



# MEMBER RELEASE

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**TO:** Mayor and Council; Chair and Board; CAO and CFO  
**FROM:** Union of BC Municipalities Secretariat  
**Subject:** **Extension of Stimulus Funding Deadlines**

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Earlier today Premier Minister Stephen Harper announced the extension of the spending deadline for four programs: the **Infrastructure Stimulus Fund**; the **Building Canada Fund Communities Component Top-Up**; the **Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program** and the **Knowledge Infrastructure Program**. The news release and backgrounder for this announcement is available at [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca)

The deadline for all four programs has been extended from March 31, 2011 to October 31, 2011. In order to qualify for this one-time extension, work must have begun on the project and it must have incurred eligible costs before March 31, 2011. Claims for all expenses incurred up to this date must be submitted by April 30, 2011.

Following today's announcement, the federal government released further information about the additional steps that will be required by recipients seeking extensions.

Agreement signatories will be required to submit the following documentation by **January 31, 2011**:

- A list of projects that require an extension beyond March 31, 2011;
- A forecast of project expenses that will be spent and federal funding that will be claimed by March 31, 2011, and a forecast of how much will be incurred between April 1, 2011 and October 31, 2011;
- A detailed construction schedule for each project signed by a professional engineer;
- A letter from the responsible Minister for provincial/territorial projects, a Council resolution for municipal projects or a resolution from the Board of Directors for Non-profit organizations committing to finish the projects, and accepting responsibility for any costs incurred beyond October 31, 2011.
- Project progress reports will be required at two-month intervals during the extension period. For CC Top-Up, the regular monthly reporting process will continue throughout the extension period.
- All final claims for extended projects must be received by January 31, 2012.

For the full details on requirements for extensions, go to <http://www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca/creating-creation/ext-pro-eng.html>

UBCM has existing policy supporting the extension of the deadline for the Infrastructure

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Stimulus fund and related programs. In June of this year, a UBCM delegation appeared before the House Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities as part of its investigation of the impact of the stimulus deadline. UBCM joined with FCM to advocate for extensions in cases where projects were delayed for reasons beyond local government control. In October, at the request of the same committee, UBCM provided a written submission reaffirming the proposal advanced in June.