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From: Raymond Fung
Sent: July 28, 2009 1:21 PM
To: (); John Weston; MayorandCouncil; Colette Parsons; Brent A. Dozzi
Cc:
Subject: RE: Your file 0895-13

(): thanks for forwarding the message below; perhaps I can expand on my letter. We have received the same information, at one time or another. In our detailed review of the eligibility requirements, our understanding is as follows:

-regarding the Building Canada Fund, burying overhead lines does not fit with national priorities of Core National Highway System, Drinking Water, Wastewater, Public Transit, or Green Energy; -further, the proposed project on Argyle does not fit within their definition of Major Infrastructure that is of national or regional significance; -with respect to the Communities Component, the project does not fit in easily to any of the listed categories, with the exception of perhaps as a collaborative project; - notwithstanding, the application deadline has passed, and the District maximized our number of applications for other priorities (e.g., Ambleside Sewer Revitalization, Artificial Play Field at Ambleside); and -the burying of overhead lines does not fit with the requirements of the Green Infrastructure Fund, the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, First Nations Infrastructure, or Recreation Infrastructure Canada programs.

Meanwhile, the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund holds the most promise for the Argyle project. However, our understanding from project officers is that it would have to be a component of a larger road project, and burying overhead lines alone would not be an eligible project. It is noted that the District's cost share would have to be considered through the 2010 budget process. Notwithstanding that the deadline for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund applications has also passed, staff will make further inquiries of federal project officers to assess the feasibility of utilizing this fund for the proposed work.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours truly,

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-----Original Message-----
From: () [mailto:()]
Sent: July 28, 2009 10:53 AM
To: Raymond Fung
Cc: John Weston; John Weston; MayorandCouncil
Subject: Your file 0895-13

Thank you very much for your letter which I received yesterday.

I have copied later in this message an e mail from Wendy Noble of John Weston's Ottawa

office which sets out in some detail the Programs that might be applicable to the problem of burial of the power lines constructed along Argyle.

I do understand that the power lines are the property of B.C. Hydro but that does not seem to affect your requirement that developers cause them to be buried as a condition of receiving development approval.

I have had a number of discussions on the matter with Colette Parsons and had asked her, before I thought of contacting John Weston, that if I could obtain a commitment from owners on Bellevue in the area in which I would like to see the power lines buried to bear a portion of the cost relating to their frontage on Bellevue, would the District would bear it's share based again on frontage including roads. She indicated to me that such a scheme might well be acceptable to the District. I have already received commitments from owners in our building.

I understood from Colette that Hydro had estimated to burial cost to be in the order of \$750,000 which, in District terms, does not seem to be a great deal of money especially when part would be paid from owners along the route and one considers the great improvement to the waterfront that the burial would bring.

I have discussed this matter with Her Honour the Mayor and she seemed favourably disposed.

The following is the text of the e mail that I received from Wendy Noble for John Weston:

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/*Dear John,

In response to your request, the 6 grant programs listed in the Canada's Economic Action Plan are as follows:

1) Building Canada Fund (BCF)

- Advances national priorities that are important to all Canadians: a stronger economy, a cleaner environment, and better communities, while addressing local and regional infrastructure needs.

- The national priority funding categories for the BCF are: Core National Highway System, Drinking Water, Wastewater, Public Transit, and Green Energy

- Funding will be allocated based on population in provinces/territories.

- Major projects are selected through provincial/territorial negotiations

- The program will operate through two components: 1) Major Infrastructure Component (MIC) will target larger, strategic projects of national and regional significance. 2) The Communities Component (CC) will focus on projects in communities with populations of less than 100,000 - helping these smaller communities face their unique challenges.

- Funding: Communities Component - \$136 million, which includes \$25 million for flood mitigation, will be allocated to smaller-scale projects in communities with populations of less than 100,000.

