


City allocates surplus funds to splash pad

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In a narrow 7-6 vote in favour of allocating surplus capital budget funds, city council voted in favour of further funding of the splash pad and road resurfacing .

What does it amount to in total: just over \$230,000.

RAAM Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic	What is the RAAM Clinic? The RAAM clinic is a Rapid Access Addictions Medicine Clinic for people looking for help with their addictions. Please call for an appointment 705-759-3434 Ext. 7200	<small>A collaborative initiative of North East LHIN funded organizations.</small> 
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The funds will be split between the splash pad and road resurfacing.

This does not mean the splash pad will be expanded, it will simply be more fully funded.

What does the remaining mean for roads? One class B residential road may be fixed or pot holes in one residential class A road may be filled.

City councilor Steve Butland was against the notion of budgeting "on the fly" as he called it.

Several city councilors that voted against the motion were in favour of the full amount going towards road resurfacing.

Public Works confirmed that they are so far behind in road resurfacing that \$100,000 or \$200,000+ would not make much of a difference but would bring them a little closer to meeting their deficit.

Councilor Matthew Shoemaker asked for the funds be placed with the splash pad and with possible new technology in the form of new equipment for the aid of road resurfacing.

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