

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor & Council

Department: Finance & Information Technology

Date: December 8, 2025

Subject: Capital Renewal Funding—Approval of the Capital Renewal Plan 2026-2029

Background

The Province of New Brunswick introduced the **Capital Renewal Fund (CRF)** in 2025 under its new municipal fiscal framework. The CRF provides \$45 million province-wide to help municipalities renew and replace aging infrastructure such as roads, water and wastewater systems, and public facilities. Allocations are based on the net book value of municipal assets, with adjustments to ensure fairness among communities of different sizes.

The CRF supports proactive asset management, reduces deferred maintenance, and helps maintain service levels without relying heavily on debt or sudden tax increases. To access this funding, municipalities must submit a **Capital Renewal Plan (2026-2029)** aligned with their asset management strategy. Eligible projects include road resurfacing, water and wastewater upgrades, and energy-efficiency improvements.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to proceed with the formal submission process required by the Province for CRF funding. While the projects have already been approved as part of the **Town's Five-Year General & Utility Capital Budgets**, this step ensures compliance with provincial requirements and supports the Town's **Strategic Plan and Asset Management Strategy** by continuing investment in critical capital assets. Approval will authorize staff to prepare and submit the necessary documentation—including signatures from the Mayor and Clerk—by **December 15, 2025**, to secure CRF funding.

Process

Finance staff worked with the necessary staff to review the current approved five-year capital budgets for the General and Utility Funds. From these plans, projects were identified that:

- Fit the CRF eligibility criteria
- Do not currently have funding attached (to avoid stacking rules)

The table below lists the projects seeking Council’s approval for inclusion in the formal submission to the Province. Financing for these projects has already been incorporated into the five-year capital budgets, and the actual allocation of CRF funding between the two funds is shown below. Because these allocations differ from the original lump sum split 50/50 at budget time — when the Town did not yet have detailed funding information — these adjustments will be reflected in the next ten-year capital plan update to Council in 2026.

Note: The Province has confirmed the 2026 allocation amount. Allocations for 2027–2029 were also provided by the Province; however, these figures are noted as estimates and may be subject to adjustment. Any changes to future allotments will be communicated, and the Town’s financial plan will be updated accordingly. The Capital Renewal Plan may also be updated as priorities change, with formal approval by Council and resubmission to the Province for approval.

Funding 2026-2029 Schedule

2026 (Confirmed)	2027 (Estimate)	2028 (Estimate)	2029 (Estimate)	Total
\$1,703,107.64	\$2,200,000	\$2,700,000	\$3,200,000	\$9,803,107.64

Proposed Projects and CRF Allocations

<u>Year</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Budgeted Cost</u>	<u>CRF Contribution</u>	<u>Municipal Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	Sewermain Renewals – Cleveland Road	\$1,900,000 (Utility Fund)	\$1,703,107.64	\$196,892.36	\$1,900,000
2027	Dobson Road Reconstruction	\$1,940,000 (General Fund) \$1,540,000 (Utility Fund)	\$2,200,000	\$1,280,000	\$3,480,000
2028	Emery Street Reconstruction	\$2,090,000 (General Fund) \$1,820,000 (Utility Fund)	\$2,700,000	\$1,210,000	\$3,910,000
2029	Downey Avenue Reconstruction	\$2,200,000 (General Fund) \$2,000,000 (Utility Fund)	\$3,200,000	\$1,000,000	\$4,200,000
		2026-2029 Totals:	\$9,803,107.64	\$3,686,892	\$13,490,000

It is important to note that while this funding is directed toward specific projects, its primary intent is to support the Town’s overall financing strategy. The Town retains discretion in how funds are attributed, provided they meet program criteria. The identified projects were selected as the best fit based on dollar value and project details. Therefore, this funding should not be viewed as benefiting only a particular road or asset, but rather as strengthening the Town’s financial position as a whole.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal: N/A

Financial: The Capital Renewal Plan projects listed above align with the Town’s recently approved five-year capital budgets for the General and Utility Funds, adopted during the 2026 budget cycle.

Policy: N/A

Stakeholders: N/A

Strategic Plan: The Capital Renewal Plan aligns with the Town's **Asset Management Strategy**, which emphasizes proactive, long-term planning to maintain and renew municipal infrastructure. This approach ensures that capital investments support the Town's strategic goals for sustainability, service excellence, and fiscal responsibility by managing assets through their full life cycle—from acquisition to renewal or disposal—based on whole-of-life costs and defined service levels

Interdepartmental Consultation: The Director of Finance & IT collaborated with staff to identify projects that meet the eligibility criteria for inclusion in this Capital Renewal Plan.

Communication Plan: N/A

OPTIONS

- 1. Council Approve the 2026-2029 Capital Renewal Plan**
- 2. Council Not Approve the 2026-2029 Capital Renewal Plan and direct staff on an alternative plan**

RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF

THAT Council approve the inclusion of the identified projects in the formal submission to the Province as part of the 2026–2029 Capital Renewal Plan and authorize staff to prepare and submit all required documentation by the December 15 deadline, including obtaining the Mayor's and Clerk's signatures on all relevant documents, to secure Capital Renewal Funding (CRF).

With the following motion:

"that the document entitled "Town of Riverview 2026-2029 Capital Renewal Plan (CRP)" for the Capital Renewal Funding (CRF) allocation be adopted".

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