- Funding: Major Infrastructure Component - \$903.96 million will be dedicated to major infrastructure projects, particularly in national priority areas such as the National Highway System, transit, water and wastewater treatment and green energy. Application Process

- Deadline: April 24, 2009

- Projects Eligible for Funding: drinking water, sport, wastewater, connectivity & broadband, public transit, local road, national highway system, short line railways, green energy, short sea shipping, solid waste management, local and regional airports, brownfield redevelopment, tourism, culture, collaborative projects, disaster mitigation, and recreation.

- Municipalities may only submit (2) applications for funding, Regional Districts may only submit (1) application for each community in their area.

- All applications for the above listed categories must be submitted electronically

using the online application in the "Shared Information Management System for Infrastructure" (SIMSI). To be assigned a username and password, please forward a request to Infra@gov.bc.ca. Click here <https://bcfcc-fccvc.infrastructure.gc.ca/> to access the SIMSI online application.

**Please refer to the below website for further info:

<http://www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca/funprog-progfin/target-viser/bcf-fcc/bcf-fcc-eng.html>

2) Infrastructure Stimulus Fund

- A new \$4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) that provides funding to provincial, territorial and municipal construction-ready infrastructure rehabilitation projects. Funding is available for two years for projects that begin during the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons and can be completed before March 31, 2011.

- Projects will be focused largely on the rehabilitation of existing assets such as water, wastewater, public transit, highways, roads, culture, parks, trails and municipal buildings

Application Process

- **Details will be communicated shortly in each province and territory. All project proponents will have to attest that the project will be complete within the next two years and that the project would not have proceeded without federal funding. This is to ensure that the program provides economic stimulus quickly.

- Proposals from municipal and non-governmental organizations will be considered through different selection processes in consultation with each province and territory.

- The program provides up to 50 percent of funding for provincial and territorial assets and not-for-profit private sector assets, 33 percent for municipal assets, and 25 percent of eligible costs for for-profit sector assets.

**For further information, please refer to the below website:

<http://www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca/media/news-nouvelles/2009/isf-fsi-eng.html>

3) Green Infrastructure Fund

- Federal government will provide \$1 billion over 5 years for a Green Infrastructure Fund (GIF). Green infrastructure includes infrastructure that supports a focus on the creation of sustainable energy

- Intended to focus on green priorities such as building transmission lines for clean hydro, upgrading wastewater treatment systems, and investing in wind and solar power. Sustainable energy infrastructure, such as modern energy transmission lines, will contribute to improved air quality and lower carbon emissions

Application Process

- Proponents must provide a project proposal that describes the project and its components, cost estimates, expected results and benefits. Applications will be accepted on a continual intake. To allow more flexibility, projects will not be required to meet maximum threshold in terms of total costs to be eligible for funding.

- Eligible projects are those that promote cleaner air, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and cleaner water and fall within any of the following categories: Wastewater Infrastructure; Green Energy Generation Infrastructure; Green Energy Transmission Infrastructure and Solid Waste Infrastructure.

4) Knowledge Infrastructure Program

- Federal initiative to renew Canada's college and university infrastructure.

- The program responds directly to needs identified by universities (including affiliated research hospitals), colleges, CEGEPs, publicly funded polytechnic schools and institutes of technology across Canada.

- Important element of that plan, providing up to \$2 billion to support infrastructure enhancement at universities and colleges.

- \$250 million over 2 years to address deferred maintenance at federal laboratories

- Dedicating up to \$2 billion to repair, retrofit, and expand facilities at post-secondary institutions

- Allocating \$87 million over the next (2) years to maintain or upgrade key arctic research facilities.

Application Process

- To submit a project for consideration, applicants must:
 - o Complete the Knowledge Infrastructure Program online summary form.
 - o Provide paper copies of full detailed project proposals and supporting documents
 - o http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/696.nsf/eng/h_00007.html

**For further information, please refer to below website:

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/696.nsf/eng/home>
www.infrastructure.gc.ca

5) First Nations Infrastructure

- Improve the environment and the quality of life of First Nation communities by improving and increasing the development of public infrastructure.
- This fund also supports roads and bridges, energy systems, planning and skills development projects and solid waste management.
- In September of each year, until 2011, First Nations are invited to submit applications for funding that includes project proposals to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada offices.
- Funding: \$515 million over 2 years for "ready to go" First Nations projects in 3 priority areas: schools, water, and critical community services.

