

# Infrastructure

Investments in infrastructure will make our communities safer and provide work for Nova Scotians.

Budget 2017–2018 includes investments in projects from one end of the province to the other, many in partnership with the federal and/or municipal governments, meaning more work in rural Nova Scotia, and more opportunities for people to live and work here.

After consultations with Nova Scotians about the safety of their 100-series highways, government is committing an additional \$390 million in capital funding over the next seven years to twin three stretches of highway without tolls.

## **Budget 2017–2018 includes**

### Highways and Structures

- Complete planning and design for the 102/103 interchange replacement and new connectors at Lantz and Wellington
- Begin construction of upgrades on Highway 101 between Digby and Marshalltown
- Undertake planning and design and begin construction on Highway 107 (Burnside Expressway) from Burnside to Bedford
- Complete improvements to the roadway at Canso Causeway and the swing bridge
- Begin construction of upgrades to the Cabot Trail
- Repair and rebuild gravel roads — \$10 million each year of new multi-year program

### Health Care Infrastructure

- Continue progress on the QEII redevelopment, which includes projects at the Halifax Infirmary, Dartmouth General Hospital, and Hants Community Hospital and a new community outpatient centre in Bayers Lake
- Begin work to enhance and modernize the South Shore Regional Hospital in Bridgewater
- Expand the emergency room at the Aberdeen Hospital in New Glasgow
- Advance planning, design, and construction of satellite dialysis units at hospitals in Bridgewater, Kentville, Digby and Glace Bay, and expand dialysis services at the Halifax Infirmary and Dartmouth General Hospital
- Create space for collaborative teams in Shelburne and New Waterford
- Begin work to replace the hospital in Pugwash

### Schools and NSCC

- New schools in Spryfield, Tatamagouche, Bridgetown, Bible Hill, Sheet Harbour, Eastern Passage, Dartmouth, Halifax, and Yarmouth
- Renovations to schools in Sydney, Sutherlands River, River Hebert, Bridgewater, and Wolfville
- \$2 million of a planned \$5 million over two years to add seven new Skilled Trades Centres to high schools across Nova Scotia, bringing the total to 25

- Projects at Nova Scotia Community College, including construction of a new Trades Innovation Centre at the Pictou campus and renovations at the Lunenburg campus

## Community Infrastructure

- \$40 million in provincial funding for municipal clean water and waste water projects across Nova Scotia
- \$1 million for a new grant program to better connect our trails, with focus on maintaining and enhancing the Trans Canada Trail
- \$38 million this year to increase access to and improve affordable housing options, including creating new affordable housing units, in partnership with the federal government
- \$1 million more to double the funding used to enhance roads, water systems, and buildings at provincial parks
- \$1.2 million for safety and other improvements to court houses across the province
- \$6.7 million commitment over three years to construct a second cruise ship berth in Sydney Harbour to increase tourism potential
- \$58.9 million provincial investment to establish the Halifax Convention Centre, part of a \$169.2 million cost-sharing agreement with the federal government and Halifax