

## **Town of Berwick Council Meeting**

March 10, 2026

Town of Berwick Council Chambers

6:30 pm

### **AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. Council Minutes, February 10, 2026

**4. Review of Action Items**

**5. Councillor Announcements**

**6. New Business**

- a. RFD005-2026: Valley Waste TBR Partner Guarantee
- b. Budget 2026/27 Discussion
- c. Provincial Grant Reduction Impact

**7. Correspondence**

**8. Mayor's Report**

**9. In-Camera**

**10. Adjournment**

# REQUEST FOR DECISION

## RFD005-2026: Valley Waste TBR, Municipal Partner Guarantee



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**To:** Town Council  
**From:** CAO  
**Date:** March 10, 2026  
**Subject:** Valley Waste Temporary Borrowing Resolution, Municipal Partner  
Guarantee for 2025-26

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### **References/Attachments**

- Valley Regional Services Board of Directors, Request for Decision, February 18, 2026
- Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority Temporary Borrowing Resolution, including Schedule B noting the capital budget items to be funded
- Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority Municipal Partner Guarantee Resolution Council of the Town of Berwick

### **Legislation**

- Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act* Section 88
- Valley Resource Management Authority (VWRM) Intermunicipal Services Agreement

### **Recommendation**

That Council approve the Town of Berwick's loan guarantee as requested by the VWRM, in the amount of \$11,632 or 2.71% of the VWRM's Temporary Borrowing Resolution (in the total amount of \$1428,835) per attached loan guarantee schedule.

### **Background**

See attached Valley Services Board Request for Decision.

The Board approved the TBR in the amount of \$428,835 on February 18, 2026. The Town of Berwick is a Party to the VWRM Intermunicipal Services Agreement (IMSA). Under the IMSA, parties are required to guarantee their share of any long-term borrowings of VWRM.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no immediate budget impacts, though the required debt repayment for the capital items will be included in the annual budget of VWRM, which may have an impact on Berwick's future party contribution amount.

Guaranteeing an IMSA's debt does not impact the Town's Debt Service Ratio.

**REQUEST FOR DECISION  
RFD005-2026: Valley Waste TBR,  
Municipal Partner Guarantee**



**Priority Alignment**

Strategic Alignment	Connection to Strategic Plan
Community Well-Being & Inclusion	
Infrastructure	
Environmental Sustainability	
Economic Development	
Administrative Priorities	
Not Applicable	This is a requirement under the MGA and VWRM IMSA to authorize borrowing to complete capital projects approved by the Valley Regional Services Board.

**Alternatives**

N/A

**Community Engagement/Communication**

N/A

**CAO Comments**

I support the recommendation.

CAO Initials: JB

Target Decision Date: March 10, 2026



# Valley Regional Services Board of Directors Request for Decision

## Agenda Item No. 5.3

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Report to: Valley Regional Services Agreement Board  
Meeting Date: February 18, 2026  
Subject: Request for Decision: Temporary Borrowing Resolution  
Prepared by: Dan L'Abbe

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**Current Situation:** Three capital projects have been completed in the 2025-2026 fiscal year that were approved capital projects to be financed by debentures from prior fiscal years' budgets. The Nova Scotia Department & Treasury Board's one year financing approval has expired on these projects and requires renewal to participate in the Spring 2026 round of financing.

**Background:** To be eligible to participate in the Spring 2026 round of serial debenture financing for the above-mentioned projects, the following steps need to be completed:

1. Approval by the board by a board motion
2. Approval by all 7 owner's councils to guarantee their portion of the debentures
3. Approval by the Nova Scotia Department & Treasury Board

**Discussion:** Details of the completed capital projects

EMC / WMC C&D Hydrological Wells – approved budget 55,000 in 23-24 / cost expectations reset to 146,846 / completed project cost 91,688

HHW Container & Pre Fab Steel Structure – approved budget 350,000 in 24-25 / completed project cost 276,790

2x Tri-Pak TB6030 – approved budget 110,000 in 24-25 / completed project cost 60,357

**Budget/Financial Implications:** This request for the approval and certification of the attached Temporary Borrowing Resolution is in keeping with the approved 2025-2026 capital forecast as part of the 2026-2027 budget. Additional financial implications will become applicable when the actual Debenture for the funds is requested.

**Alignment with Strategic/Business/Operational Plans:** These projects were included in the operational plan presented as part of the 2026-2027 budget.

