

# City Agenda Report

Report To: CITY COUNCIL

Report Date: July 5, 2001 Meeting Date: July 10, 2001

**Subject** 

Hosting of German Business Development Mission

**Report Prepared By:** 

Doug Nadorozny General Manager

Economic Development and Planning

Services

Recommended for Agenda:

J.L. (Jim) Rule

Chief Administrative Officer

Authored By: Paul Finley, Project Manager

### **Recommendation:**

**THAT** the City of Greater Sudbury facilitate the hosting of a mission of economic development, industry and education officials from the Region of Elbe-Elster, Germany during the week of September 16 -20, 2001.

**AND THAT** the Mayor and Council participate in the signing of an "Agreement of Partnership" between the two municipal jurisdictions for the purpose of promoting economic cooperation, tourism opportunities, educational exchange and global market access.

# **Executive Summary:**

The City of Greater Sudbury, through the auspices of the Economic Development and Planning Services Department wishes to host a familiarization and business development mission of representatives from the Elbe-Elster Region, Germany on the week of September 16 - 20, 2001. Its purpose will be to promote business relations and develop partnerships between companies and institutions especially those in the field of environmental technology and renewable energy.

# **Background:**

In 2000, the City of Greater Sudbury (formerly the Region) coordinated the "Communities of Northern Ontario, Canada" project as part of the Government of Canada's participation in Expo 2000 in Hannover, Germany. This initiative was consisted of two phases namely

- a) Development of a Northern Ontario exhibit within the Canada Pavilion between June and October 2000 and
- b) Coordination of a business development mission of economic development, tourism, culture and education representatives from Sudbury and other Northern Ontario communities to Expo in Hannover and five other German centres.

The City's (Region) role was that of project coordinator and in this capacity worked with community business and education partners, government funding agencies, neighbouring northern municipalities and regional organizations including the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northern Tourism Marketing Corporation (NTMC).

During the ensuing period, a prospect identification / relationship building program has continued resulting in the cultivation of a number of potential business opportunities between the respective economic regions. These are outlined in the attached list of prospective Participants.

The City of Greater Sudbury, through Earthcare Sudbury is currently working with local public and private sector partners in the development of a Community Energy Plan. The attraction of industries in the field of renewable energy and environmental technology is central to the economic development objectives of this initiative.

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## Elbe- Elster Industrial Mission to Sudbury

# Prospective Sudbury / Northern Ontario Participating Companies

Company	Contact	Products/Companies of Interest
Earthcare/ City of Greater Sudbury	Paul Graham	BWU Wind generation Neumuhl Waterwheel Platec industrial recycling
Cambrian College	Larry Bouchard	Chance 2001 Education
Docks and Decks	Roger Gainer	Reluma Industrial Composites
Holler Dome Inc.	Max Holler	Pietsch Matallbau - building products
Laamanen Construction	Riisto Laamanen	Neumuhl Waterwheel Biomass Energy
Mining Technologies International	Bob Lipic	Formex - Tire recycling
Northern Diesel	Marten Runia	BWU Wind generation Hawo Biodiesel Biomass Energy
Novenco	Norbert Hoffman	Platec industrial plastic recycling
Fryer Forest Products	Roger Fryer	Biomass Energy Formex tire recycling
Gagnon Resources	Rick Gagnon	BWU Wind generation Neumuhl Waterwheel
Map Fusion	Brian Valin	TC Bio Med (software)
Metalec Inc.	Bob Squires	Neumuhl Waterwheel Small scale wind generation
Nuden Vinyl Products	Joe Piquette	MAGE building products
PEAT (Partners in Eco- Adventure Tourism	lan Wood/Rick Sowerby	Tourism
Shaw Almex Ltd	Bill Spinney	Formex - Tire recycling
Sudbury East/West Nipissing Economic Partners & Agriculture Advisory Committee	Mike O'Connor Janet Parsons	Hawo (oilseed products) i.e Fire retardant - Biodiesel
Waubetek	Dawn Madahbee	Kalka - eco tourism Formex tire recycling
Woodworks / Canadian Forestry Council	Marianne Berube	Hawo - Fire retardant Biomass Energy



