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Dear Minister Stone,

MLA's from North Vancouver-Seymour, North Vancouver-Lonsdale, West Vancouver-Capilano and West Vancouver-Sea to Sky wish to record our strong support for proceeding with the Lions Gate Waste Water Treatment plant replacement including a Provincial contribution as part of the project's consideration within the P3 Canada program.

The replacement of this 50 year old primary treatment facility with a secondary treatment plant is Federally mandated by year 2020. Project benefits also include decommissioning of the existing waste water plant with the lands being returned to Squamish Nation in accordance with a Provincial/Federal cut-off lands agreement.

The Metro Vancouver Board of Directors has formally committed to a one-third share of the approximately \$700 million in estimated project costs. Metro Vancouver is currently seeking a commitment from the Federal and British Columbia governments for the remaining two-thirds of the project's capital costs and the North Shore MLA's support BC's involvement in a funding solution.

Respectfully

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The Honourable Denis Lebel, PC  
Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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Dear Minister Lebel:

**Re: Federal Funding Support (Building Canada Plan) for Metro Vancouver Priority Infrastructure Initiative – Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant Project**

Our purpose in writing this letter is to convey our strong support for a vitally important regional infrastructure project that Metro Vancouver is currently undertaking, and to recommend that the Metro Vancouver Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant Project be given serious consideration for Building Canada Plan funding support under the terms of the program.

As you know, Metro Vancouver is among a number of local and regional governments across Canada that are required to upgrade wastewater treatment under the *Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent*, which was announced by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment in 2009. The *Canada-wide Strategy* set specific timelines for those improvements, based on a number of criteria, which in the case of Lions Gate requires the completion of upgrades to secondary treatment by December 31 2020.

Since the announcement of the *Canada-wide Strategy*, Metro Vancouver has been working on the development and implementation of a multi-phase Project Plan for the Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant Project that will ensure its completion by the mandated deadline. The Lions Gate project plan has four important overall goals:

1. The provision of secondary wastewater treatment;
2. The development and demonstration of a project that is socially, ecologically and economically sustainable;
3. The implementation of integrated resource recovery strategies;
4. The creation of a facility that integrates into the community.

Metro Vancouver has completed the Project Definition/Indicative Design Phases of the project and continues to engage in a broad-based consultation process with local residents and businesses that has earned strong community support for the project.





Further, in June of last year, the Squamish Nation - which will see a significant parcel of land returned to the Nation as a result of this initiative - expressed their endorsement and support for the project in a letter to Prime Minister Harper and Premier Clark.

The estimated costs for upgrades at the new Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant, which will eventually service close to 300,000 residents of several municipalities and First Nations on the North Shore, are approximately \$700 million (2018 dollars). The Metro Vancouver Board of Directors has identified the Lions Gate project as its number one and only priority for funding support under the Building Canada Plan, and has already committed a one-third share of the total project costs; on October 28, 2011, the Board adopted a resolution to "...make its highest priority the discussion around the funding formula with the provincial and federal governments" for the Lions Gate project. Metro Vancouver has been working closely with Infrastructure Canada, the Ministers Regional Office, the Province of British Columbia and Partnerships BC to ensure that the project and its impacts are fully understood by key federal and provincial officials, and is anxious to confirm that the Lions Gate project will be given due consideration under the Building Canada Plan.

Given that this project is "shovel-ready" and can move to design and construction immediately, we believe that the Lions Gate project is ideally positioned to take full advantage of Building Canada Plan support, and will help deliver on the Government of Canada's overall objective of investing in world-class infrastructure that bolsters our country's economic productivity. Further, and in light of its role in maintaining the environmental integrity of one of Canada's most ecologically and economically important marine environments – which includes Burrard Inlet, English Bay, and the Salish Sea – we are confident that the Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant Project will deliver significant environmental and economic benefits on not only a local scale, but from both regional and national perspectives as well.

We thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you in securing committed federal funding for a project that will reap significant environmental and economic benefits for Canada for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John Weston in black ink.

John Weston  
MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

Handwritten signature of Andrew Saxton in black ink.

Andrew Saxton  
MP, North Vancouver