**Alignment with Policy:** The execution of the Temporary Borrowing Resolution is in keeping with Section 88 of the Municipal Government Act.

**Intermunicipal Service Agreement Authority/Alignment:** This RFD is not subject to the special resolution process requiring the individual approval of the Parties to the Intermunicipal Services Agreement.

Section 9(7) of the Amended and Restated Valley Waste Agreement dated June 30, 2025 grants the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority the power to borrow money from the Nova Scotia Department of Finance and Treasury Board.

**Legal Authority/Implications:** The approval of the attached Temporary Borrowing Resolution is in keeping with the requirements of the Department of Municipal Affairs to secure Ministerial Approval for the planned borrowing.

**Contractual Implications:** n/a

**Options:**

1. Accept the staff recommendation and authorize the Chair and General Manager to execute/certify the Temporary Borrowing Resolution.
2. Direct staff to provide additional information before making a final decision.
3. Do not accept the staff recommendation and advise staff as to how best to proceed.

**Recommendation:** Option 1

**Motion(s):** That the Valley Regional Services Board formally authorizes the Chair and General Manager, serving as Secretary to the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority, to execute the Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$428,835 and further to submit the fully executed resolution to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

**Communications:** the Municipal Partner Guarantee Resolutions will be forwarded for Party Council for approval and certification.

**Attachments:** Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$428,835

**VALLEY REGION SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION**

Amount: \$ 428,835

Capital Projects: Detailed in Schedule "B"

**WHEREAS** the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) was incorporated on October 1, 2001 pursuant to Section 60 of the Municipal Government Act;

**WHEREAS** the Town of Berwick, the Town of Kentville, the Town of Middleton, the Town of Wolfville, the Town of Annapolis Royal, the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, and the Municipality of the County of Kings entered into an inter-municipal services agreement pursuant to Section 60 of the Municipal Government Act;

**WHEREAS** the Authority pursuant to the inter-municipal agreement states that the body corporate shall be vested with the power to borrow money for the purpose of capital projects, the specific amounts and descriptions of which are contained in Schedule "B";

**WHEREAS** any borrowing and/or entering into debt obligations of the municipal body corporate must be approved by the municipal units and the Municipal Guarantee percentages and amounts for each of the six municipal parties are attached at Schedule "A"; and,

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 88 of the Municipal Government Act no money shall be borrowed by a municipality, village, committee by an inter-municipal agreement or service commission pursuant to this Act or another Act of the Legislature until the proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs has the approved the proposed guarantees;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

**THAT** under the authority of the intermunicipal services agreement entered into under Section 60 of the *Municipal Government Act*, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Authority borrow a sum or sums not to exceed  
four hundred twenty eight thousand eight hundred thirty five Dollars  
(\$ 428,835 ) for the purpose set out above;

**THAT** the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Authority of an amount as the Authority deems necessary;

**THAT** pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act, the issue of debentures be postponed and that a sum or sums not to exceed  
four hundred twenty eight thousand eight hundred thirty five Dollars  
(\$ 428,835 ) in total be borrowed from time to time from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

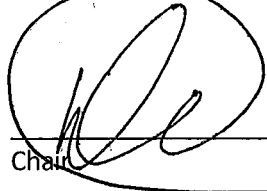
**THAT** the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of this resolution;

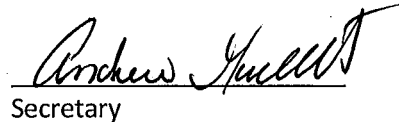
**THAT** the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and,

**THAT** the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution read and duly passed at a meeting of the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority held on the 18 day of February, 2026.

**GIVEN** under the hands of the Chair and the Secretary and under the seal of the Authority this 18 day of February, 2026.

  
Chair

  
Secretary

**VALLEY REGION SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION**

Amount: \$ 428,835

Capital Projects: Detailed in Schedule "B"

