Subject:

CRD Gas Tax RSP Working Group

625 Fisgard Street Location:

Start: End:

Mon 2012-03-19 1:00 PM Mon 2012-03-19 3:00 PM

**Show Time As:** 

Tentative

Recurrence:

(none)

**Meeting Status:** 

Not yet responded

Organizer:

'bfelker@ubcm.ca'

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM March 19, 2012 Location: 625 Fisgard Street

Ηi,

CRD have called a RSP Working Group meeting in response to the recently approved GSPF Johnson St Bridge project.

**Brant** 

From:

Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 9:39 AM

To:

Vinton, Kathy R GCPE:EX

Subject:

RE: Final News Release - Johnson Street Bridge

Thank yoU!!

From: Vinton, Kathy R GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 9:38 AM

To: Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Subject: Final News Release - Johnson Street Bridge

Here ya be, Jessica

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From:

Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 9:40 AM 'Brenda Gibson'

To:

Subject:

FW: Final News Release - Johnson Street Bridge

Attachments:

Johnson Street Bridge\_NR\_final\_E.doc

Hi Brenda - final NR for the JSB project.

Happy to follow up further if there are any question – just let me know.

J.

From: Sent: Brenda Gibson [bgibson@ubcm.ca] Tuesday, March 6, 2012 10:03 AM

To:

Bell, Fraser TRAN:EX

Cc:

Harms, Doug TRAN:EX; Brant Felker; Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Subject: Attachments: Re: Gas Tax & Johnson Street Bridge
Johnson Street Bridge NR final E[1].doc

News release is attached.

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The way the RSP program works is that a set amount of funding is set aside, or reserved, for each of the qualifying regions (of which CRD is one) and the region proposed projects for funding, which then come to us for approval by our Management Committee. Approval is not guaranteed — there is a due diligence process similar to application based programs, and an approval process by a joint federal-provincial-UBCM committee.

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From: "Bell, Fraser TRAN:EX" < Fraser. Bell@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 09:13:52 -0800 To: Brant Felker <bfelker@ubcm.ca>

Cc: 'Brenda Gibson' <br/>
<br/>
bgibson@ubcm.ca>, "Harms, Doug TRAN:EX" <<br/>
Doug.Harms@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Gas Tax & Johnson Street Bridge

Hi Brant/Brenda – Just need to clarify again the actual total amount of gas tax for the Johnson Street Bridge – I had understood from previous conversations that the total was \$16.5 million through GSPF.

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The announcement in the Times-Colonist was a bit vague in its wording about how much will exactly go to the bridge project. (see below)

"Ottawa had already pledged \$21 million from the Building Canada Fund for the \$77-million

bridge project and \$8 million from the Gas Tax Fund.

The \$16.5-million grant announced Saturday is in addition to that original promise of \$8 million. The new money will be used for other priority infrastructure projects, Mayor Dean Fortin said

We just want to make sure we've got the correct amounts in our estimates note on the bridge. Thanks for your help! Fraser Bell

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# News Release Communiqué

No. H016/12

For release March 3, 2012

#### Governments announce funding for new Johnson Street Bridge

New bridge will create an estimated 900 local jobs, boost the economy and improve safety

VICTORIA — Eve Adams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Member of Parliament for Mississauga-Brampton South, today announced that the Government of Canada will provide up to \$37.5 million in funding to replace the Johnson Street Bridge. Parliamentary Secretary Adams was joined for the announcement by the Honourable Ida Chong, British Columbia's Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; His Worship Dean Fortin, Mayor of Victoria; and Rhona Martin, second vice-president of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

"Our government is proud to invest in the replacement of the Johnson Street Bridge," said Parliamentary Secretary Adams. "Canadians gave us a strong mandate to stay focused on the economy, and we are investing in key infrastructure projects across the country to create jobs and economic growth, and lay the foundation for long-term prosperity."

Over the next four years, the Johnson Street Bridge project is expected to create an estimated 900 jobs and \$500 million in economic development. The new bridge will include on-road bicycle lanes; improved accessibility for pedestrians, strollers and scooters; safer road approaches; and connections to the Galloping Goose trail and the future Harbour Pathways.

The estimated total cost of the replacement project is \$77 million. The federal government's contribution includes \$21 million from the Building Canada Fund and \$16.5 million through Canada's Gas Tax Fund. The City of Victoria will fund the remainder of the costs.

"The replacement of the Johnson Street Bridge is the single most important infrastructure project undertaken by the City of Victoria. It is a vital transportation link for the entire region and helps support our thriving downtown," said Mayor Fortin. "This unprecedented investment by the federal government is deeply appreciated by our city."

"The cost of replacing aging infrastructure like the Johnson Street Bridge underscores the importance of revenue sharing programs like the Gas Tax Fund," said Ms. Martin. "UBCM is very appreciative of the contributions this program is making to infrastructure throughout British Columbia."

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"This is a good example of how the Gas Tax Fund is supporting local economies and jobs," said Minister Chong. "Eventual replacement of this bridge will streamline access for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians, providing an improved link to accommodate the region's future growth and supporting low-carbon transportation options for residents and visitors alike."

Canada's Gas Tax Fund provides stable, long-term funding to local governments and other organizations to help them build and revitalize public infrastructure. The fund primarily supports capital projects such as local roads, public transit, energy systems and waste management infrastructure that lead to cleaner air, cleaner water or reduced greenhouse gas emissions. The UBCM administers the Gas Tax Fund in B.C. in collaboration with Canada and British Columbia. The Government of Canada, through the Gas Tax Fund, provides approximately \$250 million in annual funding for municipal infrastructure in British Columbia. On December 15, 2011, the Government of Canada passed legislation to make the Gas Tax Fund a permanent annual investment of \$2 billion.

