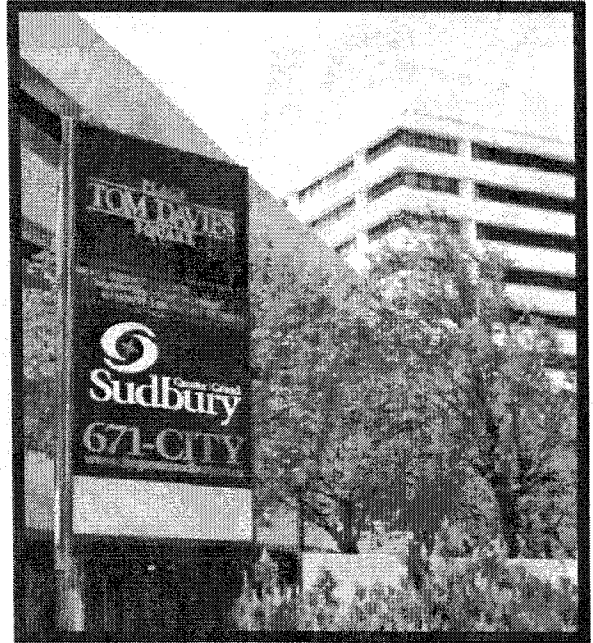


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For the
Finance Committee
Meeting to be held

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

at 3:30 p.m

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Pour la réunion du
Comité des finances
qui aura lieu

mardi 27 novembre 2007

à 15 h 30

dans la Salle du Conseil
Place Tom Davies

**THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOM DAVIES SQUARE**

COUNCILLOR CALLAGHAN, CHAIR

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 - ▶ Mark Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer
 - ▶ Lorella Hayes, CFO/Treasurer
3. 2008 Budget.
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 - ▶ Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair, Finance Committee
4. Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) Board.
(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
 - ▶ Bob Rogers, Chair, NDCA Board
 - ▶ Paul Sajatovic, Director of Corporate & Watershed Management Services, NDCA
5. Greater Sudbury Police Services (GSPS) Board.
(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
 - ▶ David Petryna, Chair, GSPS Board
 - ▶ Ian Davidson, Chief of Police, GSPS
6. Sudbury and District Board of Health.
(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
 - ▶ Councillor Janet Gasparini, Chair, SDHU Board
 - ▶ Vera Etches, Acting Medical Officer of Health, SDHU

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

7. Report dated 2007-11-22 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Building Canada Plan.
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

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2008 PARKING LOT REVIEW

8. The Chair of the Finance Committee will review each of the items placed in the Parking Lot during the meeting. The consensus of Council will be required for each item listed in the Parking Lot.

7:00 P.M. ADJOURNMENT (RESOLUTION PREPARED)

NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007

TIME: 3:30 P.M.

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER

**COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN
CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**FRANCA BORTOLUSSI
COUNCIL SECRETARY**

Request for Recommendation Finance Committee




Type of Decision									
Meeting	November 27, 2007				Report Date	November 22, 2007			
Decision Requested		Yes	X	No	Priority	X	High		Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Report Title
Building Canada Funding

Budget Impact / Policy Implication	Recommendation		
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 Lorella Hayes Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer	 Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Report Prepared By	Division Review
 Shawn Turner Financial Analyst	

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide council with information regarding the "Building Canada" initiative as announced by the Federal Government.

BACKGROUND

As a consequence of the obvious degradation of the country's infrastructure assets and the catastrophic or potentially catastrophic events that have resulted, the need for infrastructure investment has come to the forefront of all levels of government in recent years.

Similarly, with the culmination of the \$298 M investment by the Federal government in COMRIF related projects, municipalities have demanded that more funds be made available for infrastructure investment. The response from the federal government has been the recent announcement introducing the "Building Canada" initiative.

"BUILDING CANADA" – AVAILABLE FUNDING

The "Building Canada" plan provides for a \$33 billion investment over seven years, concluding in 2014. The breakdown and descriptions of the funding is as follows:

\$33B Building Canada Infrastructure Plan - 2007-2014

Municipal GST Rebate	\$ 5.8 B
Gas Tax Fund (2008 - 2014)	\$11.8 B
Building Canada Fund	\$ 8.8 B
Public - Private Partnerships Fund	\$ 1.25 B
Gateways and Border Crossings Fund	\$ 2.1 B
Asia - Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative	\$ 1 B
Provincial - Territorial Base Funding	\$ 2.275 B
Total	\$33 B

Municipal GST Rebate & Gas Tax Fund

These two categories total \$17.6 B or approximately 53% of the total "Building Canada" plan and has been provided as base funding for municipalities. These initiatives were previously announced funds which municipalities have partially received or already expect to be receiving in the future. Effective for the 2005 budget, the GST rebate had been allocated to the Roads capital envelope as per Council's direction. In 2007, the Federal government extended the Gas Tax funding to 2014 at the same aggregate level nationally as in 2010. If the City of Greater Sudbury's allotment remains the same as in 2010, this will assist in reducing our capital financing gap by approximately \$40 million.