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**MUNICIPAL GUARANTEES**

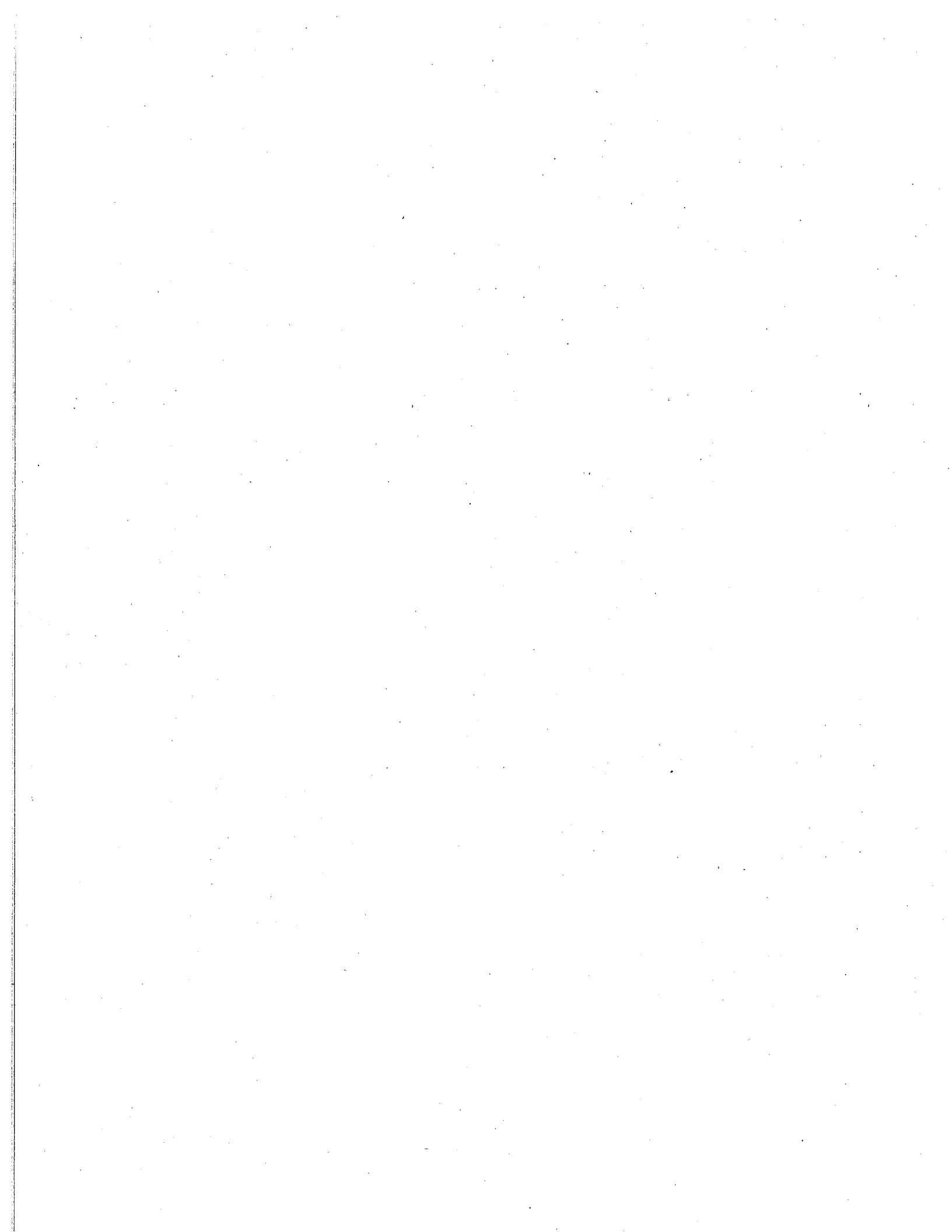
<b>MUNICIPAL PARTNER</b>	<b>GUARANTEE PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>GUARANTEE AMOUNT</b>
Municipality of the County of Kings	58.28%	249,905
Municipality of the County of Annapolis	20.98%	89,961
Town of Kentville	8.10%	34,717
Town of Wolfville	7.19%	30,842
Town of Berwick	2.71%	11,632
Town of Middleton	1.90%	8,164
Town of Annapolis Royal	.84%	3,614
Total Capital Requirements for Borrowing Resolution	<b>100</b>	<b>428,835.00</b>



Budget Year	Item Description	Finance Term	Funding Source Projection & Budget	Carry Forward from Prior Years	Approved Budget	Unsettled Costs in Due to/from
23-24	EMC / WMC C&D Hydrological Wells	10	Debenture	146,846	55,000	91,688
24-25	HHW Container & Pre Fab Steel Structure	10	Debenture		350,000	276,790
24-25	2xTri-Pak TB6030	10	Debenture		110,000	60,357
						<u>428,835</u>

As per Budget 2026 with AC as an owner	
Municipality of Kings	58.28%
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**VALLEY REGION SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
MUNICIPAL PARTNER GUARANTEE RESOLUTION  
COUNCIL OF  
Town of Berwick**

