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Morning!

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Vancouver's \$645K toilet raises a stink over costs

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Transcript

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Sent: March 24, 2021 8:39:37 AM PDT
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Hi all –

Sharing the transcript of MLA Stone asking Minister Robinson about the Cooper's Park project last night. May get referenced during QP:

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RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MMA-2021-11403 (CERIP program - Portland Loo March 17-25, 2021) | Please respond by: Friday

From: Banh, Lindsay MUNI:EX <Lindsay.Banh@gov.bc.ca>
To: Spilker, Robyn MUNI:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 13, 2021 5:42:54 PM PDT
Received: April 13, 2021 5:42:55 PM PDT
Attachments: Article, GCPE Morning Report - Friday, March 19, 2021, KM/QA for noon

3 emails attached

From: Spilker, Robyn MUNI:EX
Sent: April 13, 2021 5:25 PM
To: Osborne, Josie MUNI:EX ; Banh, Lindsay MUNI:EX ; Richardson, Roari MUNI:EX ; Luscombe, Hannah MUNI:EX ; Reid, Heidi MUNI:EX
Subject: FW: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MMA-2021-11403 (CERIP program - Portland Loo March 17-25, 2021) | Please respond by: Friday

Hi team,

Please complete the search below and let me know if you have any records by Friday.

All emails related to the issue of \$645,000 in funding provided for Vancouver to construct a Portland Loo approved under the CERIP program. Limit to the Minister's Office. Exclude public correspondence

"Portland Loo" received: 17/03/21..25/03/21

"\$645,000" received: 17/03/21..25/03/21

"Coopers Park" received: 17/03/21..25/03/21

You can copy and paste the search terms into your outlook search, and select "all outlook items." This should limit the search to the date range and terms. Please only provide records that are responsive to the request above, and let me know if you have any questions.

Hannah – as public correspondence is excluded the public inbox does not need to be searched. Archives also do not need to be searched as the time range limits the search to current staff.

Many thanks!

Robyn

From: FOI Economy Sector MUNI:EX
Sent: April 7, 2021 10:38 AM
To: Spilker, Robyn MUNI:EX
Cc: FOI Economy Sector MUNI:EX ; Nelson, Shirley D MUNI:EX ; Brubacher, Kelly MUNI:EX ; Porcher, Elizabeth MUNI:EX
Subject: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MMA-2021-11403 (CERIP program - Portland Loo March 17-25, 2021)

Good morning,

Please forward the responsive records to our team FOI inbox at FOI.Inbox@gov.bc.ca.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has received the following new request (applicant type: Political Party):

All emails related to the issue of \$645,000 in funding provided for Vancouver to construct a Portland Loo approved under the CERIP program. Limit to the Minister's Office. Exclude public correspondence. (Date Range for Record

Search: From 3/17/2021 To 3/25/2021) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY

- This is a cross-government request: XGR-2021-11399
- Associated requests: OOP-2021-11401, GCP-2021-11402, JER-2021-11404
- Please gather records as you normally would, in their original format
- **If you believe this Call for Records should be directed to someone other than those it has been addressed, please advise**
- If you expect this search for records to take more than 3 hours, please do not proceed. Contact our office immediately
- If a fee estimate is required, you do not need to provide a time estimate for electronic records. Please provide the number of files and IAO will calculate the time required for consideration of a fee
- Identify consultations that may be required

Regards,

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Economic Recovery & Innovation

Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture & Sport

Ministry of Labour

KM/QA for noon

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To: Osborne, Josie MUNI:EX <Josie.Osborne@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Richardson, Roari MUNI:EX <Roari.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>, Banh, Lindsay MUNI:EX <Lindsay.Banh@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 23, 2021 11:46:02 AM PDT
Received: March 23, 2021 11:46:03 AM PDT
Attachments: Media KMQA Portland Loo_FINAL.docx

Hello!

Attached you'll find the media KM/QA that we'll walk through during our prep at noon. See you soon 😊

Robyn

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Minister of Municipal Affairs

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FOI Request: "Portland Loo" received: 17/03/21..25/03/21

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Sent: April 15, 2021 1:22:24 PM PDT
Received: April 15, 2021 1:22:28 PM PDT
Attachments: GCPE Morning Report - Friday, March 19, 2021, GCPE Morning Report - Tuesday, March 23, 2021, CKNW: Sims - public washroom cost [📎], CKNW: Sims - public washroom cost, GCPE Morning Report - Thursday, March 18, 2021, MAH - Morning News Digest (AM Auto) - Thursday, March 18, 2021, MAH - Morning News Digest (AM Auto) - Friday, March 19, 2021, GCPE Morning Report - Monday, March 22, 2021, CKYE: Stone - toilet grant [📎], MAH - Morning News Digest (AM Auto) - Tuesday, March 23, 2021, GCPE Morning Report - Wednesday, March 24, 2021, CBU: Sim - park toilet cost [📎], CKNW: Irwin - park toilet cost [📎], MUNI: End of Day Media Request Report - Thursday, March 25, 2021, MUNI: End of Day Media Request Report - Wednesday, March 18

Hi Robyn,

Attached you'll find all emails related to the above FOI request. All but two are TNO related, so I'm not sure if these are supposed to be included, but I have done so.

