



March 25, 2025

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To: Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent  
School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes)

**Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD10-01**

Re: Ministry Response to the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for 2025/26

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This letter is in response to your School District's 2025/26 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submissions for Major Capital Programs and Minor Capital Programs. This letter also contains important information regarding your upcoming 2026/27 Annual Five-Year Capital Planning submission. The following tables identify major capital projects that are supported to proceed to the next stage of development and minor capital projects that are approved for funding and can proceed to procurement.

On March 13, 2025, the Province introduced legislation that identifies country of origin requirements for all procurements. What this means is U.S. bidders must be excluded, except in certain circumstances, for all future procurements. The Ministry will have further conversations with school districts as the tariff situation evolves and commit to working closely with you to navigate this challenging situation.

**MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Major capital consists of the following program areas:

- Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP)
- Expansion Program (EXP)
- Replacement Program (REP)
- Site Acquisition Program (SAP)
- Rural District Program (RDP)

A variety of emergent issues including a significant number of school fires, unprecedented enrolment growth and a challenging fiscal environment have resulted in a limited ability to advance major capital projects. As a result, there are no new major capital projects in your School District that were supported to move forward at this time.

**MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS**

The table below reflects approved minor capital projects for your School District in the following program areas:

- School Enhancement Program (SEP)
- Food Infrastructure Program (FIP)
- Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)
- Building Envelope Program (BEP)

- Playground Equipment Program (PEP)

#### **New projects for SEP, FIP, CNCP, BEP, PEP**

Facility Name	Program Project Description	Amount Funded by Ministry
Nakusp Secondary	SEP - HVAC Upgrades	\$220,000
Nakusp Secondary	SEP - Plumbing Upgrades	\$90,000
Lucerne Elementary Secondary	SEP - Interior Construction Upgrades	\$450,000
Nakusp Elementary	CNCP - HVAC Upgrades	\$650,000
Nakusp Elementary	FIP - Kitchen Upgrade	\$50,000

All projects are now to proceed to design, tender and construction, and to be completed by March 31, 2026.

An Annual Programs Funding Agreement (APFA) accompanies this Capital Plan Response Letter which outlines specific Ministry and Board-related obligations associated with the approved Minor Capital projects for the 2025/26 fiscal year. Please email a signed/dated copy of the Annual Programs Funding Agreement to the Ministry at [CMB@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CMB@gov.bc.ca)

In accordance with Section 143 of the *School Act*, Boards of Education are required to adopt a single Capital Bylaw (template can be found on the Ministry [website](#)) using the Capital Bylaw Number provided at the beginning of this document, for the supported and/or approved 2025/26 Five-Year Capital Plan projects as identified in this letter. The Capital Bylaw must be adopted by your Board and uploaded onto your School District's online MyCAPS portal in order for the Ministry to issue Certificates of Approval. A step-by-step guide of this process is attached for your reference.

Please contact Branch Director [Michael Nyikes](#) with any questions regarding Minor Capital projects.

#### **2026/27 ANNUAL FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS**

Capital Plan Instructions for the 2026/27 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission process will be available on the Ministry's capital planning [website](#) in early April.

School districts' capital plan submission deadlines for the 2026/27 fiscal year are:

- **June 30, 2025**
  - Major Capital Programs (SMP, EXP, REP, RDP, SAP)
- **September 30, 2025**
  - Minor Capital Programs (SEP, CNCP, PEP, BEP, BUS)
- **October 1, 2025**
  - Minor Capital Programs (FIP)

Additionally, the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) project requests for the 2025/26 fiscal year are to be submitted using the MyCAPS portal, on or before **May 16, 2025**. The 2025/26 AFG Allocation Table will be available on the Ministry's capital planning [website](#) in early April.

The Ministry recommends school districts discuss draft versions of their intended capital projects and Annual Facility Grant project requests with minor capital staff in advance of submission deadlines.

The staggered deadlines are intended to provide the Ministry with input required to initiate planning for the next budget cycle, while enabling school districts additional time and flexibility to plan over the summer.

Sincerely,



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