Guarantee Share Amount: \$ 11,632 Purpose: Replacement guarantee for capital projects completed in 25-26 from prior year budgets that expired

**WHEREAS** the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) was incorporated on October 1, 2001 pursuant to Section 60 of the Municipal Government Act;

**WHEREAS** the Authority has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of eleven thousand six hundred thirty two Dollars (\$ 11,632 ) for purpose of Replacement guarantee for capital projects ;

**WHEREAS** the Authority has requested the Council of the Town of Berwick, a municipality that executed the instrument of incorporation of the Authority, to guarantee said borrowing; and,

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 88 of the Municipal Government Act, no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Council of the Town of Berwick does hereby approve the borrowing of the aggregate principal amount of eleven thousand six hundred thirty two Dollars (\$ 11,632 ) for the purpose set out above;

**THAT** subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the borrowing by the Authority and the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the guarantee, the Council unconditionally guarantee repayment of eleven thousand six hundred thirty two Dollars (\$ 11,632 ) for the purpose set out above; and

**THAT** upon the issue of the debentures, the Mayor/Warden and Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution read and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the Town of Berwick held on the      day of     , 2026.

**GIVEN** under the hands of the Clerk and under the seal of the Municipality this      day of     , 2026.

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Clerk

## Grant Reductions - Details by Department

Fiscal Year: 2026-27

Ref.	Department	Name of Grant/Program	Grant Budget (\$ 000s)	Reduction (\$ 000s)
1	Advanced Education	Strategy, Partnerships & Innovation	100	100
2	Advanced Education	Research & Innovation - Brain Repair Centre	250	250
3	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Rent	1,000	1,000
4	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - EduNova funding	100	100
5	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Graduate Outcomes Survey	100	100
6	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Flexible Funding	78	78
7	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Biomedical Waste Dalhousie University	30	30
8	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Technical Education Acadia University	14	14
9	Advanced Education	Program and Service Delivery	47	47
10	Advanced Education	Programs and Accountability - Graduate Scholarships	3,700	3,700
11	Advanced Education	Programs and Accountability - Graduate Scholarships	18	18
12	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Education Ph.D. Mount St. Vincent University	215	215
13	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Education Ph.D. Acadia University	103	103
14	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Education Ph.D St. FX University	103	103
15	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Ph.D. Programs St. Mary's University	100	100
16	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Transition Year Program Dalhousie University	50	50
17	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Aboriginal Programming Accessibility Cape Breton University	50	50
18	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Francophone/Acadian Health Dalhousie University	25	25
19	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Promoting Leadership in Health for African NS Dalhousie University	25	25
20	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Social Work Clinic Dalhousie University	25	25
21	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Beaton Institute/Art Gallery Cape Breton University	700	700

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22	Advanced Education	Targeted Funding - Operations Transfer NS College of Art and Design	360	360
23	Advanced Education	Operating Funding - One time reduction St. Mary's University	39,431	11,000
24	Advanced Education	Research & Innovation - Operating Grant	6,396	1,279
25	<b>Agriculture</b>	Remaining Agr Operations	2	2
26	Agriculture	Discretionary	10	10
27	Agriculture	Taste of Nova Scotia	189	90
28	Agriculture	Perennia Grant	3,050	610
29	Agriculture	Building Maintenance	59	12
30	<b>Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage</b>	Arts Nova Scotia - Art Bank Investments	40	40
31	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Creative Economy - Publishers Assistance Program	700	700
32	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Trail Grants - Community Trails Leadership	80	80
33	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Nova Scotia - Artists in Schools	135	135
34	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Nova Scotia - LG Award	50	50
35	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Nova Scotia - Confederation Center	10	10
36	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Nova Scotia - NS College of Art & Design - Gordon Parson Scholarship	1	1
37	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Nova Scotia - Artists in Communities	203	203
38	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Hosting Events	80	80
39	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Business Plan Priorities - Atlantic University Sport (AUS)	20	20
40	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Leadership Development	91	91
41	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Sport Development - Aboriginal Sport	5	5
42	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Combat Sports Authority	10	10
43	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Active Living - Bicycle NS	75	75
44	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Active Living - Tumblebugs	40	40

