

Council approves purchase of pumper truck for Advocate Volunteer Fire Department

Council has approved the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Advocate Volunteer Fire Department

in the amount of \$739,200 plus HST from Metalfab Fire Trucks. Funding for the purchase was

approved by council as part of the 2026-27 capital budget process. Estimated delivery time is 60 weeks.

Council approves budget increase for Parrsboro intersection upgrade

Council has approved increasing the budget for the Parrsboro Main Street and Eastern Avenue intersection update to \$356,127 (including non-recoverable HST) to be funded from the General Capital Reserve.

the community of Parrsboro. The project originated from recommendations contained within the 2023 WSP review of traffic and pedestrian circulation in Parrsboro.

vehicles and transport trucks.

Without increasing the intersection footprint, large vehicles would be required to off-track into opposing traffic lanes when completing turning movements.

The Main Street and Eastern Avenue Intersection Upgrade project was approved as part of the 2026-27 capital budget.

The preliminary budget estimate was prepared before detailed engineering design was completed. As the design advanced, engineering review identified that the original intersection geometry would not safely accommodate the turning movements of commercial

The design also incorporates appropriately sized sidewalks and pedestrian facilities to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians. Traffic calming measures have been included to encourage safer vehicle speeds through the intersection.

Council Approves Large, Small and Large Operations And Maintenance Grants

Council has approved the 2026-27 Large Capital, Small Capital and Large Operations & Maintenance grants totalling \$534,995.

ment Committee, \$18,000; King Seaman Church Society, \$15,000; Lillian Allbon Animal Shelter, \$5,000; Oxford Agricultural Society, \$28,000; Oxford Arena Association, \$10,000; Oxford Community Centre, \$87,000; Parrsborough Shore Historical Society, \$17,000;

\$3,750.

Large Operations & Maintenance Grant: Amherst Food Assistance Network Association, \$5,000; Cliffs of Fundy, \$75,000; Cumberland County Transition House, Autumn House, \$5,000; Greville Bay Shipbuilding Museum Society, \$7,500; Joggins Fossil Institute, \$29,240; Maggie's Place, \$8,000; Oxford Arena Association, \$10,000; Parrsboro and Area Lions Club, \$28,000; Pugwash Farmers Market, \$2,260; RHJAJA - Community Centre, \$40,000 and Ship's Company Theatre - \$15,000.

The municipality annually grants funding to organizations across several categories. For 2026-27, following the revisions to the Grants Policy, council has deliberated and made recommendations for three grant categories: \$263,000 in Large Capital grants; \$46,995 in Small Capital grants and \$225,000 in Large Operations & Maintenance grants

Route Six Snowmobile Club, \$2,000; Southampton Community Centre, \$14,000, Sutherlands Lake Trail Groomers Association, \$5,000 and Wentworth Learning Centre, \$30,000.

The municipality received approximately \$1.4 million in requests for financial assistance across all grant categories. This exceeds the overall budget. In these three categories alone, requests totalled over \$1 million. Recipients include:

Small Capital Grant Applicant: Cumberland County Museum & Archives, \$3,000;

Diligent River Community Hall Association, \$6,620; Fundy Winds Marsh, \$3,000; Joggins Fossil Institute, \$5,000; King Edward Lodge #86, \$6,000; Oxford Marksman Association, \$8,550; Spencer's Island Community Association, \$5,000; Springhill Heritage Group, \$6,075 and Wallace and Area Recreation,

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