

# City wish list seeks funds for new water source

Council sets priorities requiring federal money

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When federal infrastructure money starts rolling out in 2014, the City of Charlottetown knows exactly how it's going to spend it.

A lot of attention has been given to the new water source the city is working on to take a bit of the pressure off the Winter River- Tracadie Watershed.

Right now, the city gets all its water from the Winter River and the river is beginning to show the effects. Actually, levels have been dropping in the river and its tributaries for quite some time. But the cost of developing a new water source is in the \$ 18- million range, not a project the capital wants to do on its own.

The city does have the land it needs and all the necessary permits. Now it's just a matter of putting the shovels in the ground and getting it done.

Council took a step in that direction when it listed and approved \$ 2.4 million worth of projects that involve the new water source. The city will be applying for federal money, funding under the Build Canada Fund program. They are, in order of priority:

Design and construction of new wells at a cost of \$ 400,000;

Design and construction of roadways on the new water source property. That will cost \$ 85,000;

Design and construction of internal piping at the new water source property. Cost is estimated to be \$ 670,000.

Design and construction of the control building at the water source property, at an estimated cost of \$ 258,000.

Residential metering that would involve setting up 1,000 water meters at a cost of \$ 400,000.

And engineering and contingency costs are estimated at \$ 370,000.