The new Johnson Street Bridge will be complete and open to traffic by the end of March 2016.

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From:

Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Sent:

Friday, February 24, 2012 11:13 AM

To:

Edwards, Liam CSCD:EX

Cc:

Weidman, Catriona CSCD:EX; Farley, Rejan E CSCD:EX

Subject:

Johson Street Bridge

Hi Liam,

We have a Gas Tax Partnership Committee meeting next week (Tuesday afternoon at UBCM) and think that the federal government may be interested in getting an update on how the funded projects are going and/or about the Johnson Street Bridge project in particular. I don't have any details on the specifics of their interest, and because it's not an official agenda item, it may also not come up. In the interests of being able to provide some information if it is raised though, I am wondering if it would be possible for you to attend the meeting or alternatively, provide us with an update/project overview on the Johnson Street Bridge project so we have something on hand and if needed.

Happy to chat about this further if helpful - just let me know.

Cheers, Jessica

**Jessica Brooks** | Manager, Intergovernmental Initiatives | Intergovernmental Relations and Planning Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Tel: 250-387-4071 | Fax: 250-387-6212



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### LOAN AUTHORIZATION FINANCIAL REVIEW

Munici	pality: City of Victoria	File: No.: C36	File: No.: C36 -22				
Amou	nt: \$49,200,000	Bylaw No.: 10-055					
1.	Purpose of capital expenditure: All works related to replacement of Johnson Street Bridge						
2.	Project Included in FP/CEP? Yes X_No Comments: Debt and capital expenditure included in 2010 plan.						
3.	Liability limits calculati	ons See attached					
4.	Capital Cost Estimates: Overview included						
5.	Interim financing and contingencies adequate? Yes X No Comments: Staff report indicates that total project cost and borrowing contemplate contingencies.						
6.	. Estimate of annual debt servicing costs reasonable? Yes, slightly greater than my calculation						
7.	Other Financing Sources: Federal stimulus funding, current assets.						
8.	Engineering/Architectural Information Provided? Yes No _X						
9.	Impact on residential t	'axpayer:					
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Recon	nmend Approval? Yes_	x No If no, provide options and recommenda	itions:				
Hold?	Yes No <u>x</u>	Date or reason:					
Date: Financial Analyst's Signature:							
Director's comments:							
Agree with Financial Analyst's Recommendation? Yes No							
Date: _	Date: Director's Initials:						

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From:

Brooks. Jessica CSCD:EX

Sent:

Thursday, January 12, 2012 9:07 AM

To:

Funk, Richelle GCPE:EX

Subject:

RE: Please confirm details: Gas Tax event Johnston Street Bridge event (Jan 19th)

OK - thanks Richelle. Appreciate your following up.

Cheers

J.

From: Funk, Richelle GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012 11:17 AM **To:** Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX; Purdy, Regan CSCD:EX

Subject: FW: Please confirm details: Gas Tax event Johnston Street Bridge event (Jan 19th)

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He says if you have further questions about the bridge project figures – you and I are to go to Dean Fortin.

Thanks,

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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 10:33 AM

**To:** Funk, Richelle GCPE:EX **Cc:** Vinton, Kathy R GCPE:EX

Subject: Re: Please confirm details: Gas Tax event Johnston Street Bridge event (Jan 19th)

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Cheers, Paul

On 1/11/12 10:06 AM, "Funk, Richelle GCPE:EX" <Richelle,Funk@gov.bc.ca> Wrote:

Paul,

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- And there will be \$500m in economic development with the bridge project.[j2] <#\_msocom\_2> [j3] <#\_msocom\_3>

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And do you have an onsite contact and their cell phone number?

Thanks so much for your help and direction. Realize you are working under a snowstorm of announcements, but I would hate to provide wrong direction in my speaking notes.

Cheers,

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[j3] <#\_msoanchor\_3> Will confirm with UBCM, it is in the draft NR for this announcement

From:

Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Sent:

Thursday, January 12, 2012 1:27 PM

To: Cc: Funk, Richelle GCPE:EX Farley, Rejan E CSCD:EX

Subject:

RE: bullets with a side of caution

Looks good! Just have a couple of minor suggestions - marked below in red/strike through.

J.

From: Funk, Richelle GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 9:33 AM

To: Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Subject: bullets with a side of caution

Hi Jessica,

Thanks so very much for your call and diligence. AND importantly your humour. Love it. need it.

What do you think of these subtle changes?

Once again - we have time for you to look at these...

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### **Conclusion: Jobs & Economy**

- It is our residents and families that make Victoria one of the best communities in Canada to live in.
- And they are our top priority.
- The new Johnson Street Bridge will improve a vital transportation link to Victoria's downtown...

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- And \$500m in economic development could result with the bridge from this project.
- That is tremendous news for our residents whose employment will be supported by the bridge replacement project...
- And their families who call Victoria home.
- I cannot wait to join you in 2016 to celebrate the opening of our brand new bridge system.
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#### HON. IDA CHONG

Comment [r1]: To be confirmed by MIC's office.

# MINISTER OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Gas Tax Fund: \$16.5m for New Johnson Street Bridge

Beside the existing Johnson Street Bridge site Victoria, B.C.