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45	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Active Living - Active Transportation Programming	105	105
46	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Let's Get Moving - Program Evaluation	70	70
47	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Let's Get Moving - PA Counselling	75	75
48	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Let's Get Moving - Workplace Tools	50	50
49	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Let's Get Moving - Connect2	400	400
50	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Engagement Grants - Community Recreation Capital Grants	275	275
51	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Engagement Grants	386	386
52	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Technology Program	250	250
53	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Supports and Infrastructure - Cultural Communities and Identities Program	35	35
54	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Recognition and Celebration - Inspiring Communities	407	407
55	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Administration	100	100
56	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Equity Funding Initiative	350	175
57	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Artistic Innovation Program	84	42
58	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Creative Collaborations	250	125
59	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Interpretive Renewal Project Fund	100	50
60	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Museum Assistance Program Agreement with Association of NS Museum (MOU)	100	50
61	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Diversity and Community Capacity Fund	500	250
62	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Mi'Kmaq Cultural Activities Program	100	50
63	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Mi'Kmaq History Month Program	75	38
64	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	The Strategic Research Program	100	50
65	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Support 4 Culture	858	429
66	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	African Culture Activities	100	50

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67	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Gaelic Culture Activities	100	50
68	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Gaelic Intensive Immersion Program	25	13
69	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Culture Innovation Fund	500	250
70	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Screen Writers Development Fund	362	181
71	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	African Heritage Month Proclamation	10	5
72	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Heritage Day	50	25
73	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	CIF - Decade for Persons of African Descent	200	100
74	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Mawio'mi Development Fund	95	48
75	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	ANS: Access Support Supplement	50	25
76	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Hope Blooms	40	20
77	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Festival and Community Event Development	350	175
78	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Let's Get Moving - Active Communities Fund	1,206	603
79	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Creative Economy - Creative Industries Fund	1,869	748
80	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Nova Scotia - Grants to Individuals	632	190
81	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Nova Scotia - Grants to Organizations and Small Groups	500.5	150
82	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Nova Scotia - Operating Assistance to Arts Organizations	2,834	850
83	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Arts Nova Scotia - Talent Trust	115	35
84	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	African Nova Scotian Affairs - Community Engagement	439	88
85	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Anchor Organizations	8,127	1,625
86	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Provincial Recreation Organizations	647	129
87	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Provincial Sport Organizations	1,133	227
88	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Engagement Grants - Recreation Facilities Development	1,641	328
89	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Engagement Grants - Planning Assistance	110	22

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90	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Trail Grants - Trail Maintenance	88	18
91	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Executive - AML - Bluenose II	1,189	238
92	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Museum Assistance Program	1,628	326
93	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Locally Managed Museums	8,001	1,600
94	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	African Nova Scotian Affairs - Int'l Decade for People of African Descent	100	20
95	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Art Gallery Nova Scotia	2,487	497
96	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Sport Development - NS School Athletic Federation (NSSAF)	15	3
97	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Sport Development - Sport Development Projects	117	23
98	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Supports and Infrastructure - Community ACCESS-Ability	1,000	200
99	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Supports and Infrastructure - Business ACCESS-Ability	1,000	200
100	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Food Security Supports - Community Food Literacy and Access	200	40
101	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Food Security Supports - Food Security Initiatives	853	171
102	Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Supports and Infrastructure - Engage NS	600	100
103	<b>Education and Early Childhood Development</b>	Educational Leadership Consortium of Nova Scotia	105	105
104	Education and Early Childhood Development	Various Scholarships and Awards	1,462	1,462
105	Education and Early Childhood Development	Early Years - Professional Learning Support Sites	1,054	1,054
106	Education and Early Childhood Development	Early Years - Continuing Education Program for Early Childhood Educators	592	592
107	Education and Early Childhood Development	Artists in Schools	220	220
108	Education and Early Childhood Development	Out-of-School-Time Learning Grants	176	176
109	Education and Early Childhood Development	Mi'kmaq Services	148	148
110	Education and Early Childhood Development	Career Exploration and Community Based Learning	110	110

