

2012-2013 Capital Budget and Five-Year Capital Plan

Total expenditures for 2012-2013 under the Capital Budget are budgeted at \$101.2 million. This compares to total expenditures last year forecast at \$138.2 million, and marks a return to normal Capital spending levels after three years of stimulus spending.

The five-year Capital Plan which was introduced in 2008, provided for expenditures of \$510 million. Today the Plan is on budget, on target, and work is proceeding as planned to modernize health care facilities, construct new schools, and invest in highways and bridges.

Health Facilities

One of the major priorities of the Capital Plan is to modernize hospitals and manors, enabling the provision of high standards of care and comfort that Islanders expect today.

QEH Redevelopment

Cancer Treatment Centre

The expanded facility, which opened in 2009, houses an additional linear accelerator and appropriate space for physicians and staff to offer high quality oncology treatment on PEI.

Emergency Department

An \$18 million expansion of the QEH Emergency Room was completed in 2010, the first major renovation to the department since the hospital was built. The new 23,000 square foot facility has 37 patient rooms, trauma and critical care rooms, digital imaging suite and future space for a CT scanner. The original area had 8,200 square feet and 19 patient rooms. The combined cost of the Cancer Treatment Centre and the ER expansion was \$31.9 million.

Ambulatory Care Centre

The new \$28 million Ambulatory Care Centre will open in the Spring of 2012. It will house a wide range of same-day services that do not require an overnight stay. These include asthma education, eye clinics, blood collection, casting, cardiac stress testing, hemodialysis, endoscopy, specialty clinics and more. The new Centre will be much easier for patients to access and it will reduce pressure on the Emergency Room.

Dialysis Treatment

A new \$2.7 million PCH Dialysis Unit is being built to support Islanders in the Western Region. As well, a new unit is being established at the QEH as part of the Ambulatory Care Centre. Both facilities will be completed in 2012. They will increase dialysis capacity by over 125 per cent.

O'Leary Health Centre

The new \$3 million Centre opened next to Community Hospital in 2010. It offers primary care services such as walk-in clinics, diabetes, mental health and addiction programs.

Manor Replacement Program

The five-year Capital Plan supports a \$63 million Provincial Manor Replacement Program and the provincial Healthy Aging Strategy.

Colville Manor

The new \$10.3 million Colville Manor in Souris offers a bright, spacious and home-like atmosphere that focuses on person-centred care. The new 52-bed facility is divided into four households, each of which is home to 13 residents. Each household has a kitchen and living room and every resident has a private room and bathroom.

Maplewood Manor

The new \$10.3 million Maplewood Manor in Alberton will open this month. The four households each contain a kitchen, living room and a private room and bathroom for each resident. This design provides for a spacious and home-like environment and an improved staffing model.

Summerset Manor

Construction of the new \$16 million Summerset Manor is now underway in Summerside. The 82-bed facility is expected to open in 2012.

Prince Edward Home

A new \$24 million PE Home will open in 2013 on Maypoint Road in Charlottetown. It will offer a home-like environment where residents will be cared for using best care practices for the elderly, especially those with dementia.

O'Leary Long Term Care Expansion

This \$2.7 million expansion of the Margaret Stewart Ellis Home at Community Hospital will increase bed capacity from 25 to 40 beds. When complete in 2012, it will be supported by the addition of approximately 16 new staff and \$1.2 million in annual operational funding.

Schools

The Island's 63 schools are among the Province's most valuable assets. The Capital Plan reflects Government's commitment to address aging school facilities and to ensure that every student and staff member has a safe and healthy place to learn and work.

New Montague Regional High School

The \$22 million facility is one of the most advanced schools in the Region and a model for career and technical education. The new school offers enhanced theatre and music capacity, a robotics lab, modern science labs, and greater access to technology that supports learning.

New Stratford Elementary School

The 54,000 square foot facility was opened in 2010 in response to the growing school population. It features 20 classrooms, a music room, library, computer lab, gymnasium and multi-purpose room. The cost of the school was \$8.7 million.