Please let me know if you need anything else and if this is the appropriate method of getting these to you.

Many thanks,

Roari

Roari Richardson

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Minister of Municipal Affairs

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FOI Request: "Coopers Park" received: 17/03/21..25/03/21

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Cc: Osborne, Josie MUNI:EX <Josie.Osborne@gov.bc.ca>, Banh, Lindsay MUNI:EX <Lindsay.Banh@gov.bc.ca>, Luscombe, Hannah MUNI:EX <Hannah.Luscombe@gov.bc.ca>, Reid, Heidi MUNI:EX <Heidi.Reid@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 15, 2021 1:23:18 PM PDT
Received: April 15, 2021 1:23:20 PM PDT
Attachments: CKNW: Irwin - park toilet cost [PDF], CIVT: Osborne/Stone/Sims/Sajan - expensive washroom [PDF], CIVT: Osborne/Stone/Sajan - expensive washroom, CBU: Park toilet cost [PDF], GCPE Morning Report - Monday, March 22, 2021, CKYE: Stone - toilet grant [PDF], CKNW: Sims - public washroom cost [PDF], MAH - Morning News Digest (AM Auto) - Tuesday, March 23, 2021, CBU: Osborne - Vancouver park washroom cost [PDF], CBU: Sim - park toilet cost [PDF], CHAN: Irwin - park toilet cost, CHAN: Irwin - park toilet cost, CIVT: Osborne/Stone/Sajan - expensive washroom [PDF], CIVT: Osborne/Stone/Sims/Sajan - expensive washroom, MAH - Morning News Digest (AM Auto) - Wednesday, March 24, 2021, TNO Media Overview, GCPE Morning Report - Wednesday, March 24, 2021, GCPE Morning Report - Friday, March 19, 2021, CHAN: Sims - Coopers' Park dog playground, CBU: James - park toilet cost, GCPE Morning Report - Thursday, March 25, 2021, MUNI: End of Day Media Request Report - Thursday, March 25, 2021, MUNI: End of Day Media Request Report - Wednesday, March 18

Hi Robyn,

Attached you'll find all emails related to the above FOI request. All but two are TNO related, and I suspect many are duplicates of the last search.

Please let me know if you need anything else and if this is the appropriate method of getting these to you.

Many thanks,

Roari

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Sent: March 25, 2021 5:12:59 PM PDT
Received: March 25, 2021 5:12:59 PM PDT

MUNI: End of Day Media Request Report - March 25, 2021

Open Requests:

Angelina Ravelli - BCIT journalism student
ISSUE: CERIP Funding - Vancouver Public washroom
STATUS: With GCPE

DEADLINE: Friday, March 26 @ 3:30pm

Closed Requests:

Jeff Johnson - The Drive FM (Cranbrook) - CHDR Radio 102.9
ISSUE: Safe Restart Funding for RDEK
STATUS: Provided Background

- The COVID-19 pandemic has changed all our lives, and local governments are on the front line providing important services people count on. That's why we've been delivering \$540 million in COVID Restart funding to 188 local governments in every corner of the province, to help ensure critical services continue.
We are now distributing the final payment of this funding - \$10 million – shared among B.C.'s 27 regional districts to assist them with delivery of regional and local services that have been impacted by COVID-19. The Regional District of East Kootenay is receiving \$290,000 of this funding. Combined with the \$641,000 it received in November 2020, the district is receiving \$931,000 in total funding. Because providing services in remote rural areas tends to be more expensive, eighty percent of the \$10 million in funding is being allocated by rural populations in a regional district, while the remaining 20% will be allocated by total population (i.e. rural and municipal population). This will ensure larger regional districts receive more total funding, while smaller and rural regional districts receive higher per capita funding.
We will continue to engage with local governments to determine how we can best support communities during these difficult times.

Kevin Yee . - BCIT journalism student
ISSUE: CERIP Project - Portland Loo
STATUS: Provided Background

- Our government is focused on supporting communities around the province to make sure we are all part of a recovery that works for everyone.

This project in Coopers' Park was identified by the City of Vancouver as a priority project for them as a result of a dramatic increase in people accessing Vancouver parks and outdoor spaces. They are better able to speak to the details of the project. As with every project, the city will report back on how they have used the funds. We look closely at all report backs and will continue to do that work.

The project was part of \$100 million in funding that went to communities around the province to immediately improve economic resilience, support local infrastructure and ensure the people in these communities have safe and accessible outdoor spaces. Over half the funding also went to support tourism-related projects to help tourism dependent communities come back strong when it's safe to travel.

