

## Town of Oxford: Foundry Street Water Main

### Improving quality of life for residents and opening the door to housing

The Town of Oxford found that one Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) Community stream supported infrastructure project could solve several challenges, including supporting housing growth.

In 18 months, one stretch of Foundry Street in Oxford experienced no fewer than 10 water main leaks from an undersized pipe dating to 1970. Residents suffered from low water pressure, poor water quality and traffic disruptions. Town staff resources were stretched and demoralized from responding repeatedly to the same issue. Meanwhile, with much of the town within a floodplain, the lack of water capacity on Foundry Street was blocking a desirable building area to add new homes.

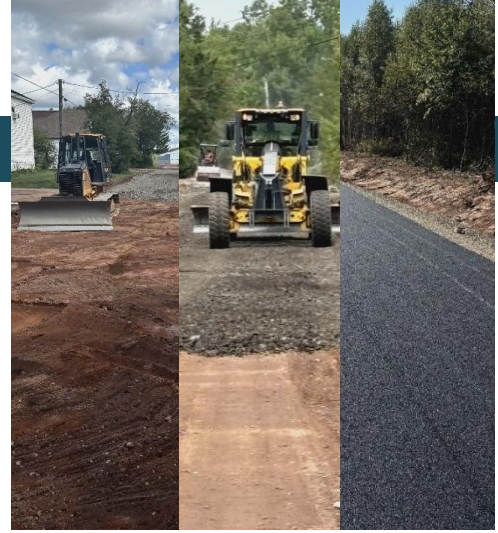
With funds from the BCSF Community stream, along with other funding sources, Oxford was able to extract and replace one kilometre of water main and pavement on Foundry Street and 74 metres of lead pipe on River Avenue. A larger new water main now enables greater water pressure for 26 residents. This measure also adds capacity for 10 new home sites outside of the floodplain.

***“Replacing this water main was a godsend to the residents on that road, to be able to open a tap and have water 24/7... what a difference in lifestyle.”***

- Greg Henley, Mayor, Town of Oxford

***“This project was possible because of the BCSF Community stream, and because we could pool and stack it with other grants. It took some of the burden off our taxpayers.”***

- Linda Cloney, CAO, Town of Oxford



BCSF Community Stream funding: **\$219,898**

Total project cost: **\$1,620,064**

Category: **Drinking Water**

New housing units enabled: **(at least) 10**

