

March 20, 2009

Her Worship Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones
and Members of Council
District of West Vancouver
750 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Councillors:

I am pleased to advise you of the details of the investments the provincial government is making in your community.

These investments are part of our continuing partnership with local communities to build infrastructure, maintain stability and keep British Columbians working through the current economic downturn. The Province has worked with the Federal Government to arrange for federal cost-sharing in Towns for Tomorrow and LocalMotion.

Key components of our investment include:

- \$490,503 through LocalMotion for your Spirit Trail Greenway - Park Royal Shopping Centre/Lions Gate Bridge to McGuire Avenue (DNV) project;
- \$6,860 through Trees for Tomorrow for your Community Stewardship Program project. This is part of our 5-year, \$13 million initiative to plant 4 million trees in communities across British Columbia. If any non government organizations applied for projects in your community, they will be notified shortly;
- \$970,155 for your first instalment payment under our new Strategic Community Investment Fund which provides greater certainty to your Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing funding, thereby assisting your efforts to improve community safety and stimulate the economy. These payments will be made where Strategic Community Investment Fund Agreements are in place. Additional instalment payments are scheduled to be made in July 2009 and July 2010;
- \$14,373 under the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program, equal to 100 percent of the carbon tax you paid as part of direct expenditures on fossil fuels; and

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- The following Infrastructure Planning Grants:
 - \$10,000 for your GHG Assessment and Reduction Strategy Through An Integrated Resource Management Approach
 - \$10,000 for your Storm Sewer Infrastructure - Asset Management Plan.

This funding represents part of our government's continuing investment in British Columbia communities. Announcements of successful Building Canada Fund projects are ongoing.

Since we acted on our commitments to share 100 percent of traffic fine revenue and double small community and regional district grants, an additional \$331 million has been provided to British Columbia communities under these programs. The community infrastructure investments are part of the \$588 million the Ministry of Community Development has committed to community infrastructure since 2001. A full list of the projects that these investments have helped your community build is enclosed.

I am grateful for the partnership our government enjoys with communities. Together I know we will overcome the challenges of the current economic downturn and build the foundation for a stronger future for all British Columbians.

Thank you for the leadership you are giving to your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Krueger', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Krueger
Minister

Enclosure

WEST VANCOUVER

Summary of Provincial Funding Support Ministry of Community Development

Infrastructure Support for Green, Sustainable Communities

	Year	Project	Provincial Funding
West Vancouver			
SS	2007	Civic Community Centre Atrium/Community Plaza	500,000
LM	2007	Lions Gate Bridge to Horseshoe Bay Greenway - North Shore Spirit Trail	2,000,000
IPG	multiple	Various Infrastructure Studies Since 2002	110,000
CBCIP	2004	Eagle Reservoir Water Treatment Facility	1,500,000
Metro Vancouver			
CBCIP	2006	Seymour Filtration Plant (portion of)	50,000,000
		TOTAL	\$54,110,000

Community Safety – Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
West Vancouver	632,146	718,024	752,562	857,982	864,845
Grand Total					\$3,825,559

SUMMARY OF FUNDING SUPPORT

Green, Sustainable Community Infrastructure

\$54,110,000

Community Safety – Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing

\$3,825,559

TOTAL

\$57,935,559

CBCIP – Canada/BC Infrastructure Program
LM – LocalMotion
SS – Spirit Square/PG – Infrastructure Planning Grant



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Ministry of Community Development

\$1 MILLION INVESTMENT FOR DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER

WEST VANCOUVER – The provincial government is providing just over \$1 million to the District of West Vancouver to plan for infrastructure, enhance local green spaces and strengthen local government services, announced MLAs Joan McIntyre and Ralph Sultan, on behalf of Community Development Minister Kevin Krueger.

“These are investments that our economy needs at this time and I am pleased to see that our government is taking action,” said Joan McIntyre, MLA for West Vancouver-Garibaldi. “West Vancouver is taking advantage of smart planning, green initiatives and healthy choices. In addition, the Province’s Strategic Community Investment Fund is giving communities more funding sooner giving them the potential to enhance policing and community-based safety programs.”

The District of West Vancouver will receive:

- \$970,155 through the first instalment of the Province’s Strategic Community Investment Fund, a restructuring of provincial grant programs to give communities more funding sooner, including the Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing program to enhance policing and community-based safety programs.
- \$20,000 in Infrastructure Planning Grants to assist West Vancouver in planning a Green House Gas Assessment and Reduction Strategy (\$10,000) and conducting a Storm Sewer Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (\$10,000) to help the district with long-term infrastructure planning.
- \$14,373 from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program – equal to 100 per cent of the carbon tax paid as part of direct expenditures on fossil fuels. The community is one of more than 175 communities that have signed the Climate Action Charter committing to becoming carbon neutral by 2012.
- \$6,860 from the Trees for Tomorrow Program for a Community Stewardship Program to promote urban forests and a healthy city environment.

This funding is in addition to the \$490,503 in LocalMotion funding announced March 13 by the Government of Canada and Province of British Columbia. That funding will be used to develop the Spirit Trail Greenway project, a 1.4-km paved trail connection between Park Royal Shopping Mall, the Lions Gate Bridge and the District of North Vancouver.

“The positive relationship we share with our federal counterparts continues to produce great dividends,” said Ralph Sultan, West Vancouver-Capilano MLA. “Through targeted investment, partnership building and concentrating on creating jobs, our government is keeping B.C. strong.”

“West Vancouver is well positioned to attract funding for green infrastructure investment and reducing our carbon footprint,” said Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, West Vancouver Mayor.

These investments are part of the Province's commitment to help stimulate the economy, maintain stability and keep British Columbians working during the economic downturn.

BACKGROUNDER

Strategic Community Investment Fund: Through a restructuring of provincial grant programs, communities will see more funding sooner, giving them greater certainty and improved financial flexibility. Payments will be made on the basis of Strategic Community Investment Agreements with local governments. The first \$133-million instalment on this two-year, \$232-million initiative consists of the Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Program and Small Community and Regional District Grants.

The Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Program: Of the initial \$133-million payment under the Strategic Community Investment Fund, \$63 million will help municipalities enhance policing and community-based public safety programs. The Province has provided 100 per cent of net traffic fine revenues to local governments since 2004, amounting to an additional \$206 million. Traffic fine revenue comes from fines on violation tickets, and the amount a municipality receives is based on its contribution to total municipal policing costs.

The Infrastructure Planning Grant Program is providing over \$660,000 to help municipalities and regional districts with plans to design, develop and manage sustainable infrastructure. Through the program, local governments can receive up to \$10,000 in grant funding. Often these grants fund studies that help communities apply for infrastructure project funding. For example, almost half the projects submitted to the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) for funding were initiated with infrastructure planning grants.

The Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program helps communities that have committed to the goal of becoming carbon neutral in their corporate operations by 2012, under the BC Climate Action Charter. The program provides local governments with grants to offset 100 per cent of the carbon tax they have directly paid for fossil fuel purchases.

Trees for Tomorrow is a five-year, \$13-million program that is supporting community organizations, First Nations and local governments in urban and rural areas in planting four million trees in the public areas of cities, towns, villages and regional districts throughout B.C. In its first year, the program is providing approximately \$3 million to support the planting of trees and the implementation of other energy-saving initiatives across British Columbia. The initiative, first announced in the 2008 speech from the throne, involves cost-sharing with a range of applicants and stewardship organizations. To learn more, visit www.treesfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca

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