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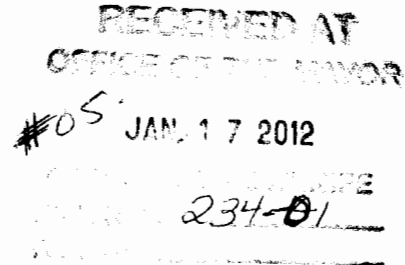


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His Worship Gordon Van Tighem  
Mayor  
City of Yellowknife  
Office of the Mayor  
P.O. Box 580  
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories X1A 2N4



Dear Mayor Van Tighem:

Thank you for your application for funding under the Green Infrastructure Fund for the Northlands Subdivision Infrastructure Replacement Project.

The Green Infrastructure Fund provides targeted investments in green infrastructure that can improve the quality of the environment and will lead to a more sustainable economy over the longer term. This fund focuses on green priorities such as green energy generation and transmission infrastructure, building and upgrading wastewater treatment systems, and improving solid waste management.

I note that you have received a letter from my predecessor Minister Strahl, indicating we are currently reviewing project proposals. I also understand that the City of Yellowknife has been seeking an update on the status of the proposal in respect of the Northlands Subdivision Infrastructure Replacement Project. I regret to inform you that this proposal has been thoroughly reviewed and has been determined to be unsuitable for funding under the Green Infrastructure Fund. The Fund is intended to focus on a few large, strategic projects of regional or national significance. The proposed project does not meet this objective, and also includes a significant water infrastructure component that is ineligible under the terms and conditions of the Green Infrastructure Fund.


As you may already be aware, water and wastewater projects are eligible for funding under the Gas Tax Fund. According to the Gas Tax Fund Agreement between the governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories, the City of Yellowknife is entitled to \$15,788,269 under the Gas Tax Fund since inception to 2010-11, and is scheduled to receive over \$4.5 million annually until 2014. The Gas Tax Fund doubled on April 1, 2009, from \$1 billion to \$2 billion per year. In Budget 2011, the Government of Canada announced its intention to legislate a permanent annual investment of \$2 billion through the Fund, so that municipalities can count on this stable funding for their infrastructure needs now and in the future.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a trailing line, positioned above the name Denis Lebel.

Denis Lebel, P.C., M.P.

c.c. Dennis Bevington, M.P.  
Western Arctic

Wendy Bisaro, M.L.A.  
Frame Lake