Rachelle Stein-Wotten - Gabriola Sounder (Gabriola Island)

ISSUE: Regional District Restart Funding

STATUS: Provided Background

- The COVID-19 pandemic has changed all our lives, and local governments are on the front line providing important services people count on. That's why we've been delivering \$540 million in COVID Restart funding to 188 local governments in every corner of the province, to help ensure critical services continue.

We are now distributing the final payment of this funding - \$10 million – shared among B.C.'s 27 regional districts to assist them with delivery of regional and local services that have been impacted by COVID-19. The Regional District of Nanaimo is receiving \$715,000 of this funding. Combined with the \$1,169,000 it received in November 2020, the district is receiving \$1,884,000 in total funding. Because providing services in remote rural areas tends to be more expensive, eighty percent of the \$10 million in funding is being allocated by rural populations in a regional district, while the remaining 20% will be allocated by total population (i.e. rural and municipal population). This will ensure larger regional districts receive more total funding, while smaller and rural regional districts receive higher per capita funding.

In November 2020, we provided support for regional districts (\$21 million), but most of the funding (\$394 million) was focused on municipalities because they were facing the bulk of the revenue risks and expenses. It is clear there continues to be a need in regional districts to support the necessary services people count on, so this additional \$10 million in funding will go directly to them. All local governments will benefit from this boost because regional districts provide projects and services to the municipalities in their boundaries as well as rural areas.

Regional districts can use this funding for eligible services and operations impacted by COVID-19, such as facility reopening and operating and protective services like firefighting. Each regional district must annually report on their use of the funds until the funds are fully utilized.

The \$10 million represents the last allocation of the \$540 million Safe Restart grants to local governments for COVID-19 related supports and recovery. Funding continues to be used in communities to make sure people have the services they rely on. More information about the application-based Strengthening Communities' Services Fund and the Development Approvals Program Fund can be found here:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021MUNI0014-000291>

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021MUNI0018-000402>

We will continue to work together with local governments to support people and communities during these difficult times.

Keili Bartlett - Kootenay Co-op Radio (Nelson) 93.5

ISSUE: Sunshine Coast Safe Restart funding

STATUS: Provided Background

- The COVID-19 pandemic has changed all our lives, and local governments are on the front line providing important services people count on. That's why we've been delivering \$540 million in

COVID Restart funding to 188 local governments in every corner of the province, to help ensure critical services continue.

We are now distributing the final payment of this funding - \$10 million – shared among B.C.'s 27 regional districts to assist them with delivery of regional and local services that have been impacted by COVID-19. The Sunshine Coast Regional District is receiving \$241,000 of this funding. Combined with the \$521,000 it received in November 2020, the district is receiving \$762,000 in total funding. Because providing services in remote rural areas tends to be more expensive, eighty percent of the \$10 million in funding is being allocated by rural populations in a regional district, while the remaining 20% will be allocated by total population (i.e. rural and municipal population). This will ensure larger regional districts receive more total funding, while smaller and rural regional districts receive higher per capita funding.

We will continue to engage with local governments to determine how we can best support communities during these difficult times.

Tom Summer - Alaska Highway News

ISSUE: Regional District Safe Restart funding

STATUS: Provided Background

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We are now distributing the final payment of this funding - \$10 million – shared among B.C.'s 27 regional districts to assist them with delivery of regional and local services that have been impacted by COVID-19. The Peace River Regional District is receiving \$384,000 of this funding. Combined with the \$700,000 it received in November 2020, the district is receiving \$1,084,000 in total funding. Because providing services in remote rural areas tends to be more expensive, eighty percent of the \$10 million in funding is being allocated by rural populations in a regional district, while the remaining 20% will be allocated by total population (i.e. rural and municipal population). This will ensure larger regional districts receive more total funding, while smaller and rural regional districts receive higher per capita funding.

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Sent: March 18, 2021 4:52:26 PM PDT
Received: March 18, 2021 4:52:26 PM PDT

MUNI: End of Day Media Request Report - Wednesday, March 18th

Closed Requests:

Mike Smyth - CKNW AM 980
ISSUE: CERIP project - Portland Loo
STATUS: Provided Statement

- Statement from ministry:
Our government is focused on supporting communities around the province to make sure we are all part of a recovery that works for everyone. We know local governments have been on the front lines of COVID-19 and we've been there to support them from the start.
This project in Coopers' Park was identified by the City of Vancouver as a priority project for them as a result of a dramatic increase in people accessing Vancouver parks and outdoor spaces. Vancouver tells us that the cost of the structure is only a part of the project and includes, among other things, costs of installation and hook-ups to the city services. This funding is also part of the City's larger upgrades to the park for local families to provide safe, accessible outdoor space for people who live in downtown Vancouver.
The project was part of \$100 million in funding that went to communities around the province to immediately improve economic resilience, support local infrastructure and ensure the people in these communities have safe and accessible outdoor spaces. Over half the funding also went to support tourism-related projects to help tourism dependent communities come back strong when it's safe to travel.

Alan Regan - CKNW AM 980
ISSUE: Interview Request - Coopers Park CERIP Project
STATUS: Provided Statement

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