

Utility and Transportation Infrastructure Investments



Key Request:

The City of Delta requests that the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure commit to ongoing provincial support for municipal utility and transportation infrastructure investments. This support is urgently needed in order for Delta to sustain its continued growth in a manner that benefits all residents, ensuring that future development can occur in order to meet the needs of the community.

Background:

The City of Delta is facing increased pressure to meet provincial housing targets, which mandate significant new housing developments to accommodate a growing population. While Delta is committed to contributing to the province's overall housing goals, the success of these efforts is contingent upon the city's ability to enhance and expand its infrastructure. To ensure sustainable growth and maintain a high quality of life for residents, substantial upgrades to utilities, transportation networks, and other critical infrastructure will be necessary.

As the population increases, so too does the demand on Delta's existing infrastructure. Utilities such as water, sewer, and electricity systems will need to be significantly expanded and upgraded to handle the higher usage that comes with additional housing. Furthermore, transportation infrastructure—including roads, public transit, and active transportation networks—must be

developed to support increased density and ensure that residents can move efficiently and safely throughout the city.

The magnitude of these required infrastructure improvements is substantial, with significant investments needed over the next five years to keep pace with the planned housing developments. However, the financial resources required to undertake these projects are beyond the current capacity of the city. Without provincial financial assistance, Delta risks falling short in its ability to provide the necessary infrastructure to support new housing developments. This could lead to delays in meeting housing targets, as well as potential challenges in maintaining service quality and community livability.

Provincial funding is therefore essential to enable Delta to move forward with these critical infrastructure projects. By partnering with senior levels of government, the City of Delta can ensure that the necessary upgrades and expansions are made in a timely manner, allowing the city to meet housing targets while also fostering sustainable growth and maintaining the high standards of service that residents expect.