



Annapolis Royal

— *Nova Scotia* —

Request for Expressions of Interest



Engineering Study Required

Opportunity to help create solutions to address
CLIMATE CHANGE through adaptation and
mitigation measures in Annapolis Royal

Opportunity

The Town of Annapolis Royal is accepting expressions of interest to conduct an engineering study to assess the Town's infrastructure capacity (for adaptation and mitigation) to effectively address climate change and sea level rise. This report will form a key part of the Town's proposal to the Federal Government's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) whose purpose is *"to invest in structural and natural infrastructure projects to increase the resilience of communities that are impacted by natural disasters triggered by climate change."*

The current sea-level projections predict that lower St. George Street and adjacent areas will be inundated regularly, affecting many businesses, residences and registered provincial, federal, and municipal heritage properties. To ensure Annapolis Royal's regional economic role and historical significance to Canada both remains intact, an engineering study is required to determine the best options moving forward to address sea-level rise. This phase of mitigation and adaptation planning for the town of Annapolis Royal is critical in tackling hard-pressing issues such as sea-level rise.

The study will (a) detail the extent and frequency of flood risks in the Historic District, (b) detail mitigation and adaptation strategies to reduce or eliminate flooding events in the future, and (c) produce a capital expenditure plan and project priority list to implement immediately or in subsequent years when resources and budgets are available. The completion of the works identified in the FMAP will preserve the integrity of the Historic District and the heritage structures contained therein.

Proposal Requirements

The development of the Flood Mitigation and Adaptation Plan (FMAP) outlined above. The Town will provide a detailed Flood Risk Analysis that will help to inform the development of the FMAP.

All proposals must indicate the ability to conduct an engineering study that will detail (with a goal of preserving the integrity of the commercial heart of the Town and the Historic District and heritage structures contained therein):

- the extent of flood risk to the commercial heart and Historic District
- the frequency of flood risk to the commercial heart and Historic District
- mitigation strategies
- adaptation strategies
- a capital expenditure plan
- a project priority list

Additional considerations:

- all proposed solutions will indeed avoid disaster and provide a good return on investment
- demonstrate why the solution(s) proposed is not only going to work but is superior to other possible approaches
- the study will need to address the possibility, or likely impossibility, of a soft approach. There may be measures outside Town boundaries, in the County of Annapolis, that can be of value
- be consistent with all environmental regulations and requirements
- consultation with the County of Annapolis will be necessary to ensure their support and that any proposed solutions do not negatively impact County jurisdictions

Response Process, Terms and Conditions

Parties responding to this Request for Expressions of Interest (REI) should submit a detailed proposal that articulates the ability of their company to complete an engineering study that will incorporate the requirements listed above. The REI should be supported with examples of any similar projects that the respondent has successfully completed, and an outline of the submitter's experience and expertise to successfully undertake this initiative.

The Town of Annapolis Royal will review and consider proposals received in relation to each other and reserves the right to negotiate specific terms and conditions of an agreement based on the submissions. The final decision will be made based on what Council feels is in the best interest of the Town.

The Town reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to extend the date for this REI; to request clarification or further information from any party who submits an REI; to negotiate with any party with whom the Town believes it can finalize an engineering study agreement.

The Town may reject any or all submissions with or without discussion; may terminate and resume negotiations with any party, may collapse this selection process entirely or undertake an entirely different selection process.

This REI does not constitute or imply a contractual or other legal obligation between the Town and any party who may submit to or otherwise respond to this REI. The Town does not and will not have any obligation or liability to any person as a result of the selection process contemplated by this REI except as is pursuant to a legally binding agreement.

All documents submitted to the Town in connection with this selection process become the property of the Town and will not be returned. If any person regards all or any portion of this REI or other submission as confidential, this should be clearly specified.

Responses should be submitted by mail, fax or email to:

[Sandi Millett-Campbell, Chief Administrative Officer](#)

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Response Deadline: 1 pm (ADT), June 17, 2022