Jan 19, 2012, 10:30 a.m

Please check against delivery

#### Background:

- This project will replace the existing Johnson Street bridge, and improve road and trail connections.
- Total amount of Gas Tax Funds going to the bridge replacement project: \$16.5m.
- Other funding going towards the project: \$21m from the federal government through the Building Canada Fund;

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 The Gas Tax Fund is a tripartite agreement between Canada, British Columbia and UBCM that delivers infrastructure funding to local governments primarily for capital projects that lead to cleaner air, cleaner water or reduced greenhouse gas emissions. UBCM administers the Gas Tax Fund in B.C. in collaboration with Canada and B.C. Comment [r2]: From news release draft

#### Parking:

XXX

#### **Event Onsite Contact:**

• XXX XXX, cell phone number: XXX XXX-XXXX

#### **Dress Code:**

Business casual is recommended. If weather is inclement, rain wear should be worn.

# <u>Agenda</u>

Comment [r3]: Agenda coming from UBCM

Time	Event Itinerary
X:XX	MLA XXX arrives at  • Parking spot will be XX
X:XX	Meet [contact] at XXX.
X:XX	Presentation begins  • XXX will introduce MLA XXX.  • When will MLA XXX speak?
X:XX	End of MLA's participation in event.

# Introduction [personal greetings]

- It is truly wonderful to be with you here,
- On the traditional territory of the Coast Salish,
- To mark an important announcement for greater Victoria.

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## Vibrant Victoria: Maintaining livability and accessibility

• I believe that one of the reasons people from all over Canada...

- And all over the world...
- Come to Victoria to visit and work...
- Is because our city is one of the most liveable livable and accessible communities in Canada.

[personal anecdote on Victoria's livability]

- The new bridge will include on-road bicycle lanes and will connect to any new E&N trails...
- And it will have improved accessibility for pedestrians.
- These are wonderful environmentally sensitive waysgreat, low carbon ways for residents to commute and enjoy our vibrant waterfront.

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Comment [j5]: Accessible in what sense? Not sure that I totally understand what this statement is saying

Comment [j6]: This is interesting – is this something a Minister will be OK speaking to given that it seems to be a fairly political issue? Although having said that, I believe that the government has committed some funding.....

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From:

Vinton, Kathy R GCPE:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 3:15 PM

To:

Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Cc:

Ashmore, Robyn CSCD:EX

Subject:

for approval: Victoria NR

Hey Jessica,

Here's draft news release announcing funding for Johnson St. Bridge.

Over to you, pls & thanks, for review & comments.

Cheers

Kathy



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From:

Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 12:28 PM

To:

Funk, Richelle GCPE:EX Farley. Reian E CSCD:EX

Subject:

FW: Please review/approve: SN Gas Tax event - Johnson Street Bridge NR \$16 5 M for New Johnson Street Bridge.doc; SN\_bridge\_jan19.docx

Importance:

Attachments:

High

Hi Richelle – just have a few comments/Q's – embedded in the SN for your consideration. Cheers, J.

From: Funk, Richelle GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 10:54 AM

To: Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX

Subject: Please review/approve: SN Gas Tax event - Johnson Street Bridge

Importance: High

Hello again m'lady...

Picking up another one of these speaking note duties from Kathy for gas tax. This time the Johnson Street Bridge project.

She will be handling the NR [I'm including cause I referenced some of their numbers/project details in the speaking notes] for approvals... so you can stay away from that for now... but can you please review/approve the speaking notes?

Minister Chong hasn't yet accepted, but we are proceeding with notes until we have representative confirmation.

Thanks Jessica,

Richelle

#### Richelle Dawn Funk

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# \$16.5 Million in Gas Tax Funds Announced for New Johnson Street Bridge

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2012

For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC – Today, Honourable Stephen Fletcher, Minister of State for Transport, was joined by Oak Bay-Gordon Head MLA Ida Chong, Mayor of Victoria Dean Fortin and Union of British Columbia Municipalities Past President Barbara Steele, for the announcement of \$16.5 million in federal Gas Tax funds towards the replacement of the Johnson Street Bridge.

#### Minister Fletcher quote

The \$16.5 million in federal funds is in addition to the existing commitment of \$21 million from the Government of Canada through the Building Canada Fund and \$10.2 million low-interest loan through Canada's Economic Action Plan.

#### Minister Chong quote

In British Columbia, the federal Gas Tax Fund is administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to provide funding in support of environmentally sustainable infrastructure projects such as public transit, local roads, water and wastewater, and green energy.

#### **UBCM** quote

"The replacement of the Johnson Street Bridge is the single most important infrastructure project undertaken by the City of Victoria. It is a vital transportation link for the entire region and helps support our thriving downtown," said Mayor Dean Fortin. "This unprecedented investment by the federal government is deeply appreciated by our city."

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The new bridge will be complete and open to traffic by March 2016. Over the next four years it is expected to create an estimated 900 jobs and \$500 million in economic development. The existing bridge will remain open during construction.

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#### For More Information:

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Paul Taylor Relationships and Communications Advisor UBCM 250.356.2938

**Provincial Contact** 

Federal contact

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## **GSPF** and **IF** Recommended Projects

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# GENERAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FUND INNOVATIONS FUND

# RECOMMENDED PROJECT APPROVALS

Proposed Projects	Recipient	Score	Funding Amount
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The requested amount is the maximum amount allowed due to federal stacking provisions.

