



STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2019 **FILE:** 0550-04 Board

TO: Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee

FROM: David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE

PURPOSE

To present an update on the status of the application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program — Green Infrastructure Environmental Quality Sub-stream Grant for the implementation of universal metering in the northern Electoral Area D water service area.

POLICY ANALYSIS

At the July 31, 2018 Board meeting, the following resolution was passed:

Abram/Overton: SRD 701/18

THAT an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure Environmental Quality Sub-stream Grant for the implementation of universal metering in the Northern Electoral Area D water service area be approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the third quarter of 2018 a grant application was made on behalf of the Regional District to the ICIP (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) in the amount of \$2,460,000. The grant was to aid in the implementation of a universal water meter program for northern Area D. The results of the application were to be known in the spring of 2019. After some delay, on August 28, 2019, the SRD received notification that after careful consideration, the project was not selected for funding.

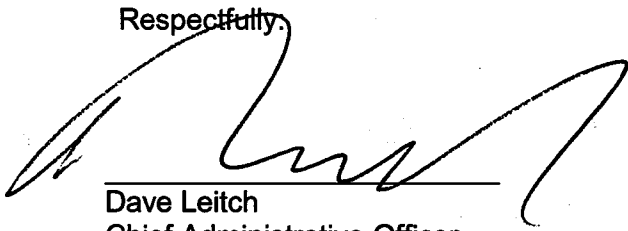
In accordance with the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the program received significantly more applications than could be funded. The decision not to fund this application did not reflect on the importance of this project for the community, but rather the degree by which the program had been oversubscribed.

The Electoral Area D Universal Metering Program cannot proceed without significant funding and as such is on hold until further notice. The Board will be advised should future funding opportunities become available.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

Respectfully,

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Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: Jesse Humphreys, Environmental Services Coordinator



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Chief Administrative Officer
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Dear Dave Leitch:

**Re: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - Environmental Quality
Project # IG0027 - Universal Metering for the Northern Area D Water System**

Thank you for your application for funding under the ICIP – Environmental Quality Program.

We would like to advise that, after careful consideration, the above-noted project was not selected for funding under the ICIP – Environmental Quality Program.

The program received significantly more applications than could be funded. This decision does not reflect on the importance of this project for your community, but rather the degree by which the program has been oversubscribed. All applications were equitably reviewed and given consideration for funding. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Johnson, Environmental Quality Program Lead, by email at: Lee.Johnson@gov.bc.ca.

Additional program information can be found at the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program website: www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program. Should future funding become available, staff are pleased to provide advice on preparing an application.

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Thank you for your interest in the ICIP-Environmental Quality Program. We wish you every success with your community project.

Yours truly,

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Liam Edwards, Executive Director
Local Government Infrastructure and Finance
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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