



Town of Amherst
Special Council Meeting
Agenda

Date: **Monday, October 6, 2025**
Time: **12:00 pm**
Location: **Council Chambers, Town Hall**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

"I would like to acknowledge that our gathering today is taking place in Mi'kma'ki (MEEG-MA-GEE), the traditional, unceded and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaw people. I would also like to acknowledge that Nova Scotia has another unique people, the people of African descent whose legacy and contributions date back over 400 years predating confederation of this land. We are all treaty people."

2. REQUEST FOR DECISION

2.1 GRID Funding Application

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3. ADJOURNMENT

SYNOPSIS

Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development (GRID) Funding Application

The expansion of the Amherst Industrial Park is a strategic priority of Council and the installation of an ultraviolet disinfection system for the Town's wastewater treatment facility was approved in the 2025/26 general capital budget.

The Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID) provides funding for municipal infrastructure projects that address capacity issues, support housing growth, and expand municipal services. Under the GRID program, municipalities may submit two applications for up to 50% funding per intake cycle but only one can be approved. Staff are recommending submitting applications for:

- \$1,000,000 for the extension of municipal services to support the expansion of the Amherst Industrial Park, and;
- \$325,000 for the installation of an ultraviolet disinfection system at the Town's wastewater treatment facility.

While the program requires a resolution from Council be submitted with the applications, Council's approval to submit the funding applications does not commit council to all or any part of the project should the applications be denied.

MOTION:

That Council approve the submission of Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development funding applications for the extension of municipal services for the expansion of the Amherst Industrial Park, and the installation of a UV disinfection system at the Town's wastewater treatment facility; and further that Council authorize the CAO to submit these applications on behalf of the Town.



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2025112

Date: October 6, 2025

TO: Mayor Small and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Aaron Bourgeois, Director of Operations

DATE: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: **Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program**

ORIGIN: Council's strategic priorities, the 2025/26 general capital budget, and the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: MGA Section 65 The council shall adopt an operating budget and a capital budget for each fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program funding applications for the extension of municipal services for the expansion of the Amherst Industrial Park and for the installation of an ultraviolet disinfection system for the Town's wastewater treatment facility and further authorize the CAO to submit the application on behalf of the Town.

BACKGROUND: The expansion of the Amherst Industrial Park is a strategic priority of Council and the installation of an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system for the Town's wastewater treatment facility was included in the 2025/26 General Capital Budget.

The GRID program supports investment in priority municipal infrastructure projects that address critical capacity issues, build more accessible and adaptable communities and enable the preservation and expansion of services to support housing.

Staff have identified the extension of municipal services to expand the Industrial Park and the installation of the UV disinfection system at our wastewater treatment facility as eligible projects under the GRID program.

DISCUSSION: Municipalities may submit 2 funding applications, but only one can be approved per intake cycle and the order of priority must be indicated in the application, with approved projects receiving up to 50% funding. The application for the extension of municipal services for an Industrial Park expansion will be the highest priority application.





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Funding applications for shovel-ready projects that help communities address critical capacity issues, health and safety, expand services, build more accessible and adaptable communities, and projects that enable and/or preserve housing will be given priority during the evaluation process.

For the extension of services for an Industrial Park expansion staff will apply for \$1,000,000 or 40% of the estimated project costs and for the UV disinfection system staff will apply for \$325,000 or 50% of the estimated project costs.

The program requires a resolution from Council be submitted with the applications, however; Council's approval to submit the funding applications does not commit council to all or any part of the project should the applications be denied.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: For the extension of services for an Industrial Park expansion the total value of the project is estimated to be \$2,500,000. If the application is approved GRID would fund up to \$1,000,000.

For the installation of a UV disinfection system at the wastewater treatment facility the total value of the project is estimated to be \$650,000. If the application is approved GRID would fund up to \$325,000.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications as a result of this decision.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications because of this decision.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Should the application be successful, a press release will be issued at the appropriate time.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not submit the funding applications.
2. Submit the funding applications for different projects.

ATTACHMENTS: None