# **Other Funding Sources**

Borrowing and grants

## **Grant Recommended**

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# Smith, Julia JTI:EX

From:

Vinton, Kathy R GCPE:EX

Sent:

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 11:19 AM

To: Cc: Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX Farley, Rejan E CSCD:EX

Subject:

this just in ....

Jessica, just to put my request for news release approvals in context with your other work, following is note from the feds re upcoming dates:

From: Gentle, Loryn [mailto:Loryn.Gentle@infc.gc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2011 11:14 AM

To: 'Paul Taylor'; Rhodes, Gillian GCPE:EX; Vinton, Kathy R GCPE:EX

Cc: Spassov, Jonathan

Subject: Dates for GTF projects

Hi Paul,

I have some date confirmations/changes from my Ministers Office:

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Victoria (Johnson Street Bridge) - Would like to move to January 19

Thanks,

Loryn

### **Loryn Gentle**

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Note that project descriptions

for each project are attached.

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Dear Committee Members:

Re: Gas Tax Funding – City of Victoria Priorities

# **Executive Summary**

At its April 7, 2011 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting, Victoria City Council endorsed the E&N Rall Trail multi-purpose path extension across the Johnson Street Bridge, and commuter bike lanes on the Johnson Street Bridge, as the City of Victoria's top priorities for consideration for funding under the Regional Significant Projects component of the General Strategic Priorities Funds of the Federal Gas Tax Funds. The following report provides a brief description of the proposed scope of work, why they are the top priorities for the City and the Region, and rationale for how the two projects fit the UBCM and CRD guidelines and criteria.

# **Projects**

1) E & N Rail Trail - multi-use path extension across the Johnson Street Bridge (\$10 million)

A 5m wide multi-use path would be located on the north side of the Johnson Street Bridge, facing the Upper Harbour (see drawings included in this document). The path would connect the E&N Rail Trail, the Galloping Goose Regional Trail, and the Trans Canada Trail Head, to the heart of downtown Victoria.

The project meets Gas Tax eligibility guidelines, the UBCM definition of a Regionally Significant Capital Project, CRD-specific RSP criteria, and the CRD's TravelChoices Implementation and Investment Plan (TIIP) evaluation criteria:

- leads towards reduced greenhouse gas emissions and cleaner air the improvement will
  provide a direct cycling and pedestrian link between the heart of Downtown Victoria and
  the regional trail system (Galloping Goose Trail and E&N Rail Trail).
- is larger in scale and regional in impact the project is part of the larger replacement project of the Johnson Street Bridge, the top priority infrastructure project in Victoria. The impact of providing this cycling and pedestrian connection is significant to the region (currently 4,000 pedestrians and 3,000 cyclists daily), as the completed link will form part of a regionally-supported sustainable transportation network.
- will increase transportation safety, accessibility, and affordability at a regional scale, and encourage more walking and cycling trips.
- will help connect neighbourhoods and communities to the Downtown core, ultimately encouraging focused growth along this convenient transportation corridor.

- is an extension to the Galloping Goose Trail and the E&N Rail Trail, both key regional transportation initiatives. The E&N Rail Trail is currently being constructed by the CRD with Gas Tax funding. Coordinating the completion of these inter-jurisdictional projects and constructing the final link into the Downtown core will provide a world-class cycling and walking network for the region.
- is consistent with the City's Bicycle Master Plan, the Official Community Plan, the draft Downtown Core Area Plan, the CRD's Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian master plan, the current CRD TravelChoices Long-Term Transportation Strategy, and the BC Climate Action Charter. The project also supports the goals of the City of Victoria's Integrated Transportation Strategies, Bicycle Master Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan.

The estimated cost of constructing the multi-use path across the Johnson Street Bridge is \$10M. The City of Victoria has already received \$21M in federal funding for construction of the larger bridge project. The project is also considered 'shelf-ready' - preliminary design work and construction estimates have already been done. Detailed design work will continue through 2011, followed by construction, with completion scheduled for early 2015.

The Johnson Street Bridge project has widespread support amongst municipalities in the region, and from the CRD. CRD Board of Directors gave unanimous support to the City of Victoria to apply for GSPF funding for the multi-use path portion of the Johnson Street Bridge project.

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# 2. Commuter bike lanes on the Johnson Street Bridge (\$6.5 million)

1.8m marked bike lanes are proposed for the Johnson Street Bridge replacement project. The continuation of these on-street bike lanes would be the easternmost link in a system of commuter bike lanes on Esquimalt Road and Craigflower Road/Tyee Road, connecting Downtown to Esquimalt, View Royal, and Westshore. The project meets the objectives of TIIP and RSP criteria, and is consistent with the City's Integrated Transportation Strategies, Bicycle Master Plan, and Pedestrian Master Plan.

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- will increase transportation safety, accessibility, and affordability at a regional scale, and encourage more cycling trips.
- will help connect neighbourhoods and communities to the Downtown core, ultimately
  encouraging focused growth as the reliance on automobile transportation is reduced.
- is an extension to a network of bike lanes in Esquimalt, View Royal, and Westshore. The
  bike lane improvements currently being constructed in View Royal were funded in the
  previous round of Gas Tax funding. Coordinating the completion of these interjurisdictional projects by constructing the final link into the Downtown core would signify
  regional cooperation on important transportation initiatives.
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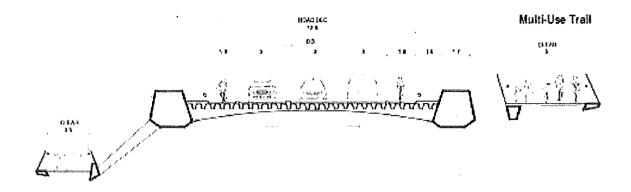
Yours truly,

Peter Sparanese, P. Eng.

