



Special Town Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order – Welcome**
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Business
 - 3.1 Medical Centre Renovations
Verbal presentation
 - 3.2 RFD – 20261014-1 – Main Street Commitment
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4. Adjournment



REQUEST FOR DECISION
Main Street Commitment
#20261014-1

Date: October 14, 2026	Subject: Main Street Commitment
Proposal Attached:	Submitted by: Linda Cloney and Ruthann Brookins

Proposal:	Council directs staff to enter into the contract agreement with the Green Municipal Fund that supports the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation – Adaptation in Action regarding application number LLCA-25-0866. Also, Council commits to 3.4 million for this project.
Background:	The Town of Oxford was awarded, under the Green Municipal Fund (GMF), the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation – Adaptation in Action (LLCA) \$899,950.00. The name of this project is Implementing Flood Resiliency through Main Street Revitalization in the Town of Oxford, NS. The \$899,950 covers up to 82% of the eligible costs of the LLCA application submitted. The eligible costs cover approximately 22% (1M) of the total costs (4.45M) for the Main Street Revitalization. To receive the award, Oxford will need to forward to GMF the commitment that Oxford will complete this project by March 2029. Staff are currently seeking other funding sources to assist with the remainder 78% (3.45M) of the costs for the Main Street Revitalization Project. This project is Phase 2 of the Service Renewal to Support Community Growth Project that includes Across the Highway extension, Pugwash Rd watermain, road and reservoir replacement.
Options:	1. Council to recommend staff to enter into the contract agreement and commitment of funding with the Green Municipal Fund that supports the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation – Adaptation in Action regarding application number LLCA-25-0866. 2. Council to recommend to refrain from entering into the contract agreement or committing funds with the GMF.
Benefits:	<u>Option 1</u>

	- Secured 22% of Main Street Revitalization costs. <u>Option 2</u> - No financial commitment from the town.
Disadvantages:	<u>Option 1</u> - Expectations to use our reserves and debt if unable to secure funding for ineligible expenses (78%) to complete the project. <u>Option 2</u> - Lose financial commitment from GMF/LLCA covering 22% of the Main Street Revitalization costs.
Required Resources:	
Source of Funding:	Option 1 – GMF/LLCA Grant, municipal reserves, debt, and other possible funding partners Option 2 - Municipal reserves, debt, and other possible funding partners
Sustainability Implications: (Environmental, Social, Economic and Cultural)	
Workplan Implications (now/future):	Currently evaluating proposals for Main Street Revitalization design plans. Next step is to apply for further funding
Communication Plan:	Update council and public as progress happens.
Staff Comments/ Recommendations: Manager of Finance/Asset Management	I recommend Option 1 as it is important to secure this funding for the Main Street Revitalization. GMF/LLCA require a contract signed by next week to retain these funds for the Town. Our asset management plan indicates that Main Street is a priority.
CAO's Review/ Comments:	I also recommend that Council chooses option 1. Entering into a contract and committing to the LLCA secures a funding partner that financially supports a portion of the costs to revitalize Main Street. If Council does not commit to the LLCA, as requested, there is a chance that we may lose this portion of the funding. Main Street has become a priority for Council, staff, and the public and staff are currently seeking other funding partners to assist with the remainder of the Main Street project.