# **City Agenda Report**

Report To: CITY COUNCIL

Report Date: July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 Meeting Date: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Subject:

Joint Local Housing Transfer Plan Approval

**Department Review:** 

D. Nadorozny General Manager

Economic Development and Planning Services

Recommended for Agenda:

J.L. (Jim) Rule

Chief Administrative Officer

Report Authored by: W.E. Lautenbach, Director of Planning Services

# Recommendation:

For Information

# **Executive Summary:**

Joint Local Transfer Plan for Social Housing approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

# Background:

It is with pleasure that I am able to inform Council that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing has approved the City of Greater Sudbury's Social Housing Transfer Plan developed in partnership with a staff Steering Committee and Ed Starr and Christine Pacini of the firm of SHS Inc. (Social Housing Strategists).

City Council approved this Plan at its Council meeting of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and forwarded the Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.

Now that the Plan has been approved second half restructuring funds in the order of \$142,400.00 can be released.

Please refer to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing letter attached.

### Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Assistant Deputy Minister Housing Operations Division 777 Bay Street, 16/F., Toronto, ON M5G 2E5 Tel: (416) 585-6373 Fax: (416) 585-7617

## Ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement

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PLANNING SERVICES

June 21, 2001

Mr. Bill Lautenbach Director of Planning Services City of Greater Sudbury P.O. Box 5000, Station 'A' Sudbury, ON P3A 5P3

Dear Mr. Lautenbach:

On behalf of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I am pleased to inform you that the Joint Local Transfer Plan for the City of Greater Sudbury has been approved. Your transfer date will be April 1, 2002. Congratulations on achieving this key milestone.

The approval of your plan was based on the service manager meeting all of the Minister's criteria as reflected in the Service Manager's Guide for Local Transfer Planning. The second half of the restructuring funds which was contingent upon approval, can now be released.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the following point in your plan:

• Systems development has always been the responsibility of Service Managers. The Ministry suggested that Service Managers form a consortium for the purpose of developing a joint systems solution. The Ministry offered to assist a consortium, with 100% participation by those Service Managers requiring systems development, by acting in advisory capacity and providing subject area expertise. To date, the Ministry is not aware of the formation of a consortium of Service Managers. Therefore, systems development remains the responsibility of each individual Service Manager.

I encourage you to continue working closely with your Area Transition Team as you implement your Joint Local Transfer Plan. Should you have any questions about this information or other aspects of implementation, please contact Lynn Buckham, Area Director at 705 564-6858.

Sincerely.

Lynn M. MacDonald

Assistant Deputy Minister Housing Operations

cc.: Doug Nadorozny, General Manager Economic Development & Planning Services

Lynn Buckham, Area Director

## Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Le 21 juin 2001

Monsieur Bill Lautenbach Directeur des services de planification Cité du grand Sudbury C.P. 5000, succursale A Sudbury (Ontario) P3A 5P3

Monsieur,

Au nom du ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement, j'ai le plaisir de vous informer que le plan commun de transfert local de la cité du grand Sudbury a été approuvé. Votre transfert aura lieu le 1<sup>er</sup> avril 2002. Je vous félicite d'avoir franchi cette étape importante.

L'approbation de votre plan était conditionnelle au respect, par le gestionnaire de services, de tous les critères établis par le ministre, tels qu'ils sont énoncés dans le Guide du gestionnaire de services pour la planification commune du transfert local. La deuxième moitié des fonds de restructuration, dont le versement dépendait de cette approbation, peut maintenant être débloquée.

J'aimerais apporter des précisions au sujet de l'un des aspects de votre plan.