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111	Education and Early Childhood Development	Africentric Summer Scholar Program for African Nova Scotia Youth	90	90
112	Education and Early Childhood Development	Post-secondary initiatives	45	45
113	Education and Early Childhood Development	Summer STEM Project	11	11
114	Education and Early Childhood Development	Community Education - Uncommitted discretionary funding	31	31
115	Education and Early Childhood Development	Post-secondary initiatives	35	35
116	Education and Early Childhood Development	Staff development and support funding	30	30
117	Education and Early Childhood Development	Minister's Awards for Creative Excellence in the Arts	5	5
118	Education and Early Childhood Development	Curriculum Development Consulting	396	396
119	Education and Early Childhood Development	Student Advisory Council (SAC) Innovation Fund	250	250
120	Education and Early Childhood Development	Inclusive Education Funding - Uncommitted discretionary funding	78	78
121	Education and Early Childhood Development	Women in Engineering Scholarship	12	12
122	Education and Early Childhood Development	Third-party non-profit literacy initiatives	10	10
123	Education and Early Childhood Development	Student Advisory Council (SAC) Conference	150	150
124	Education and Early Childhood Development	Staff development and support funding	51	51
125	Education and Early Childhood Development	Post-secondary initiatives	150	150
126	Education and Early Childhood Development	Post-secondary initiatives	100	100
127	Education and Early Childhood Development	Curriculum Development - Uncommitted discretionary funding	77	77
128	Education and Early Childhood Development	Staff development and support funding	70	70
129	Education and Early Childhood Development	Curriculum Development - Uncommitted discretionary funding	50	50
130	Education and Early Childhood Development	Curriculum Development - Uncommitted discretionary funding	30	30
131	Education and Early Childhood Development	Curriculum Development - Uncommitted discretionary funding	20	20

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132	Education and Early Childhood Development	Curriculum Development - Uncommitted discretionary funding	20	20
133	Education and Early Childhood Development	Funding for third-party non-profit literacy initiatives	16	16
134	Education and Early Childhood Development	Third-party non-profit literacy initiatives	7	7
135	Education and Early Childhood Development	Curriculum Development - Uncommitted discretionary funding	4	4
136	Education and Early Childhood Development	Uncommitted discretionary funding	28	28
137	Education and Early Childhood Development	Outdoor Learning Space	6	6
138	Education and Early Childhood Development	Student Transit Pass Pilot Program	1,200	600
139	Education and Early Childhood Development	Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education and Training - Uncommitted discretionary funding	120	50
140	Education and Early Childhood Development	Inclusive Education Funding - Uncommitted discretionary funding	440	88
141	Education and Early Childhood Development	Third-party community equity programing	1,100	220
142	Education and Early Childhood Development	Third-party community equity programing	1,040	208
143	Education and Early Childhood Development	Third-party non-profit literacy initiatives	16	3
144	<b>Emergency Management</b>	Contracts/Grants to NGOs	850	170
145	<b>Energy</b>	Energy Resource Development - Energy Sector Development	160	160
146	Energy	Energy Resource Development - Energy Sector Development	35	35
147	Energy	Energy Resource Development - Energy Sector Development	27	27
148	Energy	Energy Resource Development - Subsurface Energy Development	100	100
149	Energy	Energy Resource Development - Subsurface Energy Development	50	50
150	Energy	Energy Resource Development - Subsurface Energy Development	50	50
151	Energy	Clean Energy	328	66
152	<b>Environment and Climate Change</b>	Sustainability and Applied Sciences grants	132	132

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153	Environment and Climate Change	Nova Scotia Climate Change Fund (2026-27 is last year of funding)	1,886	1,886
154	Environment and Climate Change	Nova Scotia Climate Change Fund (2026-27 is last year of funding)	3,000	3,000
155	Environment and Climate Change	Climate Change	262	52
156	<b>Finance and Treasury Board</b>	Municipal Finance - Sponsorship Grants	14	14
157	<b>Fisheries and Aquaculture</b>	Marine Debris Clean Up Program	20	20
158	Fisheries and Aquaculture	Marine Division grant program funding	443	89
159	<b>Growth and Development</b>	Rental Rehabilitation	4,600	4,600
160	Growth and Development	Business Relations and Innovation	262	262
161	Growth and Development	Secondary Suite	4,800	2,800
162	Growth and Development	Regional Enterprise Networks	1,866	373
163	<b>Health and Wellness</b>	Tajikeimik	215	215.0
164	Health and Wellness	Other Programs - Nursing Transcripts	1,548	309.7
165	Health and Wellness	General Administration	170	34.0
166	Health and Wellness	Diversity Initiatives	55	11.0
167	Health and Wellness	IWK Health Transformation Workforce Strategy	3,021	604.2
168	Health and Wellness	Other Programs - Acute and Primary Health Care	218	43.6
169	Health and Wellness	Other Programs - Health System Workforce	5,064	1,012.8
170	Health and Wellness	Other Programs - Health System Workforce	518	103.6
171	Health and Wellness	Other Programs - IT Systems	2,563	512.6
172	Health and Wellness	Other Programs - Public Health	242	48.4
173	Health and Wellness	Other Programs - Public Health	10	2.0

