

From: [Bedford, Brian MAH:EX](#)
To: [Farnaz Farrokhi](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed Communication Plan: Province Makes Historic Critical Investment in Arsenic & Manganese Treatment Plants to Address Water Quality Issues, Ensuring Healthy Communities
Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017 2:55:18 PM

Hi Farnaz,

Good to hear from you. It has been a busy yet good start to the new year. I trust yours has been good as well.

Reviews for the programs have recently completed. Program committees will be meeting shortly to recommend projects. Decision for the programs will be made and announced by March 31, 2017. I don't have precise dates at this point.

On Monday I will forward your email and contact to CSCD's communication director

Regards,

Brian

Sent from a mobile

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On Feb 16, 2017, at 4:25 PM, Farnaz Farrokhi <FFarrokhi@whiterockcity.ca> wrote:

Hi Brian,

Hope you have had a good start to the New Year.

Brian, the last time we spoke was a few days before we submitted the City's funding request for the arsenic and manganese treatment plant. During that conversation, if I recall correctly, you had said that the Province may be ready to do funding announcements in early spring. I'm touching base to see when the Province anticipates notifying applicants that their funding has been approved, and whether the City of White Rock will receive funding for the arsenic and manganese treatment plants.

I fully understand all the planning involved in project selections and communicating these announcements; however, should the City receive senior government funding for the treatment plants, I would like to amplify the announcement efforts because receiving senior government funding to improve the City of White Rock's water quality will be a historic milestone for us; especially, in 2017, when the City celebrates its 60th birthday, and on the occasion of World Water Day (March 22) when I'm hoping we could do the funding announcement.

**WHY RECEIVING FUNDING FOR ARSENIC AND MANGANESE TREATMENT PLANTS
WILL BE A HISTORIC MILESTONE:**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->—<!--[endif]-->For nearly 100 years, White Rock’s water had been owned and operated by private companies, until 2015, when the City acquired the water utility from a private company

<!--[if !supportLists]-->—<!--[endif]-->Private companies do not qualify for government funding; now that White Rock owns the water utility, it is asking both the Federal and Provincial government to financially support the arsenic and manganese treatment plants

<!--[if !supportLists]-->—<!--[endif]-->Should White Rock receive this funding, it will be a historic milestone/ first for the City and cause for a major public relations push, given the province-wide and national coverage the City has received on its water quality

IMPACT FUNDING FROM PROVINCE WILL HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->—<!--[endif]-->Funding for the arsenic and manganese treatment plants will improve the safety and quality of water for White Rock residents, Peace Arch Hospital and its patients, care facilities, schools, businesses, tourists, and South Surrey families who receive their water from the City

<!--[if !supportLists]-->o<!--[endif]-->**Properly treated water will minimize public’s perceptions and concerns related to potential cancer risks and health impacts associated with arsenic and manganese in the water**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->—<!--[endif]-->Highlight senior government’s leadership and commitment to keeping communities healthy, livable and safe

STRONG GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO HEALTHY COMMUNITIES:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->—<!--[endif]-->Rehabilitation and optimization of the City’s water quality is a preventative step taken in reducing arsenic and manganese in the water and continuing to comply with Health Canada’s Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (GCDWQ)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->—<!--[endif]-->Senior government funding will show the Province’s commitment in ensuring healthy and safe communities
This strategy will require a lot of organization, especially since we hope to hold a special press conference (see attached communications proposal) on March 22, which is World Water Day. We are also working towards a Water Info Open House on that day and would really love to take advantage of the significance of World Water Day to highlight the government’s commitment in providing communities, such as White

Rock, with more reliable and safe drinking water. And, I am happy to work with Minister Fassbender's Communications team and see what the Minister would like to do.

Now back to my original question - are you able to let us know how far along the Province is in selecting grant recipients and whether the City will receive funding for the treatment plants?

Many thanks,

Farnaz

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From: [Bedford, Brian MAH:EX](#)
To: ["Farnaz Farrokhi"](#)
Cc: ["Greg St. Louis"](#)
Subject: RE: CWWF Application Complete - Arsenic and Manganese Water Treatment Project
Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:24:00 PM

Hi Farnaz and Greg,
Thanks, your application was received. No questions at this time.
I did notice that the pilot testing is in the news today.
Regards,
Brian

From: Farnaz Farrokhi [<mailto:FFarrokhi@whiterockcity.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2016 8:46 AM
To: Bedford, Brian CSCD:EX
Cc: Greg St. Louis
Subject: FW: CWWF Application Complete - Arsenic and Manganese Water Treatment Project
Good morning, Brian.

I wanted to let you know that the City of White Rock's CWWF application was submitted yesterday.
Please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any questions.
Best,
Farnaz

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From: Greg St. Louis
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 2:09 PM
To: Farnaz Farrokhi
Subject: FW: CWWF Application Complete - Arsenic and Manganese Water Treatment Project
FYI

From: Siobhan Robinson [<mailto:SRobinson@kwf.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 1:58 PM
To: Greg St. Louis
Cc: Sandra Kurylo; Saad Jasim; Kris Sundberg; Colwyn Sunderland; File
Subject: CWWF Application Complete - Arsenic and Manganese Water Treatment Project
Greg,

The online application for the Arsenic and Manganese Water Treatment Project has been submitted and the supporting documents sent to infra@gov.bc.ca. The final online form and submission email are attached for your records.

It was a pleasure to work with you and your team on this application.

Kind regards,
Siobhan

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