La mise au point de systèmes a toujours été la responsabilité des gestionnaires de services. Le ministère a proposé que ces derniers forment un consortium en vue de la mise au point conjointe d'un système. Le ministère a offert d'aider un consortium dont feraient partie tous les gestionnaires de services ayant besoin de mettre au point un système. Il pourrait fournir des conseils et son expertise dans ce domaine. Le ministère constate qu'à ce jour, les gestionnaires de services n'ont pas formé de consortium. Par conséquent, la mise au point d'un système demeurera la responsabilité de chaque gestionnaire de services.

Je vous invite à continuer de collaborer étroitement avec votre équipe régionale de transition dans le cadre de la mise en oeuvre de votre plan commun de transfert local. Si vous avez des questions à poser au sujet de la présente ou de tout autre aspect de la mise en oeuvre du plan, veuillez communiquer avec Lynn Buckham, directrice régionale, au (705) 564-6858.

Je vous prie d'agréer mes salutations distinguées.

Lynn M. MacDonald Sous-ministre adjointe

Activités relatives au logement

c. c. Doug Nadorozny, directeur général, développement économique et services de planification

Lynn Buckham, directrice régionale



# **Information Report**

Report To: CITY COUNCIL

Report Date: July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2001 Meeting Date: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001

**Subject**: Canada - Ontario Infrastructure Program and

SuperBuild Fund

Recommended for Agenda:

J.L. (Jim) Rule / Chief Administrative Officer

Report Authored by: D. Wuksinic, General Manager of Corporate Services

# **Recommendation:**

Report for Information

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# **Executive Summary:**

Pertinent Points found within the body of the Report:

The City presumes two basic assumptions when developing a Project List to qualify for funding:

- a) That the Funding Program will assume a one-third/one-third/one-third (1/3/1/3) split for eligible Projects as per the former Canada Ontario Infrastructure Program;
- b) That the total value of the Program is \$45 million based on a \$15 million contribution from each of the Provincial, Federal and Municipal Partners.

The recent announcement dated June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001 received from the Minister of Finance, The Honourable James M. Flaherty allocating \$15 million to Sudbury is confirmed as being only the Provincial share.

In preparation for discussions with Federal and Provincial Officials, staff have developed a Project List that they believe meets both the Federal and Provincial criteria, as well as local Municipal priorities and needs. It may be necessary to be flexible on these Projects to obtain the greatest return to the City. The proposed Projects are:

The retrofit of the David Street Water Treatment facility approximate cost \$17.0 million

 South Shore Lake Ramsey installation of Municipal Sewer and Water

approximate cost \$ 9.0 million

Municipal Road #35 - rebuild and expand to four lanes

approximate cost \$11.0 million

Accessible Transit (14 additional low floor buses)

approximate cost \$ 7.7 million

# Background:

As you are aware, both senior levels of government announced support for Municipal Infrastructure and Environmental Protection in 1999; the Federal Government making available \$681 million for Ontario; whereas, the Province, through the SuperBuild announced \$1 billion for millennium partnerships with more than \$250 million of this to support priority projects in Ontario's eight large urban centres, including the City of Greater Sudbury, which received an allocation of \$15 million.

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Unlike the Provincial dollars, which was done on a per capita allocation, the Federal money will be made available on a competitive, project-by-project basis in keeping with the objectives and priorities of the Federal Government.

In summary, the purpose of the Canada - Ontario Infrastructure Program is to improve urban and rural municipal infrastructure in Canada and Ontario, with program objectives that include improving Canadians' quality of life through investments that:

- Enhance the quality of Canada's environment;
- Support long-term economic growth;
- Improve community infrastructure; and
- Build twenty-first century infrastructure through best technologies, new approaches and best practices.

The scope of these investments and priorities attached to each are as follows:

- a) The first priority will go to Green Municipal Infrastructure, including water and wastewater systems, water management, storm water management, solid waste management and recycling, capital expenditures to retrofit or improve energy efficiency of buildings and facilities owned by Local Governments;
- b) Second priority projects will include local transportation infrastructure, such as urban transit, including subway systems, commuter rail, light rail and transit buses using alternative fuels, roads, bridges, tunnels, intelligent transportation systems technology, and public wharves, docks, piers and terminals.

