



Municipal Infrastructure

Transportation and Infrastructure

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Municipal Infrastructure

- Programs Administered by MI
 - Provincial/ Municipal
 - Municipal Capital Works
 - Multi-year Capital Works
 - Federal/ Provincial/Municipal
 - Investing in Canada Infrastructure (ICIP)
 - Canada Housing Infrastructure fund (CHIF)
 - Build Canada Strong Fund – PT (BCSF-PT)

MCW Review

- Provides funding for municipal infrastructure projects.
- Typical projects include water and wastewater treatment and distribution, roads, recreational facilities, and municipal buildings.
- Funding of \$10M per year, increased to \$20M starting in 2027-28
- Applications for MCW funding on an annual basis
 - **Call opens Sept 2, 2026**
- Projects allow for estimated to include contingencies and escalation
- Cost overruns are 100% responsibility of the municipality
- Surplus funds can not be used for additional work
- If applicant is on a long term BWA they are only eligible for a project that addresses the BWA

MYCW Review

- Municipalities with population over 10,000 and do not receive Municipal Operating Grant
- Recipients receive a per capita allocation for 4 years
- Funding to be spent within the approved block April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2031.
- March 31, 2031, unspent funds reported as savings by GNL
- Changes reflect MI's observations and historical MYCW trends
- Changes include:
 - Standardized recipient eligibility criteria
 - Strictly enforce timeline of 4 years to spend the funds
 - Prescriptive project eligibility list – Anything not on list will not be considered
- All recipients are self-administering, with reporting requirements
- Final document and applicable forms will be available late Sept/early Oct

ICIP Review

- Investments announced in 2017 federal budget.
- Composed of four funding streams:
 1. Public Transit (NL Allocation: \$109,071,324)
 2. Green Infrastructure (NL Allocation: \$302,364,807)
 3. Community, Culture and Recreation (NL Allocation: 39,768,539)
 4. Rural and Northern Communities (NL Allocation: \$104,638,175) [50% TW, 50% MAE]
- 632 projects were approved
- Program is fully allocated
- Projects need to be completed by October 31, 2033

CHIF Review

- Investments announced in 2024 federal budget \$123.1M
- Supports the construction of or the preservation of affordable housing
- 36 projects approved
- 40 applications have been advanced for approval
- Next intake will be September 2026
- Final intake will be September 2027
- Project completion by: October 31, 2033

BCSF-PT Review

- Currently in negotiations to finalize agreement
- Will allow more flexibility on eligible projects than CHIF
 - Program parameters will be communicated after agreement is signed
- 10 Year Program (announced late 2025) with project completion by October 31, 2035
- Aiming to have cost shares similar to previous programs

Project Eligibility

Project Type	MCW	MYCW	ICIP	CHIF	BCSF-PT (to be confirmed)	Gas Tax
Drinking Water Infrastructure	X	X	X	X	X	X
Waste Water Infrastructure	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roads/culverts	X	X	X		X	X
Community Buildings (town hall, fire hall)	X	X				X
Recreation (buildings, parks, sports fields)	X	X	X		X	X
Active Transportation (bikeways, trails)	X	X	X		X	X
New subdivisions Water/sewer				X		
Public Transit (Shelters, Rolling Stock)	X	X	X		X	X
Climate Resilience	X	X	X		X	X

Submission of Applications MCW and Federal Programs

- Ensure that applications are complete, delays if not, and possibly ineligibility
- Priority projects only
 - **Please only submit applications that you are willing to accept.**
- Ensure estimate is inclusive of all anticipated costs, and escalation, contingency and is in required format - template on website
- Do not ask for a lot of projects, rarely does a recipient receive more than 1 or 2 projects in any given year, dependent on the applications received and funding available.
- Should be working all year identifying the priority projects and ready to submit applications when the call opens.
 - The call shouldn't trigger the preparatory work.

Project Execution

1. Council's Role in a Project
 - Support the project with funding approval
 - Monitor and gives approvals of various financial commitments, change orders
 - Approve scope changes
2. Town Staff's Role in a Project
 - Monitor project safety
 - Monitor project progress
 - Deal with questions from consultant and contractor
 - Issue payments to consultant, contractors, suppliers
 - Communications and collaboration with MI

Common Stumbling Points

At any given time, MI has hundreds of projects ongoing, in various project stages.

Common Project stumbling points include:

- Failure to request sufficient funding at Application
 - Get good construction estimates and add contingency/escalation (MI template)
- Failure to appreciate the actual costs of infrastructure during design phase
 - Multiple examples of communities preferring their consultant's most optimistic cost estimates vs. recent tender realities
 - Designing up to project budget vs. construction estimate
 - Managing Scope Creep
- Failure to properly document changes requested at site; changes must be in writing
- Permit Applications are often overlooked, and cause delays when submitted late
- Ensure that easements, land purchase is taken care of well advanced of construction

Questions?

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