



**City of Richmond**

**Report to Committee**

**To:** Public Works and Transportation Committee

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**Re:** Senior Government 2009 Infrastructure Grant Awards

**Staff Recommendation**

That Council receive the Senior Government 2009 Infrastructure Grant Awards staff report, which details senior government 2009 infrastructure grant awards to the City, for information.

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## **Staff Report**

### **Origin**

Under the Financial Management area, the Council Term Goals for 2008 –2011 include the following:

- Identify local infrastructure needs and pursue federal government infrastructure grant opportunities.
- Improved working relationships with the Province, to become aware of and to take better advantage of emerging funding opportunities and programs

At the Regular Council Meeting of April 14, 2009, Council endorsed priority City projects for application to the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) fund and the BC 2009 Flood Protection Program.

As requested at the October 21, 2009, Public Works and Transportation Committee, this report details the 2009 Provincial and Federal government infrastructure grants that have been awarded to the City to date.

### **Analysis**

Federal infrastructure related grants programs under Canada's Economic Action Plan include:

- Building Canada Program
- Infrastructure Stimulus Fund
- Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC)

The Building Canada Program and Infrastructure Stimulus Fund provide for 2/3's funding support of infrastructure projects, 1/3 from the Federal Govt. and 1/3 from the Provincial Govt. The RInC program provides Federal Govt. funding only for 1/3 of project costs.

The Provincial government directly administers the 2009 Flood Protection Program, which provides for 2/3's funding support of municipal infrastructure projects, 1/3 from the Federal Govt. and 1/3 from the Provincial Govt.

Over the course of the year staff have worked diligently on preparing detailed grant application submissions and implementing a proactive communications program with Federal and Provincial agencies and officials to maximize success in this area. The 2009 infrastructure related grant funding awarded directly to the City by senior governments currently totals \$14 million. This funding is supporting a variety of City capital projects that have a total estimated cost of \$25 million. Details of the grants awarded to date in 2009 are provided in the following table:

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grant Program</b>	<b>Grant Funding Source</b>	<b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>Grant Value</b>
No. 4 Road Drainage Pump Station	2009 Flood Protection Program	Federal Govt 1/3 Provincial Govt 1/3	\$4,810,000	\$3,206,667
Middle Arm Dike Upgrade	2009 Flood Protection Program	Federal Govt 1/3 Provincial Govt 1/3	\$2,387,845	\$1,591,897
Lulu Waterworks Program	Building Canada	Federal Govt 1/3 Provincial Govt 1/3	\$6,189,000	\$4,125,999
Lansdowne Rd Extension	Building Canada	Federal Govt 1/3 Provincial Govt 1/3	\$2,000,000	\$1,333,333
Sewer, Hamilton Forcemain and Pump Station	Building Canada	Federal Govt 1/3 Provincial Govt 1/3	\$4,049,000	\$2,699,333
Steveston Community Centre Energy Management and Structural Upgrades	RInC	Federal Govt 1/3	\$670,000	\$223,333
Hamilton Community Centre Space	RInC	Federal Govt 1/3	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$25,105,845</b>	<b>\$14,180,562</b>

Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, additional funds have been directed to the Steveston Harbour Authority, Port Metro Vancouver, and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in support of non-City projects within the City of Richmond.

The awarded grant funds support project costs incurred up to March 31, 2011. All projects will be completed prior to this date and some projects such as the Lansdowne Rd Extension and Middle Arm Dike Upgrade have already been started.

To date the Federal Government has committed ninety percent of identified funds under Canada's Economic Action Plan for this fiscal year and new grant applications to the identified programs will likely not be accepted until 2010. Future grant awards to other City projects that have been previously submitted under the RInC program are possible. Further awards under

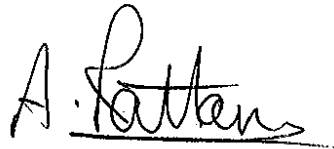
Building Canada and the Flood Protection Program are not expected in 2009. Staff have established strong relationships and lines of communication with senior government agencies and are continuing to identify and respond to any further grant opportunities.

**Conclusion**

In direct support of the Council Term Goals for 2008 –2011, staff have proactively identified and pursued senior government infrastructure grant opportunities. To date, the City has been awarded \$14,180,562 in 2009 infrastructure grants. Staff will continue to research and pursue other grant funding opportunities with senior governments.



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