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174	Health and Wellness	Other Programs - Public Health	20	4.0
175	<b>Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	Military Relations	46	9
176	<b>Justice</b>	Restorative Justice International Centre of Excellence	150	150
177	Justice	Uniform Law Conference of Canada general and research activities	16	16
178	Justice	Domestic Violence Court in Halifax	75	15
179	Justice	Domestic Violence Court in Sydney	75	15
180	Justice	Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq Program	415	83
181	Justice	Financial Assistance for Legal Information Society of NS	150	30
182	<b>Labour, Skills and Immigration</b>	Grant - Halifax Chamber of Commerce	55	55
183	Labour, Skills and Immigration	Skills and Learning Grant	100	100
184	Labour, Skills and Immigration	Workplace Initiatives Employer Supports	300	300
185	Labour, Skills and Immigration	Graduate to Opportunity	5	5
186	Labour, Skills and Immigration	NS Apprenticeship Agency Program Grants	35,041	7,008
187	Labour, Skills and Immigration	NS Apprenticeship Agency Technical Training	13,992	2,798
188	Labour, Skills and Immigration	NS School for Adult Learning	4,622	924
189	Labour, Skills and Immigration	Graduate to Opportunity	3,843	769
190	Labour, Skills and Immigration	Co-op	3,750	750
191	Labour, Skills and Immigration	Summer Skills	3,438	688
192	<b>Municipal Affairs</b>	Flood Risk Infrastructure Program (FRIIP)	250	250
193	Municipal Affairs	Provincial Capital Assistance (PCAP)	1,690	1,690
194	Municipal Affairs	Municipal Innovation Program (MIP)	578	578
195	Municipal Affairs	Growth & Renewal for Infrastructure Development (GRID)	15,000	15,000
196	<b>Natural Resources</b>	Ecological Forestry Implementation	1,750	350.0

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197	Natural Resources	Biospring / Greenspring	700	140.0
198	Natural Resources	Outreach private woodlot	1,000	200.0
199	Natural Resources	Various grants regional services and public education	105	21.0
200	<b>Office of Addictions and Mental Health</b>	Community Wellness Framework - Research Nova Scotia	300	200
201	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	NSHA E-Mental Health	6,821	1,364
202	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	IWK Trauma Informed Care	1,069	214
203	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Mental Health initiatives	863	173
204	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Other Mental Health initiatives	861	172
205	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	NSHA E-health Innovation	757	151
206	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Independent Living Nova Scotia	250	50
207	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Mass Casualty Commission: Needs and Impact Assessment	200	40
208	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Recovery Houses	1,574	157
209	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Mass Casualty Commission: Trauma Informed Care	700	70
210	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	NSHA Mental Health Strategy and Training	140	14
211	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	IWK Mental Health Strategy & Training	33	3
212	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Mental Health Strategy	17	2
213	Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Community Supports	43	4
214	<b>Office of Equity and Anti-Racism</b>	Program Grants and Assistance	620	124
215	<b>Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment</b>	Community Fund	2,000	400
216	<b>Office of L'nu Affairs</b>	Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre	30	30
217	Office of L'nu Affairs	Capacity Development & Program Support	40	40
218	Office of L'nu Affairs	Treaty Day Awards Ceremony and Mi'kmaw History Month	27	27
219	Office of L'nu Affairs	MK Treaty Education Lead and Administrative Support	100	100

