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RICHMOND

Chris Boudreau, P.Eng
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 25, 2026

Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board
3rd Floor, 1601 Lower Water Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3S3

Re: Request for Approval to Construct

The Richmond Water Utility is seeking approval to expend capital to carry out the replacement of water main in the Louisdale Water Distribution System.

The Utility has more than 40 kms of water distribution mains with the majority approaching 50 years of age. While the majority of the system is in good condition, and experiences relatively few watermain breaks, a disproportionate number of breaks have occurred on Bennies Lane and Bennies Lane Extension.

The Utility is proposing carrying out watermain replacements in the noted areas in 2026/27. The total length of watermain replaced will be subject to tendered pricing, however, is estimated to be approximately 400 meters. The total estimated cost of the proposed work is \$500,000 with funding sources as follows:

NS Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program ("GRID")	\$250,000 (50%)
Richmond Water Utility Depreciation Fund	\$250,000 (50%)

The proposed work was included in the recent rate study (matter M11583) with \$250,000 allocated in 2024/25 and \$250,000 in 2025/26 (50% of cost noted from others and remainder from the utility depreciation fund). The work was not carried out in 2024/25 or 2025/26 due to a lack of external funding. GRID funding has been approved for 2026/27. The proposed expenditure is not expected to impact water rates. The projected cash flow of the Utility's depreciation fund is noted below.

Projected depreciation fund balance at April 1, 2026	\$424,515
Estimated interest on Fund Balance	\$16,371
Projected fund balance before expenditures	\$440,886
Depreciation contributions for 2026/2027	\$174,426
Projected depreciation spent for 2026/2027	\$261,000
<u>Balance after expenditures and transfer</u>	<u>\$354,312</u>

The remaining depreciation fund balance at March 31, 2027, after planned/proposed expenditures and transfer is estimated to be \$354,312.

Please advise if you require any additional information to consider this request for approval to construct.

Regards,



Chris Boudreau, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works
Municipality of the County of Richmond

cc: Troy MacCulloch. – CAO
Kathleen Jeffrey – Director of Finance

Attachments:

- GRID Funding approval letter



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February 20, 2026

Lois Landry
Warden
Municipality of the County of Richmond
Via Email: lois.landry@richmondcounty.ca

Dear Warden Landry:

Thank you for your recent request for funding under the 2025-26 Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development (GRID) program for the Louisdale Water Distribution System Renewal project.

I am pleased to advise that the Department of Municipal Affairs has approved your funding request and will contribute \$250,000 toward the cost of this project.

Please refer to the attached Agreement, which outlines the Terms and Conditions (T&Cs) of the funding approval. To proceed, kindly review, sign, and return the T&Cs to the program email address provided below.

Should you have any questions, please contact our GRID program email at GRID@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

Honourable John A. MacDonald
Minister of Municipal Affairs

c: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of the County of Richmond
Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works/Municipal Engineer, Municipality of the County of Richmond

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