

# Building Grand Lake – Project Update & Community Progress

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# Why Projects Take Time – Our Approach

## Funding First: Why It Matters

- The **Business Development Committee**—Mayor Nicklin, Deputy Mayor Richardson, Councillor Patterson, Councillor Richard, and the Senior Development Officer—work together to bring projects to life that support **economic growth, housing development, and recreation upgrades**.
- Council and the Committee direct the Senior Development Officer to apply for funding for every major project.
- We apply to *as many funding programs as possible* – federal, provincial, and partner-based.
- Waiting for approval can extend timelines, but it allows us to:
  - Stretch local tax dollars further
  - Fund more projects across the community
  - Maximize value for residents

“With 75-100% funding possible in some cases, patience pays off”



# What We're Working On Now

## Current Projects in Motion

### Infrastructure and Planning

- Utility Asset Management Plan
- Sewer Expansion for Housing on Main and Park St, Minto
- Housing Development Planning
- Transfer of Minto Industrial Park
- Transportation Pilot Program through MERGE (Ignite)

### Recreation and Community

- Pumptrack Final Phase
- Hamilton Baird Park Revitalization
- Green Bridge Walking Trail Revitalization
- Arena Upgrades and Year-Round Use
- Expanded Arena Parking
- Main Streets Beautification

# Planning for Growth: Housing, Roads & Infrastructure

## Grand Lake is Growing

- **40% population growth expected in 2 years**
- We are actively working on new housing developments with partners such as NB Housing Hub, CMHC, JDI, Rural Impact Canada, and Pivot Housing Solutions.
- We are also engaging engineers to plan for water and wastewater services to support these new developments.
- Consultants are helping us identify and plan the best locations for future housing projects based on infrastructure capacity and long-term growth.
- 40 homes underway on Forest Avenue.
- **We are not developers**, but we are doing what we can to enable development.
- Some roads in Grand Lake are the Province's responsibility, while others fall under the municipality. We're working closely with the Province to establish a clear paving plan.
- For roads we are responsible for, those in the **worst condition with the highest usage** will be prioritized.
- We are also coordinating sewer line replacement with paving to ensure efficiency and long-term value.



# Final Thoughts – Working Together for Grand Lake

Slow, Steady, Strategic Progress

- Every dollar we secure is a **win for the whole community**
- We aim to do it right the first time – even if it takes longer
- We are committed to keeping the community informed every step of the way, ensuring transparency as we work together for Grand Lake’s future.
- Our community is growing, and we’re planning for **today and tomorrow**

“Progress may feel slow—but it’s built on a strong, smart foundation.”

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