

## \$400-Million Community Services Recovery Fund open

The application process for the \$400-Million Community Services Recovery Fund is now open. Applications for funding can be submitted to the National Funders from now until February 21, 2023.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a historic one-time investment of \$400 million that will help community service organizations to adapt, to modernize and to be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility and sustainability of the community services that they provide, so they can continue to support communities across Canada through the pandemic recovery and beyond.

National Funders which includes: The Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada, and United Way Centraide Canada will distribute funding to community service organizations. The application process is managed by these National Funders in order to reach a broad and diverse range of community service organizations, such as charities, non-profits and Indigenous governing bodies.

Community service organizations are at the forefront of addressing communities' needs, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the early phases of the pandemic, they have struggled with increased demand for their services, reduced revenues, declines in charitable giving due to the rising cost of living, and a greater need to make use of digital tools. Many of them are struggling to recover and adapt their services to the changing needs of communities across Canada.

Organizations are encouraged to complete the interactive quiz to determine where and how to apply. Additional information and resources, including an applicant guide, can be found on the Community Services Recovery Fund website.

The National Funders held a webinar on January 12, 2023, to help organizations understand the application process.

For more information, visit the National Funders' Community Services Recovery Fund website at: [www. https://communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca/](https://communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca/)

The Community Services Recovery Fund which is open for applications until February 21, 2023, through the National Funders. Funded projects will begin May 1, 2023, and will continue into 2024. The Community Services Recovery Fund has two funding streams: one for local or regional community service organizations serving a portion of a province or territory, and one for community service organizations serving the entire country, an entire province or territory, or multiple provinces or territories.

Funding from the Community Services Recovery Fund will enable community service organizations to invest in their own organizational capacity under one of the three project focus areas: Investing in People: projects that focus on how organizations recruit, retain, engage and support their personnel; Investing in Systems and Processes: projects that invest in the systems and processes involved in creating the internal workings of an organization's overall structure; Investing in Program and Service Innovation and Redesign: projects primarily focused on program and service innovation and redesign using information gained during the COVID-19 pandemic and The Community Services Recovery Fund builds on the successful delivery of the \$350-million Emergency Community Support Fund, where the Government funded over 11,570 projects serving vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Highway Changes For New Bass River Bridge

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to close or negatively impacted? Would the rumoured, but not confirmed, fact of raising the Highway 2 road and bridge deck approximately 7-9 feet have major negative impact on the community, especially the popular Veterans Memorial Park?

A recent announcement by NSTIR officials which has been confirmed by Deborah Bayers, NSTIR communications advisor have eliminated those nagging rumours.

The new Bass River Bridge will be a wooden arch structure, similar to the Roger Bacon Bridge in Nappan (as shown in your December 2022 issue of The Shoreline Journal). The new structure will be constructed on the north side of the existing structure. It will be built of-line, having traffic continue to use the old bridge until the new bridge is opened. Once the new structure is opened, the old structure will be removed.

Other than increasing safety there will be increased traffic safety through the village, because once finished, this project will result in a "T-intersection" between Trunk 2 and Maple Avenue. The intersection

will slow the movement of vehicles and significantly reduce fears of vehicle and pedestrian accidents due to rate of speed which has concerned the community for several years.

This project will have minimal impacts on the Loggers Memorial Park, and the Veteran's Memorial Park. The Veteran's Memorial Park driveway entrance and sign will be relocated, and trees and vegetation will be removed at the new roadway. The Logger's Memorial Park's mill kiosk, archway, and monument will be relocated to the old bridge area (see attached visual).

MLA Tom Taggart on many occasions firmly stated, he would not rest until there were assurances the Factory Store and Veterans Memorial Park would not be negatively impacted. He is true to his word and it is rumoured he fought long and hard, including several visits and discussions with senior NSTIR staff and Minister.

By changing from a concrete structure to a wooden structure, the majority of the bridges' strength is above deck in the arches, as opposed to a concrete bridge where the strength is generated in structural girders below deck. This change will reduce the height of the

approach on the east side of the bridge.

As a result, the slope of the road will be less intrusive on the Veteran's Memorial Park. The parking lot will no longer need to be relocated, nor will there be a retaining wall as mentioned in the Shoreline Journal (December 2022 issue).

The retaining wall was not a Shoreline Journal fabrication. The retaining wall was included as part of the three options originally presented by NSTIR. The projected height of the Highway 2 and bridge deck; retaining wall coupled with changes to the Veterans Memorial Park entrance and close proximity to dedicated trees at the edge of the park were the major obstacles which caused disruption in the village.

The memorial trees in the Veteran's Memorial Park and the Dominion Chair General Store will not be impacted.

A schematic design of the new Bass River Bridge is presented here for all to review. Further detailed design of the structure will continue over the next number of months. Once the design has been finalized, the preparation for tendering the project will begin. Design drawings will not and cannot be released prior to tendering this project.

The design-build tender will be issued late 2023/early 2024.

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