



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Public Works and Transportation Committee **Date:** January 19, 2005
From: Jeff Day, P. Eng. **File:** 10-6045-11-01/2005-Vol
General Manager, Engineering & Public Works 01
Re: Request for Provincial Government to Reinstate the Flood Protection Assistance Fund

Staff Recommendation

That the City of Richmond send the attached letter to the Government of British Columbia in support of the Lower Mainland Municipal Association's request that the Flood Protection Assistance Fund be reinstated.

Jeff Day, P. Eng.
General Manager, Engineering & Public Works
(4019)

Att.

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Staff Report

Origin

The Lower Mainland Municipal Association (LMMA) has requested that its member municipalities request the reinstatement of the Provincial Flood Protection Assistance Fund (FPAF) at an annual amount of \$10,000,000 for a minimum period of five years.

Background

Many communities in the Lower mainland and throughout the province have benefited greatly from the FPAF in the past. The FPAF was eliminated in 2004 to the dismay of a number of communities with inadequate flood protection infrastructure.

In 2004 the Provincial Government announced an estimated budget surplus of \$865,000,000. In light of this surplus, the LMMA is promoting the reinstatement of the FPAF at an annual amount of \$10,000,000 for a minimum of five years. Given the repeated flooding events of the last few years, staff recommends that the City of Richmond support the LMMA by sending the attached letter to the Provincial Government.

Financial Impact

None at this time.

Conclusion

Given the large Provincial budget surplus and the increasing frequency of flooding events in British Columbia, staff recommends that Richmond support the LMMA by sending a letter to the Provincial Government requesting reinstatement of the FPAF.



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Honourable Gordon Campbell
Province of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt, BC
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Dear Premier:

Re: Reinstatement of the Flood Protection Assistance Fund

The Provincial Government announced an estimated \$865,000,000 budget surplus for 2004. In light of this surplus, the City of Richmond is seeking the reinstatement of the Flood Protection Assistance Fund (FPAF), in the annual amount of \$10,000,000, for a minimum period of five years.

Many communities in the Lower Mainland and throughout the province have benefited greatly from the FPAF in the past. The elimination of the FPAF in 2004 came as a great disappointment to the numerous communities living with increased flood risk and inadequate flood protection infrastructure.

The required flood protection infrastructure upgrades are generally too costly for individual communities, and this infrastructure often protects not only local interests, but regional, provincial and federal interests as well. As such, funding from senior governments is imperative.

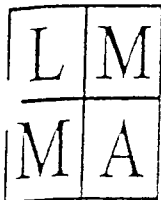
Thank you for your attention on this matter. If you require any further information, please contact Jeff Day, General Manager of Engineering and Public works at (604)276-4019.

Yours truly,

Malcolm D. Brodie
Mayor

pc: LMMA Flood Control and River Management Committee


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TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK

*pc - see memo
- Urban Dev.
- Sanitation*

LOWER MAINLAND MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
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November 8, 2004

Member Communities of the
LMMA Flood Control and River Management Committee

Dear Member Community:

RE: Request for Provincial Government to Reinstate the Flood Protection Assistance Fund

The Provincial Government's recent announcement of their estimated \$865,000,000 budget surplus provides an opportunity to request the reinstatement of the Flood Protection Assistance Fund (FPAF). I am asking all member communities of the LMMA Flood Control and River Management Committee to write to the Provincial Government and request the FPAF be reinstated at an annual amount of \$10,000,000 for a minimum period of five years.

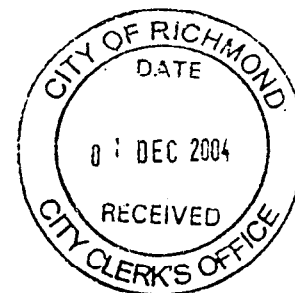
As you know, many communities in the Lower Mainland and throughout the province have benefited greatly from the FPAF in the past. With so many communities experiencing increased flood risk and inadequate flood protection infrastructure, it is imperative that the provincial funding program be reinstated.

A sample letter is attached for your consideration. Please feel free to use this template in preparing your request to the Province.

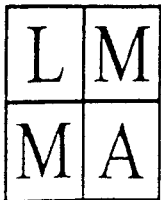
If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (604) 793-2900. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sharon Gaetz
Chair, LMMA Flood Control and River Management Committee



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November 5, 2004

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Dear Premier:

Re: Reinstatement of the Flood Protection Assistance Fund

The Provincial Government recently announced an estimated \$865,000,000 budget surplus. In light of this surplus, the City of Chilliwack is seeking the reinstatement of the annual Flood Protection Assistance Fund (FPAF), in the amount of \$10,000,000, for a minimum period of five years.

Many communities in the Lower Mainland and throughout the province have benefited greatly from the FPAF in the past. The elimination of the FPAF earlier this year came as a great disappointment to the numerous communities living with increased flood risk and inadequate flood protection infrastructure. Although communities had earlier been advised that a new federal, provincial and local government cost-sharing program was being developed, the establishment of such a program has yet to be confirmed.

The required flood protection infrastructure upgrades are generally too costly for individual communities, and this infrastructure often protects not only local interests, but regional, provincial and federal interests as well. As such, funding from senior governments is imperative.

Thank you for your attention on this matter. If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned at (604) 793-2900.

Sincerely,


Terry Smith,
President
Lower Mainland Municipal Association

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