

News Release

CAMA Provides Input into Canada's Federal Funding Programs for Municipal Infrastructure

Presents position paper as part of Infrastructure Canada's consultation process

Fredericton, NB (March 29, 2016) – The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) provided a Position Paper and a series of administrative recommendations as input on Federal Funding Programs for Municipal Infrastructure.

Don MacLellan, President of CAMA and General Manager of Community Safety Services for the City of Moncton, NB, presented the association's formal position paper to Jeff Moore, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Infrastructure Canada on March 29th, 2016. This marks the second time the association has submitted a formal position paper regarding infrastructure to the Government of Canada.

"As the Federal Government is considering new infrastructure funding opportunities, it was important for CAMA to provide input on programs moving forward." said Mr. MacLellan. "I was pleased to be able to deliver feedback from our members into Federal grant programs."

CAMA presented sixteen priorities, which were identified by the association's members as having a high importance from an administrative standpoint. These include:

1. Clear Names for Programs.
2. Clear Criteria.
3. Clear definition of municipal infrastructure.
4. Predictability of funding.
5. Ease of application and reporting.
6. Includes all costs.
7. Removal of "stacking" provisions.
8. Improved project cash flows.
9. Advance funding.
10. Long range funding for some projects.
11. Flexibility.
12. Absence of additional criteria from the provinces.
13. Does not require replication of existing municipal checks and balances.
14. Focus on municipal mandates.
15. Includes all municipal infrastructure assets.
16. Direct involvement by municipalities in program development and design.

"As an association, CAMA strives to promote excellence in municipal administration in order to enhance the quality of municipal government and the services provided to Canadians," said Mr. MacLellan. "By working with Infrastructure Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, we are coming a step closer to addressing the important infrastructure issues facing municipalities today."

In order to ensure that the position paper appropriately represented the opinions of its membership, CAMA formed a subcommittee to oversee the development of the paper. Research was carried out, surveys were conducted with members, and meetings were held with staff from Infrastructure Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

For more information about CAMA and the association's position paper on Canada's Federal Funding Programs for Municipal Infrastructure, please visit CAMA's web site at: <http://www.camacam.ca/en/about/PositionPapers.asp>

About CAMA

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) is a national association that represents over 500 senior municipal staff from large and small communities across Canada. CAMA's purpose is to develop and promote excellence in municipal administration in order to enhance the quality of municipal government in Canada and the services provided.

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