New Programs

The Building Canada plan also includes three new national infrastructure programs; Building Canada Fund, Gateway and Border Crossings Fund and Private-Public Partnerships Fund. These programs will be focussed on addressing specific national priorities, and providing a balanced response to addressing local and regional infrastructure needs.

Building Canada Fund

The Building Canada Fund totals \$8.8 billion over seven years. This fund will provide for projects that deliver economic, environmental and social benefits to citizens via infrastructure investment in Core National Highway System Routes, Water, Wastewater, Public Transit, Solid Waste, Short-line Rail and Short-sea Shipping, Connectivity and Broadband, Tourism and Regional and Local Airports, as well as projects that contribute to the ongoing development of safe and strong communities (Disaster Mitigation, Culture, Sport, Local Roads and Bridges, and Brownfield Redevelopment).

Funding will be allocated to provinces and territories based on their population as of the 2006 census. This funding will be used to support public infrastructure owned by provincial, territorial and municipal governments and entities, as well as private industry, in certain cases. All projects will be cost shared with the maximum federal contribution not exceeding 50% to any one single project. However, in general, municipal infrastructure projects will be cost-shared on a 1/3 basis.

Public – Private Partnerships Fund

This fund will support projects that provide an alternative to traditional government infrastructure financing. This fund will help expand infrastructure financing alternatives, provide incentives to attract investments from the private sector, and increase knowledge and expertise in alternative financing.

Gateways and Border Crossings Fund & Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative

Aptly named, these funds are for increasing or improving international transportation networks to facilitate current and future trade opportunities.

Provincial-Territorial Base Funding

Base funding is set at \$25 M per province, per year over the next seven years. This money is to be used on the same categories outlined in the Building Canada Fund.

“BUILDING CANADA” – ACCESSING FUNDS

Access to the “Building Canada” funds (except for Gas Tax & GST Rebate) is contingent upon the Province of Ontario signing a federal-provincial agreement which will outline the amount available for Ontario.

As of November 9th, only British Columbia and Nova Scotia have agreements in place with the federal government. Under these agreements British Columbia will receive \$2.2 billion over seven years while Nova Scotia will receive \$634.4 M over the same time period (See attached news releases for details).

SUMMARY

The federal government’s “Building Canada” fund is reported to address national infrastructure needs in the amount of \$33 Billion over seven years. However, \$17.6 B of these monies are from Gas Tax and the GST Rebate which is previously announced money. Of the remaining amount, \$3.1 billion is committed for International Gateways and Border Crossings which by our nature, the City of Greater Sudbury may not have access to. The resulting \$12.325 B (Build Canada Fund, Base Funding & Private-Public Partnership) is to be allocated nationally, and determined once a Federal and Provincial agreement is signed.



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Office of the Premier
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**CANADA-B.C. AGREEMENT TO LAUNCH BUILDING CANADA PLAN
INVESTMENT WILL SUPPORT MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

GOLDEN – Premier Gordon Campbell and Prime Minister Stephen Harper, joined by federal Transport Minister Lawrence Cannon, today signed a federal-provincial agreement under the historic Building Canada Plan. British Columbia becomes the first province to sign on to the new national infrastructure plan, which provides more funding than any previous federal infrastructure initiative, over a longer period of time, to restore and upgrade Canada's transportation assets.

"British Columbia will now be assured predictable funding to restore and upgrade infrastructure systems," said Prime Minister Harper. "Building Canada is about investing in our country's future. It's about a stronger economy, a cleaner environment and more prosperous communities."

The framework agreement signed by the Prime Minister and the Premier will provide the province with \$2.2 billion over seven years to invest in roads, bridges, tunnels, ports, public transit and more, including the Pacific Gateway initiative, which is key to ensuring that B.C. and Canada benefit from burgeoning economic activity in the Asia-Pacific region. The Government of Canada is investing \$33 billion nationally in infrastructure projects that matter to individual Canadians, families and communities.