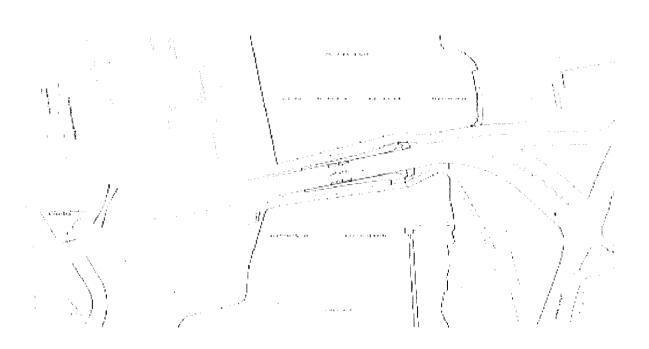
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Typical Cross-Section (looking west towards Victoria West)



Plan View (Multi-Use Trail highlighted)



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## Smith, Julia JTI:EX

From:

Brant Felker [bfelker@ubcm.ca]

Sent:

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:35 AM

To:

Mike Lai

Cc: Subject: Susanne Thompson; Chaz Whipp; Kristin Quayle; JSB Communication; Brenda Gibson Re: City of Victoria UBCM GSPF Gas Tax Funding Application - Johnson Street Bridge

Project

Hi Mike,

Thanks for your letter. This email confirms that the City of Victoria's GSPF application for the Johnson Street Bridge Project has now been withdrawn. The deadline for submitting a new GSPF application is April 29, 2011.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

**Brant** 

Brant Felker Gas Tax Program Officer UBCM

250-356-0893

From: Mike Lai <<u>mlai@victoria.ca</u>>
Date: Tue, 15 Mar 2011 12:22:14 -0700
To: Brant Felker <br/>
bfelker@ubcm.ca>

Cc: Susanne Thompson <sthompson@victoria.ca>, Chaz Whipp <CWhipp@victoria.ca>, Kristin Quayle

<KQuayle@victoria.ca>, JSB Communication < JSB@victoria.ca>

Subject: City of Victoria UBCM GSPF Gas Tax Funding Application - Johnson Street Bridge Project

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Mike.

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From:

Brant Felker [bfelker@ubcm.ca] Tuesday, March 15, 2011 3:23 PM

Sent: To:

Weidman, Catriona CSCD:EX

Subject:

FW: City of Victoria UBCM GSPF Gas Tax Funding Application - Johnson Street Bridge

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Attachments:

Ltr to B Felker UBCM re CoV Appln Amendment 2011-03-14.pdf

Hi Catriona,

FYI: please note that Victoria have requested that we not consider their current GSPF application.

**Brant** 

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From: Mike Lai <mlai@victoria.ca>
Date: Tue, 15 Mar 2011 12:39:20 -0700
To: Brant Felker <br/>
bfelker@ubcm.ca>
Cc: JSB Communication <JSB@victoria.ca>

Subject: RE: City of Victoria UBCM GSPF Gas Tax Funding Application - Johnson Street Bridge Project

Hi Brant,

The attached includes the Council resolution on this matter. I forgot to include this in the first email. Thanks.

Mike.

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## Engineering and Public Works Department

March 14, 2011

File: Johnson Street Bridge Project

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Brant Felker

Policy & Program Officer Union of BC Municipalities 525 Government Street Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

Dear Mr. Felker:

Re: City of Victoria Johnson Street Bridge Project – General Strategic Priorities Fund Application

On March 9, 2011, Council passed a motion to amend the City's application to the Union of BC Municipalities under the General Strategic Priorities Fund [GSPF] related to the Johnson Street Bridge Project.

The approved resolution directs staff to amend the City's application by substituting the rail component with on-road commuter bike lanes and will also include reallocation of the requested funding in accordance with the federal funding criteria. The City would like to withdraw the original application for the Johnson Street Bridge Project which was submitted on January 4, 2011. A revised application will be submitted within the next 2 weeks under separate cover.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please feel free to contact me at 250.590.4623 or by email at <a href="mailto:mlai@victoria.ca">mlai@victoria.ca</a>.

Yours truly,

Mike C. Lai, P. Eng.

Johnson Street Bridge Project Director

Attachment:

Special Council meeting resolution of March 9, 2011

Re: JSB Project - Rail Funding

c. Susanne Thompson, Assistant Director of Finance Chaz Whipp, Project Administrator, Johnson Street Bridge Project Kristin Quayle, Communications, Johnson Street Bridge Project

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1. Reconsideration of Council Resolution passed February 24, 2011
It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council table the following motion, pending receipt of the staff report:

That Victoria City Council instruct staff to continue work on parallel design work for the Johnson Street Bridge to an upset figure of \$80,000 or March 24, 2011, with the funds coming from the Capital Programs Budget.

Carried

2. Johnson Street Bridge Project - Rail Funding Update

It was moved by Councillor Luton, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council:

1. Direct staff to discontinue further parallel design work on the "with rail" option.

2. Confirm that the scope of the Johnson Street Bridge Project as approved by

Council June 17 and August 12, 2010 does not include rail.