Included in the Second Priority Listings are cultural and recreational facilities, infrastructure supporting tourism, rural and remote telecommunications, high-speed Internet access for local public institutions, and affordable housing.

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At the Provincial level, this partnership investment is pursuing projects under the following Quality of Life categories:

- a) Transportation Projects, including inter-regional public transit;
- b) Environmental Protection, including water and sewage treatment facilities;
- c) Urban Revitalization Projects, including downtown and waterfront renewal; and
- d) Enhanced International Border Crossing and Highway Access.

Keeping in mind these two sets of criteria, and looking for the commonality of each, and recognizing that the Province will administer the funds on behalf of the Federal Government, a Listing of Projects has been developed by staff that we believe meets both sets of criteria. However, before we outline these Projects, we have made two basic assumptions:

- a) That the Funding Program will assume a one-third/one-third/one-third (1/3/1/3/1/3) spit for eligible Projects to qualify for this funding as per the former Canada Ontario Infrastructure Program; and
- b) That the total value of the Program is \$45 million based on a \$15 million contribution from each of the Provincial, Federal and Municipal Partners.

In our view, the suggested Project Groupings listed below meet both sets of criteria. It is this List we intend to approach the Federal and Provincial Government Representatives on for discussion purposes. It may be necessary to be flexible on these Projects when meeting with the Federal and Provincial Officials in order to obtain the greatest return for the City.

a) <u>David Street Water Treatment Plant</u>

approximate cost \$17.0 million

This facility provides municipal water to approximately 40,000 citizens in the City of Greater Sudbury. It does not meet current Ontario Drinking Water Standards, and must be abandoned or upgraded by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002. The City of Greater Sudbury has chosen to upgrade the facility with the addition of an ultra filtration plant on the same site at an estimated cost of \$17.0 million.

We believe this Project meets both the Federal and Provincial Governments' criteria for Green Projects and the protection and provision of potable water. It is also a Project that Council has approved in its Capital Budget.

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b) South Shore Lake Ramsey
- installation of Municipal Sewer and Water

approximate cost \$ 9.0 million

Ramsey Lake is a source of potable water for 40,000 residents of the City of Greater Sudbury. Existing homes along the South Shore of the Lake are serviced with private sewage disposal systems, the effluent of which ultimately migrates into the Lake. When Provincial Grant Assistance was available in the 1980's and the early 1990's, the Municipality announced servicing this area with municipal sewer and water, but was unable to when Provincial Grants were curtailed.

This Project, because of its environmental impact on the source of drinking water is first on the City's Priorities List of servicing existing homes, and qualifies under both the Federal and Provincial Green criteria.

c) Municipal Road #35
- rebuild and expand to four lanes

approximate cost of \$11.0 million

Municipal Road #35 (formerly Provincial Highway #144) connects the downtown core to the Municipalities of Azilda, Chelmsford, Dowling, Onaping and Levack, located to the west and northwest of downtown Sudbury. It also connects the Provincial Highways #144 and #17, providing essential linkages to Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie. This two-lane road currently services 17,000 vehicles per day, and has a history of serious vehicle accidents, including fatalities. One of the City of Greater Sudbury's priorities has been to four lane this transportation corridor from Sudbury to the Community of Azilda, at an estimated cost of \$11 million.

It is our belief that this Project satisfies the transportation criteria as set out by both the Federal and Provincial Governments.

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#### d) Accessible Transit

approximate cost of \$ 7.7 million

The City of Greater Sudbury has identified the creation of an Accessible Transit System that services all of the communities which now form the City of Greater Sudbury as both a municipal priority and one which supports the Provincial and Federal interests. The Accessible Transit System for the City of Greater Sudbury is addressing traffic congestion problems through the introduction of an inter-community public transit system. Public transit works to increase environmental protection as each bus trip removes at least forty (40) vehicles from our roads.

This Project will assist in continuing the removal of geographical barriers between communities, and when implemented will provide equal treatment and access to transit services for citizens of our various predecessor municipalities. It will also assist in the creation and delivery of an Accessible Transit System to our citizens with special needs so that they will have the freedom to move within the City.