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220	Office of L'nu Affairs	Tripartite Forum	558	558
221	Office of L'nu Affairs	Aboriginal Community Development Fund	100	100
222	Office of L'nu Affairs	Atlantic Indigenous Economic Development Integrated Research Program (AIEDIRP)	25	25
223	Office of L'nu Affairs	Clean Leadership Summer Internship	50	50
224	Office of L'nu Affairs	Annual Mi'kmaw Summer Games	10	10
225	Office of L'nu Affairs	Mi'kmaw Language Revitalization Strategy	1,300	260
226	Office of L'nu Affairs	Moose Management Initiative	50	10
227	<b>Opportunities and Social Development</b>	One-time initiatives	1,812	1,812
228	Opportunities and Social Development	Indigenous Social Work Practice Conference	5	5
229	Opportunities and Social Development	Child and Family Wellbeing - Administration	532	532
230	Opportunities and Social Development	Child and Youth Caring Programs	82.0	82.0
231	Opportunities and Social Development	Child and Family Wellbeing - Community Resource Support (Association of Black Social Workers)	300.0	225.0
232	Opportunities and Social Development	Disability Support Program: Administration	119	60
233	Opportunities and Social Development	Youth Day Program Pilot	7,166	3,583
234	Opportunities and Social Development	Foster Parent Resources	1,147.2	573.6
235	Opportunities and Social Development	Hearing Aid Assistance Program	410	164
236	Opportunities and Social Development	Youth Programming	10,040	3,504
237	Opportunities and Social Development	Disability Support Program - Community Resource Support	301	96
238	Opportunities and Social Development	Prevention & Early Intervention - Other Programs	5,519.0	1,379.8
239	Opportunities and Social Development	Work Activity Projects	4,885	1,075
240	Opportunities and Social Development	Strategic Investment Fund Grants	145	29

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241	Opportunities and Social Development	Reimbursements for Service Provider Collective Agreement Negotiations	210	42
242	Opportunities and Social Development	Disability Support Program Administration - Education and Training Funding	30	6
243	Opportunities and Social Development	Youth Outreach	7,354.0	1,470.8
244	Opportunities and Social Development	A Place to Belong	1,870.0	374.0
245	Opportunities and Social Development	Mentoring	315.0	63.0
246	Opportunities and Social Development	Ability Works	2,021	404
247	Opportunities and Social Development	Skills Work	3,071	614
248	Opportunities and Social Development	Poverty Reduction Credit	6,990	1,398
249	Opportunities and Social Development	Special Needs - Dental costs, Bus Passes	8,037	1,607
250	Opportunities and Social Development	Creating Communities of Care	500	100
251	Opportunities and Social Development	Alternative Family Care	3,721.8	446.6
252	Opportunities and Social Development	Temporary Emergency Arrangements	8,196.4	859.0
253	Opportunities and Social Development	Day Programs	29,438	2,944
254	Opportunities and Social Development	Families Plus	1,950.0	195.0
255	Opportunities and Social Development	Family Resource Centres	6,203.0	310.2
256	Opportunities and Social Development	Parenting Journeys	4,140.0	207.0
257	<b>Public Works</b>	School Bus Campaign Sponsorship	10	10
258	Public Works	Bicycle safety initiatives	100	100
259	Public Works	Blue Route Provincial Cycling Network	100	100
260	Public Works	Public Policy Forum Sponsorship	26	26
261	Public Works	Dalhousie concrete bridge research	55	55
262	Public Works	Institute of Public Administration of Canada student membership.	150	150
263	Public Works	Nova Scotia Road Builders Association	75	75

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264	Public Works	Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program	151	151
265	Public Works	Strategic Community Transit Investments	873	175
266	Public Works	Community Transportation Assistance Program	4,134	827
267	Public Works	Public Transit Assistance Program	950	190
268	Public Works	Agreement for Community Transit Organization	250	50
269	<b>Seniors and Long-term Care</b>	Miscellaneous Capital (small scale projects)	725	725
270	Seniors and Long-term Care	Policy and Planning	29.1	29
271	Seniors and Long-term Care	Capital Infrastructure	10,500	2,100
272	Seniors and Long-term Care	Capital Infrastructure - legacy projects	3,500	700
273	Seniors and Long-term Care	Emergency Capital	1,500	300
274	Seniors and Long-term Care	Strategic Program Initiatives	1,403	281
275	Seniors and Long-term Care	Personal Use Allowance	261	52
276	Seniors and Long-term Care	Caregivers Benefit	12,727	2,545
277	Seniors and Long-term Care	Alzheimer Society of NS - Dementia Strategy	2,251	450
278	Seniors and Long-term Care	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living	1,000	200
279	Seniors and Long-term Care	Age Friendly Community Program	664	133
280	Seniors and Long-term Care	Caregivers NS	487	97
281	Seniors and Long-term Care	Volunteer Programs	136.7	27
282	Seniors and Long-term Care	Chebucto Links	76	15
283	Seniors and Long-term Care	Volunteer Programs	60.4	12
284	Seniors and Long-term Care	Volunteer Programs	29.6	6
285	Seniors and Long-term Care	Volunteer Programs	24.7	5
286	<b>Service Nova Scotia</b>	Provincial Archival Development Program	50	50
287	Service Nova Scotia	Better Business Bureau	25	25