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Canada Community Building Fund - Eligibility of Fire Station Infrastructure

I am pleased to notify you that on June 28, 2021, the Federal Government announced the expansion of the eligible investments categories of the Canada Community Building Fund (formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund) to include fire hall and fire station infrastructure.

The Federal Gas Tax Agreement now considers fire halls and fire station infrastructure as eligible investments under the program through a new investment category, Fire Halls. Project expenditures for this new investment category incurred as of April 1, 2021 will be considered eligible. This change will contribute to the program's objective of building stronger and more resilient communities. The existing Federal Gas Tax Administrative Agreement will govern the new category and projects under this category.


Eligible expenditures under this new category are associated with the acquiring, planning, designing, constructing or renovating of a tangible capital asset, as defined by the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and any related debt financing charges specifically identified with that asset.

Infrastructure is defined as publicly or privately owned tangible capital assets primarily for public use or benefit. Eligible investments include the construction, renewal or material enhancement of capital expenditures for infrastructure projects in each of the eligible categories that support the program objectives.

In general, eligible projects must be associated to infrastructure as a capital asset.

Examples of Eligible Projects may include:	Examples of Ineligible Items may include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New fire hall (building) for housing fire-fighting apparatus and staff (may include attached dorms, basic training facilities and administration areas) • Retro-fit and modernization of existing fire halls and attached building space • Acquisition of a fire-truck as a capital asset when associated to a new infrastructure project or retro-fit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine repair and maintenance expenditures • Acquisition or replacement of fire trucks or other vehicles as a standalone project • Personal protective equipment (PPE) and gear • Fire Hydrants • Communications Devices (e.g. : Cell phones, radios, pagers)

To apply, please submit a Capital Investment Plan Application (CIP), resolution of council, and a quote for the proposed cost of the eligible project(s). For those who wish to apply for Gas Tax Funding for expenses incurred since April 1, 2021, please ensure you submit your CIP application, resolution of council and quote prior to December 31, 2021. Should the Town have any questions please contact the Gas Tax Secretariat by phone at 1-877-729-4393 or by email: gastax@gov.nl.ca.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Krista Lynn Howell".

HON. KRISTA LYNN HOWELL, MHA
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