Based on these principles of integration and respect for dignity, it is our goal to integrate as many riders as possible on our conventional Transit System, while providing a parallel system for those citizens who cannot access our highly accessible route system.

The City of Greater Sudbury's Transit System currently has a fleet of 48 buses, of which 15 are low-floor buses. Currently, eight of our 20 urban transit routes are designated as being accessible routes, and are served by low-floor buses. These accessible routes service our post-secondary institutions, our hospitals, and areas of the community with high numbers of seniors and those with special needs.

This Project will allow us to purchase an additional fourteen (14) buses at a cost of approximately \$550,000 per vehicle, and will enable us to introduce accessible commuter public transit routes throughout the City.

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For the information of Council, please find attached:

- a) A letter dated June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001 from The Honourable James M. Flaherty, Minister of Finance announcing a \$15 million allocation to the City of Greater Sudbury;
- b) A letter received June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to His Worship Mayor Jim Gordon from The Honourable Dan Newman, Minister of Northern Development and Mines encouraging application for funding for the David Street Project to the SuperBuild Millennium Partnership Initiative;
- c) A News Release dated June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001 entitled, "Ontario's SuperBuild Partnership Initiative Improves Quality of Life and Economy of Sudbury"; and
- d) A copy of the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program Agreement.

I would be pleased to answer any questions Council may have relating to this issue.

cc. City Council
Jim Rule
Doug Wuksinic
Don Belisle

Ministry of Finance

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June 25, 2001

His Worship Jim Gordon Mayor City of Sudbury Tom Davies Square 200 Brady Street Sudbury ON P3A 5P3

Dear Mayor Gordon:

In Ontario's May Budget, I announced that more than \$250 million of the \$1 billion SuperBuild Millennium Partnerships initiative will be invested to support priority projects in Ontario's eight large urban centres, including the City of Greater Sudbury.

I am pleased to confirm that the allocation for the City of Greater Sudbury is \$15 million.

Ministry staff will be in touch with your officials shortly to establish the negotiation process and next steps.

We will be looking for projects that are both municipal priorities and which support provincial interests. Millennium Partnerships project categories include addressing gridlock in our cities, increasing environmental protection, providing access to strategic highways and international crossings or serving to revitalize urban areas. Priority will be given to public-private partnership projects.

We are also inviting the federal government to participate as an investment partner through the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program or other federal programs.



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# Page 2 Mayor Gordon

We look forward to working with you over the coming months to address priority infrastructure projects in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Sincerely

James M. Flaherty Minister of Finance Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

Minister

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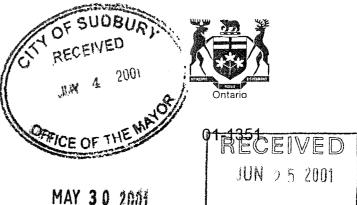
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His Worship Mayor Jim Gordon The City of Greater Sudbury PO Box 5000, Station A 200 Brady Street Sudbury, Ontario P3A 5P3

Dear Mayor Gordon:

GENERAL MANAGER

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Thank you for your letter of May 9, 2001 regarding your council's resolution seeking funding for the David Street Water Treatment Plant and requesting a meeting with myself and my colleagues the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Deputy Premier, and the Honourable Elizabeth Witmer, Minister of the Environment.

I note that you are seeking both federal and provincial assistance in this project. On the provincial level, I would encourage your council to pursue infrastructure initiatives of this nature through the SuperBuild Millennium Partnership initiative. For information on this initiative, please contact Mr. Murray Morello, Manager of my ministry's Sudbury Area Team. Murray can be reached at (705) 564-7519 or by e-mail at murray.morello@ ndm.gov.on.ca.

Regarding your request for a meeting with myself and Ministers Flaherty and Witmer, my office will work toward arranging this.

Once again, thank you for your letter. I look forward to our next meeting.

