

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS/HOUSING--New Water Infrastructure in Port Hawkesbury

An investment by the Province will help improve and ensure access to clean water for people in Port Hawkesbury.

The \$1.1 million in funding to upgrade the water supply and distribution system will provide a new above ground building and associated equipment, replacing the Pitt Street water tower and the existing pressure reducing valve vault on MacDonald Street.

“Modern and efficient water infrastructure is key to building healthy communities,” said Finance and Treasury Board Minister Allan MacMaster, MLA for Inverness, on behalf of Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister John Lohr. “This investment will help meet long-term development and water demands for the people of Port Hawkesbury.”

The municipality is upgrading the water treatment plant and water system metering, which will also improve efficiency and allow for future growth.

The total project cost is \$3.3 million. The federal government is contributing \$1.32 million through the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, and the Town of Port Hawkesbury is investing \$880,000.

Quotes:

“Our government is pleased to partner with provincial and municipal partners to invest in rural communities across Nova Scotia. Clean drinking water and more efficient water distribution are vital to the success of our province’s local development, while also creating good jobs and economic growth for our communities.”

- Mike Kelloway, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and MP for Cape Breton-Canso, on behalf of Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

“The Town of Port Hawkesbury is very happy to participate in the funding announcement of the Water System Upgrades Project. This funding will enable us to move forward on essential upgrades to our water treatment and distribution system. The provision of clean and safe drinking water to our residents, businesses and our surrounding communities is a basic service that we have enjoyed for more than a century. Constructing major improvements to the utility would not be possible without this support.”

- Mayor Brenda Chisholm Beaton, Town of Port Hawkesbury

Additional Resources:

Federal infrastructure investments in Nova Scotia:

<https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/prog-proj-ns-eng.html>

Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing:
<https://beta.novascotia.ca/government/municipal-affairs>

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