3. Direct staff to amend the City's Union of BC Municipalities gas tax application to substitute the rail component with on-road commuter bike lanes, to redistribute the maximum 50% Federal contribution (that includes the \$21 million) between the multi-use trail component (\$10 million) and the on-road commuter bike lanes (\$6.5million).

4. Direct staff to apply to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for a maximum loan of \$10 million and \$1 million grant under the Green Municipal Fund program

for the multi-use trail component of the bridge project.

Councillor Young voted against this motion

3. Reconsideration of Council Resolution passed February 24, 2011
It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Luton, that the following

motion be lifted from the table:

That Victoria City Council Instruct staff to continue work on parallel design work for the Johnson Street Bridge to an upset figure of \$80,000 or March 24, 2011, with the funds coming from the Capital Programs Budget.

The Mayor called the question on the motion:

Defeated

Carried

Mayor Fortin and Councillors Alto, Coleman, Hunter, Luton, Madoff and Thornton-Joe voted against this motion

Certified A True Copy,

Corporate Administrator

City of Victoria BC

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Subject:

Johnson St Bridge/MC discussion

Location:

**UBCM** 

Start: End: Thu 2011-01-27 1:30 PM Thu 2011-01-27 2:30 PM

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Recurrence:

(none)

**Meeting Status:** 

Not yet responded

Organizer:

bfelker@ubcm.ca

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM January 27, 2011

Location: UBCM

Hi,

The agenda items are:

1. Eligibility discussion re: Johnson St. Bridge GSPF application

2.

out of scope

Regards,

Brant



C35-22

January 13, 2011

Gail Stephens Chief Administrative Officer City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Gail Stephens:

Enclosed is Certificate of Approval No. 16681 for Bylaw No. 10-055, cited as "Loan Authorization (Johnson Street Bridge) Bylaw, 2010".

Yours truly,

Cathy Bickford Advisory Officer

Enclosure

Prepared by: cb

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No. 16681

## $Certificate\ of\ Approval$

Under the authority of the *Local Government Act*, I certify that Bylaw No. 10-055, cited as the "Loan Authorization (Johnson Street Bridge) Bylaw, 2010" of the City of Victoria has been lawfully and validly made and enacted, and that its validity is not open to question on any ground in any court of British Columbia.

Dated this	13	day
of	January	, 2011

Deputy Inspector of Municipalities of British Columbia

## NO. 10-055

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ADOPTED on the	2 <sup>nd</sup>	day of	December,	2010

"ROBERT G. WOODLAND"
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR

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MAYOR

Cerlifted A True Copy,

This 12 Day Of Jaguary

Corporate Administrator City of Victoria BC

## **CORPORATE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE**

(Form LA1)

## The Corporation of the City of Victoria (the "Local Government")

The undersigned Corporate Officer, as the person responsible for corporate administration of the Local Government under section 148 of the *Community Charter* (the *Charter*) or section 198 of the *Local Government Act*, hereby certifies as follows:

1.	That Loan Authorisation Bylaw No. 10-055 (the "Loan Authorisation Bylaw" was duly and properly enacted in accordance with the provisions of the local government legislation at a duly constituted meeting of the Local Government in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government's applicable procedure bylaw and at which a quorum was present and acting throughout (Attached is an adopted copy of the Loan Authorisation Bylaw.)
2.	That the Loan Authorisation Bylaw has not been amended or repealed and is in full force and effect as at the date hereof.
3.	That the Local Government has obtained the approval of the electors under section 180 of the <i>Charter</i> for the adoption of the Loan Authorisation Bylaw by one of the following methods:
	Assent of the electors was obtained by a vote held on the 20 <sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010 and the chief election officer published notice of the voting
	in a newspaper on the 26 <sup>th</sup> , day of October, 2010. Or, if publication in a newspaper was not practicable, the notice was given to the public by
	alternative means being on the day of, 20 (A copy of the notice is attached.) Or;
	☐ An alternative approval process and for that purpose notice was
	published in two separate issues of a newspaper and the date of the last
	publication of the notice was the day of, 20 Or,
	if the publication in a newspaper was not practicable, the notice was given
	by alternative means
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	attached.) Or;
	A petition in relation to a municipal local area service or in relation to a
	regional district electoral area service that was requested by the area
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1.	No application has been made or action or proceeding brought to quash or to
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4. No application has been made or action or proceeding brought to quash or to set aside the Loan Authorisation Bylaw under section 262 of the Local Government Act or otherwise and the validity of the Loan Authorisation Bylaw has not been attacked, questioned, or adjudicated in any court and to the best of the knowledge of the undersigned and no such action is pending or has been threatened and the undersigned knows of no objections to the validity of the Loan Authorisation Bylaw.

The undersigned Corporate Officer also hereby authorizes the law firms of Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy and Bryant & Company to rely on this Certificate in giving any opinion in connection with any borrowing by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA") and the issuance of bonds, debentures or other securities by the MFA in respect of the Loan Authorisation Bylaw.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

Corporate Officer

Robert G. Woodland (Please print full name)



#### 2010 CITY OF VICTORIA COUNCIL BY-ELECTION AND BYLAW REFERENDUM NOTICE OF ELECTION AND OTHER VOTING NOVEMBER 20, 2010

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Legislative and Regulatory Services Department

January 07, 2011

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Inspector of Municipalities
Local Government Department
Ministry of Community and Rural Development
Advisory Services Branch
PO Box 9839 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9T1

Dear Inspector:

Re: Loan Authorization (Johnson Street Bridge) Bylaw - No. 10-055

Following the one month quashing period for Loan Authorization (Johnson Street Bridge) Bylaw – No. 10-055, we are writing to apply for the Certificate of Approval.