Sincerely,

In Juman. on raeation until July 16/01 Dan Newman Minister

cc: Hon. Michael D. Harris Premier of Ontario

> Hon. Jim Flaherty Deputy Premier

Hon, Elizabeth Witmer Minister of the Environment

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# News Release Communiqué



Ministry of Finance

Ministère des Finances

For immediate Release 055 June 15, 2001

# ONTARIO'S SUPERBUILD PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE AND ECONOMY OF SUDBURY

[SUDBURY] -- Northern Development and Mines Minister Dan Newman today announced that residents of the City of Greater Sudbury will enjoy a stronger economy and better quality of life thanks to the province's SuperBuild investment of \$15 million for local infrastructure projects.

"This is great news for Sudbury," Newman said. "Sudbury's economic strength and high quality of life depend on revitalized public facilities and urban infrastructure like highways, transit systems and water and sewage treatment plants. The government is investing Sudbury's \$15 million in priority projects, in partnership with the private sector and others."

This SuperBuild investment is part of the Millennium Partnerships initiative announced in the 2001 Ontario Budget. SuperBuild will invest over one quarter of a billion dollars in strategic infrastructure projects in eight large urban centres: the cities of Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Windsor and the regions of Niagara and Waterloo.

Projects are eligible for partnership investment in the following quality-of-life categories:

- Transportation projects, including inter-regional public transit;
- Environmental protection, including water and sewage treatment facilities;
- Urban revitalization projects, including downtown and waterfront renewal; and
- Enhanced international border crossing and highway access.

The City of Greater Sudbury and the Province of Ontario will work together to set priorities and agree on specific project investments. Newman contacted Sudbury Mayor Jim Gordon today to announce this SuperBuild investment. "I look forward to working with the Mayor and our local organizations to ensure we get the best value from this investment, and make the most of this opportunity to build a stronger community," Newman said.

"This announcement shows the Ontario government's commitment to the North," said Mayor Gordon. "The City of Greater Sudbury looks forward to working with the provincial government and our private sector partners on several exciting infrastructure projects which will benefit all City residents."

Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for SuperBuild Jim Flaherty emphasized the objectives of building partnerships and investing in the top infrastructure priorities of Ontario's large urban centres. "SuperBuild is the most ambitious building initiative in this province's history," said Flaherty. "The Province, SuperBuild and our partners will work to fulfill the government's fundamental goal: to make sure Ontario has the strong infrastructure and high quality of life we need to compete and succeed in the 21st century."

This Millennium Partnerships initiative is part of the government's five-year, \$20 billion SuperBuild infrastructure initiative announced in 1999. SuperBuild will invest \$10 billion in strategic infrastructure projects to lever an additional \$10 billion or more from private and broader public sector investment partners for innovative projects across the province. The private sector and the federal government will be encouraged to become investment partners in Millennium Partnerships projects.

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Contact:

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For more information see SuperBuild Millennium Partnerships for Strategic Infrastructure Projects backgrounder, or visit www.superbuild.gov.on.ca or www.mndm.gov.on.ca



#### CANADA - ONTARIO

### INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Made this 20th day of October, 2000,

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA (herein referred to as "Canada") represented by the President of the Treasury Board in her capacity as Minister responsible for Infrastructure and the Minister of Industry.

**AND** 

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO (herein referred to as "Ontario") represented by the Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance.

WHEREAS the Government of Canada outlined in the 1999 Speech from the Throne a new vision of 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure to improve the quality of life for Canadians and make a long-term contribution towards a dynamic economy;

AND WHEREAS Canada and Ontario agree that an Infrastructure program for the construction, renewal, expansion, or material enhancement of infrastructure throughout Canada will contribute to improving the quality of life for all Canadians and building the foundation for sustained long-term economic growth in the 21st century;

AND WHEREAS Canada and Ontario agree that local governments know the infrastructure needs that contribute most to the quality of life of communities in Canada;

AND WHEREAS Canada and Ontario agree that working in cooperation with local government and the private sector, to maximize the use of their resources and expertise, is to the benefit of Canadians;

