



December 19, 2022

Colin Plant
Chair
Capital Regional District Board
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Dear Colin Plant:

Thank you for your letter of October 13, 2022, regarding federal funding support for the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority's (GVHA) Shore Power project in southern Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The Government of Canada is making unprecedented investments in areas such as public transit, resilient and low-carbon infrastructure, water and wastewater, and green and inclusive community buildings, all of which contribute to economic growth, social inclusion and a healthy environment.

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is one way we are delivering funding to communities through the *Investing in Canada* plan. The ICIP is providing \$33.5 billion for public infrastructure across Canada. Under this program, provinces and territories prioritize and submit projects to Infrastructure Canada for review.

Budget 2022 signals the Government's commitment to ensuring that federal funding for infrastructure can continue to support transformative infrastructure projects in communities across Canada, including by accelerating the deadline for provinces to fully commit their remaining funding under the ICIP to priority projects to March 31, 2023.

The federal government will work closely with provinces and territories to support them in expediting project submissions and ensuring that available funding is fully allocated to the important infrastructure projects that our country needs. Budget 2022 also extended the ICIP's construction deadline from October 2027 to October 2033. This extension recognizes delays caused by the pandemic, and will ensure that funding is available when needed.

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With respect to the matter raised in your correspondence, it should be noted that under the Integrated Bilateral Agreement with British Columbia for the ICIP, proposed projects must first be prioritized by the province before they are submitted to Infrastructure Canada for consideration. I would encourage the GVHA to submit their proposal to the British Columbia Ministry of Municipal Affairs so that it may determine whether the project should be prioritized for funding consideration under the Green Infrastructure stream of the ICIP.

Infrastructure Canada is committed to openness and transparency. Please visit [Infrastructure in your community](#) to consult Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program projects applications we are actively working on in each province and territory.

Together, we will work to ensure that infrastructure plays a vital role in promoting economic growth, job creation and improving our quality of life in the coming months and years.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. LeBlanc', written in a cursive style.

Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., K.C., M.P.