Enclosed please find the following documents in support of our request for the Certificate of Approval:

- Corporate Officer's Certificate (Form LA1) for Loan Authorization (Johnson Street Bridge) Bylaw – No. 10-055;
- a copy of the adopted Loan Authorization Bylaw; and,
- · a copy of the advertisement for Notice of Election other Voting.

Should you require any further information, please contact me at (250) 361-0203.

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Yours truly,

Robert G. Woodland

Corporate Administrator Enc.

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November 13, 2009

Penny Ballantyne Chief Administrator City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Penny Ballantyne:

## Re: Loan Authorization (Johnson Street Bridge) Bylaw

Enclosed is one copy of the above bylaw approved under the provisions of section 179 of the *Community Charter*. Pursuant to section 180 of the *Community Charter*, Council may now proceed with the approval of the electors by the alternative approval process in accordance with section 86 of the *Community Charter*.

Notice of an alternative approval process must be published in accordance with section 94 [public notice] of the *Community Charter*. Council must establish the deadline for receiving elector responses, which must be at least 30 days after the second publication of the notice.

Note: the date of the last newspaper publication or last issuance of notice by alternative means and the deadline date are not counted.

Council may proceed with the adoption of the bylaw unless, by the deadline, at least 10% of the electors of the area indicate that the council must obtain the assent of the electors before proceeding.

Upon expiration of the statutory quashing period, which extends for one month commencing after the date of adoption, application may be made by way of the enclosed forms for a Certificate of Approval; only one completed copy of the bylaw and a copy of the notice is required.

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In addition, if the proposed borrowing will cause an increase in fees, charges or taxes, we recommend that a separate notice or press release be made briefly outlining the need for the increase. An example of how the increase will affect the average residential user and property owner should be included in the notice and placed on a page in the newspaper read by the greatest number of readers and not under the legal section. This notice will serve to keep the residents informed.

Yours truly,

Cathy Bickford

Advisory Officer

**Enclosures** 

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## Statutory Approval

Under the provisions of section 179

of the	Community Charter		
I hereby appr	ove Bylaw No	09-057	•
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Inspector of Municipalities

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Certified A True Copy,
This 30 Day Of Octobe, 2009
Corporate Administrator
City of Victoria BC

NO. 09-057

## LOAN AUTHORIZATION (JOHNSON STREET BRIDGE) BYLAW

## A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The purpose of this Bylaw is to authorize the City to borrow up to \$42,000,000 for the replacement of the Johnson Street Bridge.

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  - (b) to acquire all real and personal property, including, but not limited to, easements, rights-of-way, leases, licenses, rights, or authorities as may be required or desirable in connection with the Works;
  - (c) to make agreements for periods in excess of 5 years for the Works; and
  - to expend, for all things necessary in connection with the Works, up to the sum of \$42,000,000 to be funded by borrowing up to \$42,000,000.

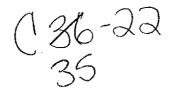
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CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR

MAYOR





September 9, 2010

Gail Stephens
Chief Administrative Officer
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Gail Stephens:

Re: Loan Authorization Bylaw (Johnson Street Bridge) Bylaw, 2010

Enclosed is one copy of the above noted bylaw approved under the provision of section 179 the *Community Charter*. Pursuant to section 180 of the *Community Charter*, Council may now proceed with the approval of the electors by obtaining the assent of the electors in accordance with section 85 of the *Community Charter*.

Council may now seek the assent of the electors by conducting a vote in accordance with section 85 of the *Community Charter*. Part 4 [Other Voting] of the *Local Government Act (LGA)* applies in its entirety to the conduct of this vote and should be consulted before making any arrangements. Of particular significance are critical deadlines with respect to the vote including:

- \* general voting day must be within 80 days of the Inspector's approval of the bylaw (section 162, *LGA*)
- \* bylaws under Part 4, of the *Local Government Act* must have been adopted at least 6 weeks before general voting day in order to apply to the vote (section 163, *LGA*)
- \* the chief election officer must establish a 10 day scrutineer application period such that scrutineers can be appointed before the first voting opportunity (section 171, *LGA*)
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- \* the chief election officer must issue a notice of other voting at least 6 but not more that 30 days before general voting day (section 164, *LGA*)

In addition, since many of the provisions of Part 3 of the *Local Government Act* apply to this vote, review of that Part is recommended before making any arrangements for the vote. Part 3 provides direction on such things as: appointment of officials; registration; voting opportunities and arrangements; and counting procedures.

If majority of the votes counted as valid are in favour of the bylaw, Council may adopt the bylaw.

Upon expiration of the statutory quashing period, which extends for one month commencing after the date of adoption, application may be made by way of the enclosed forms for a Certificate of Approval; only one completed copy of the bylaw and a copy of the notice is required.

