Community Sustainability Partnership



Newfoundland Labrador

Department of Municipal Affairs

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Background



- Community Sustainability Partnership announced in April 2015
- Outcome of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework Review
- Measures to enhance supports to communities and strengthen the social and economic foundations of regions

Overview of Initiatives

Community Sustainability Partnership

with Municipalities / Inuit Community Governments / Local Service Districts

OVER **$46 million** over 3 years

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Partial HST Rebate	$1.9 million	$10.1 million	$17.6 million
SHARING Gas Tax REVENUE	1/2¢ $3.6 million	3/4¢ $5.3 million	1¢ $7.1 million
Regional Water Operators	$420,000	$412,500	$412,500

Advisory Committee Exploring Regional Governance

Consultations Blended Commercial and Realty Tax

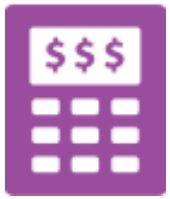
3 Year Commitment Municipal Operating Grant $22 million annually

Accountability Structures

Initiatives, Lead Contacts and Progress

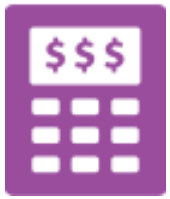
Revenues and Accountability Measures

- Partial HST Rebate
  - New funding source administered **via the Canada Revenue Agency** to municipalities and local service districts
  - **25%** of the provincial portion of the HST beginning in January 2016
  - **57.14%** in January 2017
  - Approximately **$1.9 million** in new revenue in 2015-16, **$10 million** in 2016-17 and over **$17 million annually** thereafter

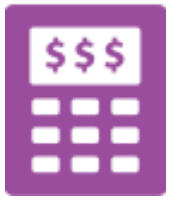


Revenues and Accountability Measures

- Sharing Provincial Gas Tax Revenue
  - New funding source whereby Government will **share provincial gasoline tax revenue** with municipalities
  - **0.50 cent per litre** in 2015-16 providing **$3.6 million in new revenue**
  - **0.75 cent per litre** in 2016-17 providing **$5.3 million in new funding** and
  - **1 cent per litre** from 2017-18 onwards at **$7.1 million annually**



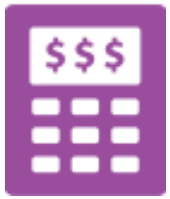
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- Three-year commitment to maintain Municipal Operating Grants at current investment levels
  - **$22 million per year** for three years
  - A **review of grant amounts is** scheduled for 2016-17
  - Will provide **stability and predictability** in funding for planning purposes

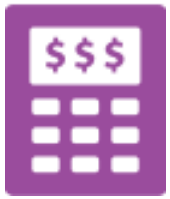
Revenues and Accountability Measures

- Accountability Measures
  - To access **Municipal Operating Grants and Provincial Gas Tax**, municipalities **must** submit:
    - 2015 Municipal Budget;
    - 2014 Audited Financial Statements;
    - Tax Receivables Summary; and
    - Tax Recovery Plan
  - **Maintain own source revenue** levels on a per capita basis
  - **Participate in** the water and wastewater initiative (*pilot communities only)



Revenues and Accountability Measures

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Capacity Supports



Regional Water/Wastewater Operators Pilot

- Approximately **$1 million** investment
- 3.5 year pilot project, from October 1, 2015, to March 31, 2019
- **Eastern, Central and Western Regional Service Boards** have hired regional water/wastewater operators to work with selected communities **to address water/ wastewater infrastructure operations and monitoring challenges**

Capacity Supports

- Engaging a Consultant on Drinking Water
  - Big East Engineering has been engaged to focus on **solutions to reduce boil water advisories**
  - The consultant will develop **Standard Operating Procedures** to help communities identify required steps to lift boil water advisories
  - Annual investment of **$180,000 to implement** in select communities



Capacity Supports

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Capacity Supports

- Municipal Crown Lands Reserves
  - **New policy and procedures** have been developed to allow municipalities to reserve Crown lands
  - Assists municipalities to acquire Crown lands at market value in a **phased approach for development**
  - This new process has been communicated to all **municipalities and MNL**

Capacity Supports

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Other Initiatives

- Provincial-Municipal Asset Management Framework
  - A framework is being developed to provide **further details on the current state of municipal infrastructure** in the province
  - Consultations have begun with the **Joint Infrastructure Committee** to develop this management framework
  - Will support **municipal infrastructure planning** in the province



Other Initiatives



- Exploring Regional Governance
  - To determine whether a **model exists for a regional governance structure** that would further improve sustainability
  - An **advisory committee has been established** to provide advice on the principles and main components of a potential new regional governance model
  - **Public consultations** will begin in 2016

Other Initiatives

- Exploring Municipal Authority to Blend Business and Realty Taxes



  - To explore the **potential impacts of legislative changes** should municipalities blend business and realty taxes
  - **9 in-person** business stakeholder consultation sessions were held province – wide September - October
  - **Online survey** (Professional Municipal Administrators ,businesses, St. John's Board of Trade)

Other Initiatives

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Questions

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