



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: Jeff Day, P. Eng.
 General Manager, Engineering & Public Works
Re: Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Program Applications

To General Purposes - Sept 15, 2003
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Staff Recommendation

- 1) That the complete priority ranking of projects submitted to the Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Grant Program as identified in the report dated September 17 from the General Manager of Engineering and Public Works be adopted and included in the 2004 to 2008 5 Year Capital Plan
- 2) That the City's portion of the project cost and funding source for the projects with priorities 6 through 13, be conditionally approved, pending the award of that project grant.

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Staff Report

Origin

In November 2002, staff brought forward a report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee recommending that applications for ten projects be submitted to the Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Program. The staff at the Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise (MCSE) has now requested that the complete list of priority ranked projects along with a commitment of funding for the City’s portion of the projects be endorsed by Council.

Analysis

As per the June 9, 2003 report to the General Purposes Committee from the Director of Engineering, and the January 29, 2003 memorandum to Mayor and Councillors from the Manager of Engineering Planning, the East Richmond Branch Library (formerly priority no. 9) and Firehall Replacement Program (formerly priority no. 7) projects have been removed from the application and priority list.

The following is the priority list of the current applications being submitted with the corresponding project costs and funding sources:

Municipal Priority	Project Type	Project Description	Total Project Cost	City’s Share of Project Cost*	Funding Source
6	Green	Water Metering Program	\$19,531,000	\$6,250,000	Water Utility
7	Other	Brighthouse Library Renovation	\$3,500,000	\$1,583,000	Capital Reserve
8	Other	Fibre Optics Program	\$1,465,000	\$489,000	Capital Reserve
9	Green	Asbestos Cement Watermain Replacement	\$5,837,000	\$1,946,000	Water Utility
10	Green	Minoru Aquatic Centre Solar Heating Panel System	\$ 100,000	\$34,000	Capital Reserve
11	Green	Watermania Solar Heating Panel System	\$ 100,000	\$34,000	Capital Reserve
12	Other	Britannia Heritage Shipyard	\$ 612,000	\$204,000	Capital Reserve
13	Other	Steveston Tram	\$2,140,000	\$714,000	Capital Reserve

*City’s cost is calculated as 1/3 of total grant program eligible costs plus ineligible costs.

MCSE has requested that council reconfirm the priority ranking of the complete list and provide a commitment to the City’s portion of the project cost and the funding source for the applications

listed above. This commitment for each project is conditional to a Canada/BC Infrastructure Grant being awarded. All projects must be completed by March 31, 2006.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

In order to proceed with and expedite the City's Canada/BC Infrastructure Grant applications, the MCSE requires that the City through Council resolution reconfirm the priority ranking of the project submissions and provide a commitment to project funding and funding sources for each application.

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