Application Process:

- Application Website:
 - o <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ih/frms/paf-eng.pdf>
- The following 4 categories of projects are eligible for funding under the program: Planning & Skills Development, Solid Waste Management, Roads & Bridges, Energy Systems

** For more information, please refer to the below website:

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ih/ci/fni-eng.asp>

6) Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC)

***The application has not yet been released yet, but will be administered by Western Economic Development Agency.

- Funding: \$500 million over 2 years
- Cost Sharing: Federal Contribution to any project is capped at \$1 million (33% federal share, 50% on an exceptional basis (e.g. for provincial/territorial or First Nations assets)
- Eligible Projects: Rehabilitation that can be materially concluded by March 31, 2011. New construction eligible on an exceptional basis, and recipients must attest to the incrementality of their projects.
- Eligible Categories: Arenas, Gyms, Swimming Pools, Sport Fields, Other multi-purpose facilities that have physical activity as the primary rationale.
- Eligible Recipients: Local/regional governments, public sector body owned by a local/regional government, non-for profit sector entity, provincial/territorial entity that provides municipal-type services, and First Nations.

**For further information, please refer to the below website:

www.infrastructure.gc.ca

I hope that you find this information useful.*

/I sincerely hope that something beneficial to West Vancouver comes out of this.

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Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones and
Councillors Michael Evison, Michael Lewis,
Trish Panz, Michael Smith, Bill Soprovich
and Shannon Walker.
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Dear Mayor and Councillors

Re: Power lines constructed along Argyle

The District has in hand the re-vitalization of Ambleside and the beautification of the waterfront which is a very much wanted and appropriate proposal. Much time and effort has so far been expended and without doubt, more effort will be put forward. The report respecting the revitalization of Ambleside which was recently adopted by Council is a remarkable foresighted document and one that must be followed for the betterment of West Vancouver.

One matter which in my view is essential to the beautification of the Ambleside waterfront park and beach area which has so far been overlooked is to have the overhead power lines which run along Argyle and the railway tracks buried and so remove a most unsightly blemish on the beauty of the Bellevue/Argyle area which is a jewel of West Vancouver.

As a resident of West Vancouver over the last sixty years I would really like to see the enhancement of the Ambleside area by the burial of the power lines and I know that I am not alone.

Of course to bury the power lines will cost money. I have been informed by Collette Parsons of your Planning Department that she was informed by B. C. Hydro that the cost of burying the power lines will approximate \$1,000.00 per lineal meter. The area which concerns me the most is from 13th Street to the

electrical sub-station just beyond John Lawson Park and I am informed that the distance between those points is about 750 meters which would result in a cost of burial of approximately \$750,000.00.

That is the bad news, although the cost is not insuperable.

With a view to obtaining money toward the cost of burial I have spoken to our Member of Parliament. John Weston, to find out if there are any programs that the Federal Government has created under which the District might apply and receive funding.

To my pleasure I have been told that there are three Federal programs which might be applicable. I do not know the names of the programs but I would easily be able to get that information. Each of the programs require that application be made by you, the District, and that you commit the District to pay 1/3rd of the cost of burial with the other 2/3rds being made up of 1/3rd each from the Federal Government and the Provincial Government. I would expect the support of John Weston in making application.

I have spoken to some of the property owners on Bellevue and have some commitments to pay a portion of the cost. The residential owners of 215 14th Street have agreed to make a contribution to the cost of burial and I expect that other owners along Bellevue may also be prepared to contribute.

But it really is West Vancouverites who will benefit from the beautification of the waterfront area and Ambleside.

I am reluctant to proceed further without the District being prepared to make application for a Federal and possibly a Provincial grant but it seems to me that burial of the power lines to beautify the area is a given and I hope that you all agree. If you do agree to request Federal and Provincial funding I would be pleased to take whatever part in the process that you might wish.

Should you wish me to speak to any one or more of you I would be pleased to do so.

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