong Communities	
	Environmental Stewardship	
	Economic Development	
	Good Governance	
	Financial Sustainability	
✓	Other	The confirmed support for the Village project is not directly linked to the Municipality's Strategic Plan but the related projects may align with several of the Municipality's strategic priorities

ALTERNATIVES

- Municipal Council may opt to not provide confirmed support to the Village of Cornwallis Square.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Mayor to provide the letter of confirmed support to the Village of Cornwallis Square.

ENGAGEMENT

- No engagement activity has taken place related to the letter of confirmed support.

APPENDICES

- Appendix A: Project Summary

APPROVALS

Scott Conrod, Chief Administrative Officer

December 9, 2024

APPENDIX A – PROJECT SUMMARY

• **Village of Cornwallis Square – Accessibility Improvements**

Nature of Project (design, construction, etc.)

- Construction-based

General description of project

- To install accessible fire alarm pull stations and strobe light alarms (for those with hearing impairments) at the Village office / Waterville Fire Station.

Overall project budget amount

- \$20,512

Funding amount requested from GRID

- \$10,256

All anticipated sources of funding for the project, including funding sources from the Village (debt, reserves, general revenues, etc.)

- \$10,256 GRID
- \$10,256 Village Funds

Confirm ability to meet project completion deadline of March 31, 2026

- The program deadline of March 2026 will be met.

General statement of why this project is a priority for the Village

- The Village feels this is an important project to continue improvements to make their facility accessible and welcoming for all members of their community.

General statement of why you feel it will be a funding priority for the Province under GRID

- The GRID Program supports investment in priority municipal infrastructure projects that addresses building more accessible and adaptable communities. This project fits within the scope of the GRID guidelines.

Copy of resolution passed by Village Commission that supports the application

- Motion Passed by Village Commission on December 4, 2024:

To approve the application for funding under the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID) to update our fire alarm system for accessibility (mobility and hearing challenged), understanding the funding will cover 50% of the total cost of the project.

Mover: Commissioner Doug MacLean

Second: Commissioner Sara White

Motion Carried Unanimously