

MEMBER NOTICE

**TO: Mayor and Council
Chair and Regional District Board**

FROM: UBCM President Robert Hobson

DATE: September 24, 2009

RE: Delivery of Building Canada and Infrastructure Stimulus Funds

I am pleased to advise that the federal and provincial governments made a major infrastructure announcement relating to the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component (BCF – CC) and the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) earlier today.

Earlier this month, I expressed concern that BC was falling behind other jurisdictions with respect to infrastructure funding under the BCF – CC and the ISF. Today's announcement addresses that concern, and I wish to commend the effort of both the federal and provincial governments in arriving at these decisions.

When I issued my Member Notice on September 14, about 50% of the \$222 million in federal/provincial funding available under the BCF—CC had been committed. By virtue of this incomplete committal of the existing funding, a top-up of \$130 million in federal/provincial funding had not yet been delivered.

Today's announcement represents a full commitment of all the initial BCF – CC, along with a full commitment of the BCF – CC top-up funding. Eighty-four projects were announced under the BCF – CC for a total combined federal and provincial contribution of \$234 million.

In addition, today's announcement provided a significant new commitment towards local government projects under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund. Over \$165 million was committed by the federal and provincial governments for fifty-seven projects. This funding is in addition to the funding previously announced under the ISF.

I wish to thank those members who spoke with the media or their Members of Parliament or Members of the Legislative Assembly over the past few weeks. It has been helpful for our advocacy on these matters to have mayors, councillors and directors re-affirm the basic themes of UBCM's conversations with the federal and provincial government.

For information on the projects funded through today's announcement, go to www.gov.bc.ca or www.civicnet.bc.ca