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Local Government Infrastructure: Towards a Sustainable Future

Local governments face a constant challenge to “do more with less” as they seek to provide value in their services and meet the service expectations of their community. One of the greatest fiscal challenges is the growing infrastructure gap - the funds required for building new infrastructure and maintaining and operating the existing stock of roads, water and wastewater treatment facilities, recreation centers and police and fire stations. Across Canada the municipal infrastructure deficit has been estimated at between \$125 and \$300 billion (excluding the nearly \$300 billion required to upgrade the electricity system across the country).

This webinar will introduce participants to the nature of the infrastructure challenge faced by BC’s smaller and rural municipalities and to two interrelated concepts: infrastructure asset management and infrastructure costing. Understanding these concepts can help local governments to tackle the challenge. The practice of asset management helps ensure that services provided by that infrastructure are sustainable over the long term. For many local governments, asset management provides a relatively new set of tools. Asset Management BC, in conjunction with the Province, has been working to develop capacity-building resources and facilitate knowledge transfer.

As local governments seek cost effective solutions, it is important to understand the impact of land use decisions and infrastructure costs – both capital and operating. Using a case study from Calgary, the impact of land use will be explored in the context of towns and rural communities.

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Participants in this webinar will be given the opportunity to learn:

- about the concept of asset management and work underway in BC to support local governments,
- about the concept of infrastructure costing in relation to land use, and
- when to undertake a study on the impact of land use and infrastructure costs and how best to approach such a study.

Presenting at the Webinar will be:

Brian Bedford – Local Government Infrastructure and Finance, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Pat Gordon – Sustainable Cities International

Eric MacNaughton – Transportation Strategy, City of Calgary

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