

## Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership Program

Through its Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership (PMHP) Program, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI), will partner with municipalities in New Brunswick to share eligible and approved costs of maintaining and upgrading provincial-municipal highways located within municipal boundaries. The PMHP Program contributes to responsible asset management of strategic infrastructure.

### **Eligible Items**

To be considered for funding, all proposed projects must contribute to maintaining or rehabilitating a provincial-municipal highway in a municipality. Eligible items that will be considered under the program include the following:

- Highway resurfacing: asphalt paving, chip seal
- Highway preservation: micro surfacing, crack seal
- Highway reconstruction, widening, turning lane
- Drainage: culvert, storm sewer, ditching
- Curb and gutter, traffic island, traffic control median, restoration behind curb
- Utility pole moves
- Line painting after resurfacing

### **Non-Eligible Items**

It should be stressed that the program will not fund the following:

- Water main, sanitary sewer
- Sidewalks and restoration behind the sidewalk
- Traffic signals, street lighting
- Landscaping, trees
- Land
- Trails
- Other costs that DTI does not consider critical to the asset's lifecycle

### **Criteria**

The criteria by which proposed projects will be evaluated under the PMHP Program include the following:

- safety risk to the public
- project aligns with the DTI Pavement Management System
- improvement to the movement of traffic
- drainage issues
- condition/age of the asset
- leverage of funds, amount of municipal contribution
- readiness of the project

**Note that projects with excessive costs will least likely to be funded due to PMHP Program funding levels.**

### **Financial Assistance Available**

DTI will partner with a municipality to share the costs of eligible project items if the municipality has the financial resources. There is no obligation on municipalities to partner as DTI recognises that financial resources may not be available in which case DTI will fund 100% of the costs for eligible items.

DTI will partner with a municipality on eligible projects under the following suggested shared cost amounts:

- Municipal share of eligible costs:
  - Cities: 15% to 50%
  - Towns: 15% to 25%
  - Villages/Rural Communities: 5% to 15%

Municipal government may source their share of the required funding from own revenues, the federal government, the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board, but not from any funding amounts received from other provincial entities such as Regional Development Corporation.

To illustrate funding amounts, the following two examples are presented:

#### *Example 1*

City A, as part of its Asset Management Plan, proposes to rehabilitate 2 kilometres of a provincially designated highway that travels through its city. The rehabilitation work is expected to cost \$4 million, including the replacement of two culverts and some widening of the road to accommodate increased traffic. As this work would be considered 100% eligible and the applicant has proposed a cost share percentage of 40%, DTI would fund \$2.4 million (\$4 million eligible \* 60%)

#### *Example 2*

Village B with a proposed cost share percentage of 8%, plans to widen its main street at a cost of \$1 million. At the same time, it plans to replace a deteriorating sidewalk and add trees and shrubbery which is expected to bring the total cost to \$2 million. DTI would fund \$920,000 of this \$2 million project (eligible work of \$1 million \* 92%)

### **How to Apply**

PMHP Program Application Form with Schedules A, B, C completed and signed by the municipality submitted electronically to [pmhp-prpm@gnb.ca](mailto:pmhp-prpm@gnb.ca) by the required date. All proposed costs will be verified by DTI before funding is approved. DTI will review the applications and municipalities will be advised of their approved projects and funding amounts by the Minister.

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