

**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 1997 04 16  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 10-04-02  
**SUBJECT:** CANADA/BC INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS PROGRAM  
**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council authority to submit an application for funding assistance under the Canada/BC Infrastructure Works Program.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT Council endorse in principle the infrastructure renewal programs in the total amount of \$6.97 Million, as outlined in this report, for submission to the Province for funding assistance under the Canada/BC Infrastructure Works Program.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Burnaby's MPs and MLAs, the Ministry of Transportation & Highways, and the City of Vancouver.

**REPORT**

**BACKGROUND**

In 1994, the Federal Government established a \$6 Billion Canada Infrastructure Works Program, the primary purpose of which was to accelerate economic recovery by creating short and long-term employment in local communities. The program was jointly funded by the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments. Over the term of the agreement, a total of \$675M was targeted to upgrading the physical infrastructure in local communities throughout British Columbia. A requirement of the program was that all projects be completed by 1997 March 31.

The City submitted grant applications for 49 projects with a total estimated costs of \$24.410M. Seven projects were subsequently approved with grants totalling \$4.476M. Six have since been completed with substantial completion on the last remaining project. The City has received 100% of the approved funding.

The Federal Government has recently announced an enhanced Canada/BC Infrastructure Works Program. Final agreement has not yet been concluded, however, it appears that the enhancement would extend the current program by one additional year. Deadline for completion on all new projects would therefore be 1998 March 31. It is anticipated that the total program cost would again be shared equally between the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments. It appears

at this time that only projects pertaining to roads infrastructure would be eligible. More specifically, the Program Guide and Application Kit advises that:

Contributions are available for the construction or reconstruction of:

- major municipal highways (as defined in the Local Government Grants Act, Eligibility Guidelines);
- classified Secondary Highways (as defined in Part 3, Section 30 of the Highway Act);
- emergency bridge repairs or replacement.

This report outlines a \$6.97M program of capital improvements, and subject to Council's approval, will form the basis for Burnaby's submission to the Province for funding assistance. Applications must be submitted to the Ministry of Employment and Investment by 1997 April 22.

### **PROGRAM APPLICATION**

In response to the Federal initiative, staff have prepared a list of roads infrastructure renewal projects for funding consideration. The list reflects projects which meet the program eligibility criteria and which can be completed by the 1998 March 31 deadline. The list has been further categorized into applications submitted directly by the City, and applications submitted by the Ministry of Transportation & Highways on behalf of the City. The selected projects are included in the City's five-year Capital Program.

Subject to Council's approval, the projects to be submitted to the Province for funding consideration under the Canada/BC Infrastructure Works Program are summarized as follows:

<b>1. <u>Applied for by the City of Burnaby:</u></b>	<b><u>(\$ Million)</u></b>
Marine Way/10th Avenue Connector - Road Improvements	1.70
North Road, Clarke to Cameron - Pavement Overlay (Burnaby's Share)	0.22
Imperial, Royal Oak to Griffiths - Pavement Overlay	0.35
Kingsway/Sperling - Intersection Improvements	0.10
Canada Way/Sperling - Intersection Improvements	<u>1.10</u>
	<u>3.47</u>

Total cost of the City application is estimated at \$3.47M and the City would be responsible for 1/3 which is \$1.16M.

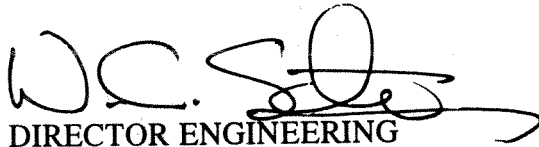
<b>2. <u>Applied for by Ministry of Transportation &amp; Highways</u></b>	<b>(\$, Million)</b>
Boundary/Kingsway - Road Improvements	<u>3.50</u>

Council has previously approved improvements to Boundary Road, Kingsway to Thurston Street and staff had intended that this project be included in our submission for infrastructure grant funding. However, the Ministry of Transportation & Highways has now approached the City seeking a commitment to participate in a Ministry application for an expanded Boundary/Kingsway improvement project. The proposed project limits would include Boundary Road between Kingsway and Thurston Street, plus Kingsway from Boundary Road to Patterson Avenue. The original limits for Kingsway were between Boundary Road and a point just east of the BC Tel pedestrian overpass.

The Ministry's application would include the City of Vancouver's share of Boundary Road and the Boundary/Kingsway intersection. Council should note that at present, the Ministry of Transportation & Highways is responsible for all roadways improvements on Kingsway (excluding landscaping adjacent to Central Park). However, the Province has indicated its intention that Kingsway be declassified as of 1998 January 01 therefore leaving full responsibility for upgrading and maintenance to the City. It is therefore supportable to upgrade the roadway now with the assistance of capital funding from the Federal and Provincial governments through the Infrastructure Works Program. The Municipal portion of the project cost would be 1/3, split between Burnaby and the City of Vancouver on the basis of existing cost sharing arrangements.

### CONCLUSIONS

The Federal Government initiative in establishing the Canada/BC Infrastructure Works Program provides an ideal opportunity for the City to cost-share with the Federal and Provincial governments in funding the renewal of roads infrastructure. It is recommended that Council approve in principle the infrastructure renewal program outlined in this report and that applications for funding approval in the amount of \$6.97M be submitted to the Provincial Minister of Employment and Investment

  
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