

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2009 June 10

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 36000 02

SUBJECT: BUILDING CANADA FUND

PURPOSE: To obtain support from Council for an application for funding assistance under the Building Canada Fund (BCF)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council endorse in principle the capital programs in the total amount of \$5.25 Million, as outlined in this report, for submission to the Province and Federal Government for funding assistance under the Building Canada Fund.

REPORT

The governments of Canada and British Columbia signed a new infrastructure agreement that will provide \$1.0 Billion in combined funding over seven years to projects across BC. The Building Canada Fund was initiated to support stronger economies, cleaner environments and better communities. Under the agreement, the Federal and Provincial governments will each commit up to 1/3 of the project costs, while the participating local governments are expected to contribute the remaining 1/3 of the eligible project costs.

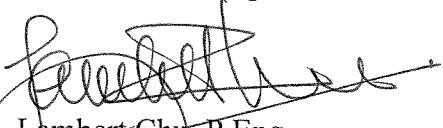
In response to the provincial and federal initiative, staff submitted five project applications to meet the first round of approvals with a deadline of 2009 March 16. Project submission is summarized as follows:

• Burnaby Lake Rejuvenation	\$30.0M
• Combined Sewer Separation Program	10.0M
• Water Infrastructure Replacement Program	7.4M
• Burnaby Central High School Track & Field Facility	7.1M
• The 2009 World Police and Fire Games	4.5M
• Metrotown Parkway Square	1.65M
	\$60.65M

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Infrastructure Canada subsequently announced a second round of applications to be received no later than 2009 April 24. Municipalities were limited to two applications in the second phase submissions. Staff prepared applications to expand the Combined Sewer Separation Program on Capitol Hill and within the Galt Combined Sewer area. These two projects support the goal of a cleaner environment and better community within the wastewater project category. Total cost is estimated at \$5.25 Million and the City would be responsible for 1/3 of eligible project cost, or \$1.75 Million. Staff are currently preparing the draft 2010 Provisional Financial Plan and appropriate provision will be made to reflect the cash flow requirements of the BCF Program.

To date, the City has had no official response from Infrastructure Canada with regard to the projects included in the first round submission. However, the two projects submitted in the second round are under review and staff have been asked to submit, as part of the review process, a resolution of Council endorsing the City's applications. It is recommended, therefore, that Council approve in principle, applications to Infrastructure Canada for funding assistance under the Building Canada Fund in the amount of \$5.25 Million, as outlined in this report.



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