

Municipal Drinking Water Supply Planning Assistance Program 2007/2008

Purpose

This program is intended to assist municipalities in protecting the quality of drinking water in municipal water supply watersheds through their municipal planning documents (municipal planning strategy, land use by-law, and subdivision by-law). The program is in keeping with the provisions of the *Statement of Provincial Interest Regarding Drinking Water* and *A Drinking Water Strategy for Nova Scotia*, and supports these and other provincial policies, regulations and programs aimed at the protection of municipal drinking water supplies. This is the sixth year of this program.

Funding

Program funding is for the fiscal year 2007/2008 and funds are accessible on a cost-shared basis, up to a maximum of 50% of the costs on approved municipal planning projects.

Funding in this program is intended to serve numerous municipal planning projects across the province and hence the level of assistance provided to any one project will reflect this objective.

Eligibility

- Who is eligible?

This program is open to all municipalities, villages and district planning commissions in the province of Nova Scotia.

- What is eligible?

Components of municipal land use planning exercises relative to the protection of municipal water supply watersheds (both surface & groundwater), as envisioned by and provided for under the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, are eligible for funding under this program. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- ✓ preparation of background studies and mapping relative to municipal planning documents;
- ✓ development of municipal planning documents or amendments to them; and
- ✓ public participation sessions.

Given that drinking water watersheds often cross municipal boundaries inter-municipal cooperation efforts are encouraged.

Documentation Required

A request for funding under this program must provide sufficient details concerning the planning project for Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations to make an informed decision regarding the need and project applicability.

The application package for the project should include, but not be limited to:

- ✓ geographic area covered by the project;
- ✓ who will be carrying out the project;
- ✓ project time-frame;
- ✓ how the project relates and contributes to municipal planning documents and more particularly municipal water supply protection; and
- ✓ project costs and municipal contributions.

Where the water supply watershed extends into or is wholly located with an adjacent municipality, documentation demonstrating the support of that municipality is required.

Application Deadline

Requests for funding assistance will be considered as they are received, subject to funding availability. An early submission improves a municipality's chances that funds are still available in the program.

Contact

For more information about this program or to submit a request for funding, contact:
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Payment Procedure

Payment for approved municipal planning projects will be based on claims submitted to the Department.