

Capital Projects Criteria

Project Impact	Includes impacts/benefits to the local community, regional service area, a major segment of the province or to the entire province.
Economic Impact	Includes the project's ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stimulate Economic Activity-Direct and indirect job creation; and • Foster Economic Development-A competitive business climate, reduced operating costs for business, ability to support a new market, and the ability to foster growth in priority value added sectors.
Operating and Facility Costs	The incremental program, "lights-on" and future maintenance funding required as a result of the capital request.
Utilization Capacity	Meets the target rate of usage relative to the design capacity for the infrastructure (e.g. percentage occupied, traffic volumes, etc.).
Condition of Existing Asset	Infrastructure is in good, fair or poor condition.
Health and Safety	Current health and safety drivers of the project.
Federal/Provincial Legislation	Potential risks and compliance with federal/provincial legislation, regulatory changes, audit citation and/or public criticism.
Functionality	Addresses functional problems or deficiencies (e.g. poor physical layout, inefficient design that reduces operational usefulness or efficiency).
Access to Services	Will provide or enhance access to services within a community or region.
Social Impact	Provides access to government services to vulnerable groups, fosters the provision of facilities to vulnerable groups, provides increased economic opportunities for vulnerable groups.
Environmental Impact	The environment is improved and/or protected and citizens are protected from hazardous effects of substances in the environment.
Innovative Aspects of the Project	Innovative aspects such as multi-ministry collaboration, shared services, re-purpose of an existing facility, new technology, risk mitigation, and heritage.