Yours truly,

Cathy Bickford Advisory Officer

Enclosures



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APPROVED by the INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES the

day of -

RECEIVED THE ASSENT OF THE ELECTORS UNDER SECTION 85 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER THE day of

ADOPTED on the

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CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR

**MAYOR** 

Certified A True Copy,

This 13 Day Of A

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## LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW REVIEW FORM

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Local Government: //Cfor	VC File No. <u>C36-22</u>
Bylaw No.: <u>/O -O55</u> Purpose:	Johnson Street Bridge
Approval: Section & Act 179 Amount of Borrowing \$ 49,200.	Inspector Minister Minister Term 20 Yrs.
Entered on the tracking system Repeals the original bylaw? Amends the original bylaw? No	Yes See note below**
Certification included and correct with or Correct number of copies received? Are the readings correct? Does the bylaw meet the requirements of Is the bylaw format acceptable?	No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐
Approval Method:	and/or Consent Method (RD only)
Council Initiative Petition AAP	Section 801.4 Consents attached? Yes No Section 801.5 Consents attached? Yes No Section 801.5 Section 801.5 No Section 801.5 Section 801.6 No
Referendum Date Not Applicable Reason	Nov. 20, 2010
Assent-free	cing Certificate attached No Yes
INSP. Approval to be 15 required - Sec. 162(2).  **If C/A Issued, RD Consent is	Johnson Street Bridge Jed as to project planning, Design  Sura Sept 9th to meet 16A 80 day  required before adopting amend/repeal LA bylaw see s.182 (3) CC **
Reviewed by ASB	LETTER/C.O. CERTIFICATE
Date	Mg RD (L) 60#/
LGIF Comments: PCGSC 50C	- attacked review
Liability Servicing Capacity \$42.02 Assent Free Zone: \$40.5 > 80 ASSESSMENT: Risk	Servicing Cost \$ 11,722,005 as at Docorbor 31, 2008  Im
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## LOAN AUTHORIZATION FINANCIAL REVIEW

Munic	cipality: City of Victoria	File: No.: C36 -22	
Amou	unt: \$49,200,000. Byla	w No.: 10-055	
1.	. Purpose of capital expenditure: All works related to replacement of Johnson Street Bridge		
2.	2. Project Included in FP/CEP? Yes X_No Comments: Debt and capital expenditure included in 2010 plan.		
3.	Liability limits calculations See attached		
4.	Capital Cost Estimates: Overview included		
5.	Interim financing and contingencies adequate? that total project cost and borrowing contemplate	Yes X No Comments: Staff report indicates e contingencies.	
6.	Estimate of annual debt servicing costs reasons	able? Yes, slightly greater than my calculation	
· 7.	Other Financing Sources: Federal stimulus fund	ling, current assets.	
8.	Engineering/Architectural Information Provided?	Yes No _X	
9.	Impact on residential taxpayer.		
	or \$0.1470 pe Is tax burden significant on any other class? Yes that existing funds will be re-allocated so that the	for an average residential property of \$525,948  r \$1000  , industrial, business Comments: Staff report states ere is no net property tax increase after borrowing.	
Comm	ents:		
there is	s no net property tax increase after borrowing. T	that existing programs will be re-allocated so that he City does not have a lot of debt in terms of its st for the City did not exceed its assent free zone.	
Recom	nmend Approval? Yes <u>x</u> No	f no, provide options and recommendations:	
Hold?	Yes No x Date or reason:	- MA A + a = alla	
Hold? Yes No _x _ Date or reason:			
Directo	er's comments:		
Agree v	with Financial Analyst's Recommendation? Yes	No	
Date: _	Director's Initials:		

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## King, Wendy L CSCD:EX

From: Sent: Gregory Hartnell

Monday, November 29, 2010 3:25 PM

To:

Letters Times Colonist

Cc:

OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX;

Mayor Fortin

Subject:

"Bridge bills will hurt city in long run," Nov. 28

CONCERNED CITIZENS' COALITION 1357 Rockland Avenue Victoria, B. C. Canada, V8S 1V7 Tel. 250 382 97 67

Letters to the Editor Victoria Times Colonist

Re: "Bridge bills will hurt city in long run," Nov. 28

I agree with the letter writer when he concludes that 'eventually, Victoria taxpayers will pay for a "Yes" vote through higher taxes.'

I also question the very dubious claim to any sort of real victory now made by the NDP Mayor of Victoria in the inconclusive results of the November 20 Victoria Byelection-Referendum.

With 53,910 absenting or boycotting voters of the total 63,930 Victoria Registered Voters, the vast Silent Majority of Victoria's registered voters did not participate in these unnecessary travesties of electoral process by a commanding 74%, and thus there was no way to correctly gauge the cryptic will of Victoria's registered voters.

We do know for a scientific fact, however, that 10% percent voted NO, giving us fully 84% of the registered voters not endorsing the Mayor's plan to borrow \$49,200,000.

We are not saying, of course, that all of these nonparticipating voters are protestors for the "NO" side. But we are certainly not agreeing with the Mayor when he and his apologists now insist that the cryptic silence of this irresponsible cohort indicates tacit approval by all of them for his expensive bridge building plan.

On the contrary, the onus to prove clear major majorities was with the proponent of the referendum question, the City of Victoria.

Similarly, when only 7.08% of the total Victoria Registered Voters voted for the Saanich resident NDP Candidate Marianne Alto, we do not accept that the democratic will of the majority 92.92% who did not vote for her is being properly acknowledged.

That is why former CCC Councillor Candidate David Burke and I have written a letter to the Premier, the Attorney General and the Communities Minister to intervene, to nullify the results of this farce and to pass into law 31 reform recommendations made by the Local Government Elections Task Force, in order that other communities in B. C. are not subject to similar abuse.

Gregory Hartnell, President, Former Councillor Candidate Concerned Citizens' Coalition

cc: Premier Gordon Campbell Attorney General Michael de Jong Minister Stephanie Cadieux Mayor Dean Fortin MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY,
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