New École Saint-Augustin

The new École Saint-Augustin opened this year on Church Road in the historic and cultural heart of Rustico. The new 23,000 square foot facility houses students from Kindergarten to Grade 6, as well as an Early Years Centre and an area for Le Conseil Acadien de Rustico.

Westwood Primary School Expansion

Opened in 2010, the new wing includes 11 kindergarten classrooms and two regular classrooms. The cost of the expansion was \$2.8 million.

West Royalty Elementary School Expansion

Five new classrooms were added at West Royalty Elementary in 2010 to accommodate the addition of kindergarten students. The cost of this expansion was approximately \$1 million.

Miscouche Consolidated Expansion

A new \$2.1 million addition to Miscouche Consolidated was opened in 2011. It includes four classrooms, a music room, improved science lab, career and technical education, and added space for reading, speech language pathology and English as an Additional Language training.

Souris K-12 School

The new Kindergarten to Grade 12 school will be located on the site of the former Souris Track and Exhibition Grounds. It will be built for 625 students at an estimated cost of \$20 million. Planning for the new school is well underway. Construction will begin in 2012.

Three Oaks Trades Centre

A new \$5 million Career and Technical Education Centre is being constructed next to Three Oaks High School. It will offer programming in a campus-like environment to students from Three Oaks, Kensington Intermediate Senior High and Kinkora High. Classes will be offered in aerospace training, automotive, carpentry, robotics, skilled-trades and alternative education.

Elm Street Renovation

During the past year, Government provided \$300,000 for renovations at Elm Street to address mould infiltration and ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

École François-Buote

Government is working with Canadian Heritage, La Commission scolaire de langue française, École François-Buote and the community to plan for an expansion and renovation of the facility.

Three Oaks Renovation

Government will make substantial investments over the next five years in needed renovations to Three Oaks Senior High School.

New Spring Park School

Planning is underway for a new \$11.5 million facility to be opened in 2013. The planning committee consists of parents, government departments and the Eastern School District.

School Bus Replacement

Government will invest approximately \$10 million over the next five years to purchase new school buses and ensure that existing buses are kept in excellent condition.

Highways

Government has invested \$192 million over the last five years to improve 34 bridges and expand and reconstruct 700 kilometres of highway. Some highlights include:

Roundabouts on Riverside Drive

This \$6.9 million dual lane roundabout improves safety for drivers by slowing traffic and reducing collision severity without compromising the efficiency of the roadway.

St. Peters Bridge Replacement

This \$2.1 million dollar bridge replacement provides a key improvement to infrastructure on Route 2, the Island's main intra-provincial highway.

Reconstruction of Route 2 from Alma to Elmsdale

This \$2.8 million highway reconstruction project saw 2.25 km of Route 2 re-built and widened in Western Prince Edward Island.

Poole's Corner Roundabout

A highlight of the 2012 construction season is a new roundabout at Poole's Corner which will improve safety, maintain the efficiency of the roadway and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

An additional \$173 million will be invested in highways and bridges over the next five years including projects as part of the Atlantic Gateway initiative. Projects will be announced over the coming weeks and months as planning continues.

Public Safety

Provincial Correctional Centre Addition

A new \$3.4 million wing opened in 2010 for offenders serving weekend sentences. More space will be required to meet changing needs in corrections.

PEI Youth Centre Renovation

This renovation will make it possible for adult and young offenders to be housed in separate areas, and it will create 12 additional beds for low risk offenders and provide overflow capacity. The renovations will go out for tender shortly.

Regional Public Safety Radio System

PEI is partnering with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in a single, public safety-grade mobile radio system that will allow all emergency responders to communicate with each other.

Conclusion

Over the past three years, the stimulus budget created 4,400 full-time jobs, added \$31 million to provincial revenues and increased GDP by \$171 million. The economic impact of the 2012-2013 Capital Budget forecasts 1,077 jobs, an increase in provincial revenue of \$7.6 million and growth in GDP of \$41 million. The budget will help to ensure that the provincial economy continues to perform at acceptable levels, while providing long-term benefits for the Province.