"I thank Prime Minister Harper for working with us to make B.C. the first province to sign onto the Building Canada Fund that will help meet the needs of a growing population and strong economy," said Premier Campbell. "These funds will be used on a cost-sharing basis to support provincial infrastructure priorities, including transportation; tourism; public transit; green energy; and waste and water systems."

The Prime Minister and Premier Campbell made the announcement on the Trans-Canada Highway in the Kicking Horse Pass. The federal government will contribute \$64.2 million for upgrades and improvements to the highway in the region.

"The upgrades will ensure that commercial traffic keeps moving efficiently and people keep getting to their destinations safely," said Prime Minister Harper.

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Building Canada: Canada and Nova Scotia Sign \$634 million Infrastructure Agreement

Antigonish, Nova Scotia, November 9, 2007 - To better address the infrastructure needs and priorities of Nova Scotia, the governments of Canada and Nova Scotia today announced the signing of a Framework Agreement worth \$634.38 million under Building Canada, the Government of Canada's new long-term infrastructure plan. The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, along with the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, the Honourable Rodney MacDonald, Premier of Nova Scotia, and the Honourable Murray Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for Nova Scotia, participated in today's announcement.

The governments of Canada and Nova Scotia also identified the construction of Phase 1 of a new Highway 104 twinning project outside Antigonish as a priority for funding under Building Canada.

"The signing of a Framework Agreement between the Government of Canada and Nova Scotia, in the spirit of open federalism, will result in significant infrastructure initiatives that will strengthen Nova Scotia's economy, communities, and contribute to a cleaner environment," said Minister Cannon.

"The safety and security of our road system is a key priority for the Government of Canada. The investment of a twinned highway outside Antigonish is an example of how Building Canada is helping to ensure that Nova Scotians have modern, safe and efficient infrastructure," stated Minister MacKay.

"Today's announcement is a major step forward in improving our province's infrastructure – its roads, green energy, public transit, its water and wastewater systems," said Premier MacDonald. "We are taking a giant step forward in building stronger, more vibrant communities in Nova Scotia."

"This investment will go a long way towards helping us tackle our infrastructure challenges over the coming years," said Minister Scott. "It means Nova Scotia will have long-term, predictable funding to invest in safer and smoother highways."

The two governments have already identified an early priority for funding consideration. The construction of the first phase of the 16-km twinning project on Highway 104 outside Antigonish between Addington Forks Road and Beech Hill Road will improve safety, ease congestion and cut travel time for drivers. The Government of Canada will consider funding up to a maximum of 50% of the eligible costs of the project, up to a maximum of \$25 million. Total costs of the first phase are estimated at \$50 million. The Province of Nova Scotia has also announced its intention to provide matching funding in support of this important highway improvement plan. The overall cost of the project is approximately \$94 million.

Federal financial support for the Highway 104 project is conditional on the initiative meeting all applicable federal eligibility requirements under the Building Canada infrastructure plan, including completion of a full federal due diligence review of the project, successful completion of any environmental assessments required under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and signature of necessary contribution agreements for the project.

The Framework Agreement sets the stage for a collaborative investment in the infrastructure needs of Nova Scotia. Under this Agreement, \$235.68 million from the Building Canada Fund will go towards infrastructure initiatives in Nova Scotia. Of this amount, \$37 million will be allocated to smaller-scale projects in communities

with populations of less than 100,000. As well, \$198.68 million of the Building Canada Fund will be dedicated to major infrastructure projects, particularly in priority areas such as the National Highway System, transit, water and wastewater treatment and green energy. This component will support investments in Cape Breton and Halifax. Under the Framework Agreement, the Province of Nova Scotia will also receive \$25 million base funding annually, for a total of \$175 million through to 2014 for core infrastructure priorities in Nova Scotia. A further \$223.70 million will flow to Nova Scotia municipalities through the extension of the Gas Tax Fund agreement from 2010 to 2014.

The Canada-Nova Scotia Framework Agreement outlines how the Building Canada Plan will operate in the province. It also establishes a governance framework through which the two governments will work together to identify and address infrastructure priorities. Through the Agreement, the two governments will also establish a mechanism for reporting to Canadians on the results of these investments.

Through its unprecedented \$33-billion Building Canada infrastructure plan, the Government of Canada will provide long-term, stable and predictable funding to help meet infrastructure needs across Canada. Building Canada will support a stronger, safer and better country.

For further information on the Building Canada plan, visit <http://www.buildingcanada.gc.ca/>

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