AND WHEREAS Canada and Ontario agree that communication with the public will best serve Canadians' right to transparency, public accountability, and full information about the benefits of the Infrastructure program and the contribution of each party;

AND WHEREAS Canada is committed to co-operating with Ontario to provide services in both official languages and to support the development of official language minority communities;

AND WHEREAS the Governor in Council by Order in Council P.C. 2000-1613 has authorized the President of the Treasury Board in her capacity as Minister responsible for Infrastructure together with the Minister of Industry to execute this Agreement on behalf of Canada;

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AND WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council by Order in Council has authorized the Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Ontario;

THEREFORE, in accordance with the principles set out above, Canada and Ontario hereby agree as follows:

#### 1 INTERPRETATION

#### **Definitions**

- 1.1 In this Agreement, unless the context requires otherwise.
  - (a) "Agreement" means this agreement, together with Schedules A, B and C thereto;
  - (b) "Applicant" means an applicant for a contribution to a Project pursuant to the Infrastructure program, and Eligible Applicants and Non-eligible Applicants have the meanings assigned by section A.1.1 and A.1.2 of this Agreement;
  - (c) "Co-chairs" means the two Co-chairs of the Management Committee appointed under subsection 3.2, or their substitutes;
  - (d) "Eligible Costs" and "Ineligible Costs" have the meanings assigned by subsections A.1.6 and A.1.7:
  - (e) "Federal Implementing Minister" means the Minister of Industry and includes anyone authorized to act on the Minister's behalf:
  - (f) "Federal Ministers" means the Minister responsible for Infrastructure and the Federal Implementing Minister;
  - (g) "First Priority Projects" include Projects listed in subsection A.1.4;
  - (h) "Fiscal Year" means the period beginning April 1 of a year and ending March 31 of the following year;
  - "Infrastructure" means publicly or privately owned fixed capital assets in Canada for public use or benefit;
  - (j) "Local Government" means a regional municipality, city, town, village, township and any other public authority responsible for delivering local services in Ontario if that authority is approved by the Management Committee;
  - (k) "Management Committee" has the meaning ascribed in section 3.1;
  - (I) "Ministers" means the Federal Ministers and the Provincial Minister:
  - (m) "Minister responsible for Infrastructure" means the President of the Treasury Board of Canada in her capacity as Minister responsible for Infrastructure and includes anyone authorized to act on the Minister's behalf;

- (n) "Project" means an Infrastructure project nominated or approved under this Agreement, and "Eligible Project" has the meaning assigned by subsection A.1.3 and A.1.4:
- (o) "Provincial Minister" means the Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance or any Provincial Minister subsequently charged with this responsibility, and includes anyone authorized to act on his/her behalf;
- (p) "Secondary Priority Projects" include Projects listed in paragraph A.1.4;
- (q) "Third Party" means any person, other than a Party or Applicant that is involved in a Project under the Infrastructure program.
- 1.2 Words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular, as the context requires.
- 1.3 All Schedules to this Agreement form part of the Agreement.
- 1.4 Canada and Ontario are the Parties to this Agreement.
- 1.5 The purpose of this Agreement is to enable the Parties to undertake the Infrastructure program, by defining their roles and responsibilities, the processes and rules for managing and administering this Agreement, and the obligations and undertakings on the part of each Party.

#### 2 PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

- 2.1 The purpose of the Infrastructure program is to improve urban and rural municipal infrastructure in Canada and Ontario. Infrastructure program objectives include improving Canadians' quality of life through investments that:
  - Enhance the quality of Canada's environment
  - Support long-term economic growth
  - Improve community infrastructure
  - Build 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure through best technologies, new approaches and best practices.
- 2.2 The scope of investments (as set out in Schedule A) supporting the objectives of the Infrastructure program include:
  - (a) as a first priority, green municipal infrastructure; and
  - (b) as secondary priorities, local transportation infrastructure, cultural and recreational infrastructure, infrastructure supporting tourism, rural and remote telecommunications, high-speed Internet access for local public institutions, and affordable housing.