



October 22, 2021

Ref: 251096

To: Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent
School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)

Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD68-02

Re: Ministry Response to the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for 2021/22

This is an amendment to the letter sent on May 11, 2021 (Ref: 246842) in response to your School District's 2021/22 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission, submitted to the Ministry prior to July 31, 2020, and provides direction for advancing supported and approved capital projects. **Please see all bolded sections below for information.**

This amendment provides additional funding as reflected in the MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS table below (BUS) to supplement your school districts electric bus(es) purchase in 2021/22. Additional funding has also been provided for an emergent project at Cedar Secondary through CNCP.

The Ministry has reviewed all 60 school districts' Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submissions to determine priorities for available capital funding in the following programs:

- Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP)
- Expansion Program (EXP)
- Replacement Program (REP)
- Rural District Program (RDP)
- School Enhancement Program (SEP)
- Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)
- Building Envelope Program (BEP)
- Playground Equipment Program (PEP)
- Bus Acquisition Program (BUS)

The following tables identify major capital projects that are supported to proceed to the next stage, if applicable, as well as minor capital projects that are approved for funding and that are able to proceed to procurement.

MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (SEP, CNCP, BEP, PEP, BUS)

Below are tables for the minor capital projects that are approved. The first table identifies School Enhancement Program and Carbon Neutral Capital Program that school districts were already made aware of in the initial Capital Plan Response Letter issued in March 2021.

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The second and third tables identify additional minor capital projects approved in School Enhancement Program (SEP), Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP), Building Envelope Program (BEP), Playground Equipment Program (PEP), as well as the Bus Acquisition Program (BUS), if applicable.

Projects for SEP, CNCP (from initial Capital Plan Response Letter issued in March 2021)

Facility Name	Program Project Description	Amount Funded by Ministry	Next Steps & Timing
Cilaire Elementary	SEP - HVAC Upgrades	\$1,000,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2022.

New projects for SEP, CNCP, BEP, PEP

Facility Name	Program Project Description	Amount Funded by Ministry	Next Steps & Timing
Ladysmith Intermediate	BEP - Building Envelope Upgrades	TBD	BC Housing will contact you regarding next steps in project development.
Mountain View Elementary	BEP - Building Envelope Upgrades	TBD	BC Housing will contact you regarding next steps in project development.
John Barsby Secondary	BEP - Building Envelope Upgrades	TBD	BC Housing will contact you regarding next steps in project development.
North Oyster Elementary	BEP - Building Envelope Upgrades	TBD	BC Housing will contact you regarding next steps in project development.
Forest Park Elementary	BEP - Building Envelope Upgrades	TBD	BC Housing will contact you regarding next steps in project development.
Pleasant Valley Elementary	CNCP - HVAC Upgrades	\$375,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2022.

Quarterway Elementary	PEP - Universally Accessible Playground	\$165,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2022.
Cedar Secondary	CNCP – Energy Upgrades	\$400,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2022.

New projects for BUS

Existing Bus Fleet #	New/Replacement Bus Type	Amount Funded by Ministry	Next Steps & Timing
5682	D (80+RE) with 0 wheelchair spaces	\$178,448	Proceed to ordering the school bus(es) between May 10, 2021 and June 15, 2021 from the list of approved vendors available through the Bus Standing Offer portal on the ASTSBC website at http://www.astsbcc.org
A8681	D (80+RE) with 0 wheelchair spaces	\$178,448	Proceed to ordering the school bus(es) between May 10, 2021 and June 15, 2021 from the list of approved vendors available through the Bus Standing Offer portal on the ASTSBC website at http://www.astsbcc.org
ADDED	Supplementary school bus funding for 2 (two) electric buses.	\$60,000	Funding applicable to electric bus(es) recently ordered through the Bus Standing Offer portal on the ASTSBC website at http://www.astsbcc.org

An Annual Programs Funding Agreement (APFA) accompanies this Capital Plan Response Letter which outlines specific Ministry and Board related obligations associated with the approved Minor Capital Projects for the 2021/22 fiscal year as listed above.

In accordance with Section 143 of the *School Act*, Boards of Education are required to adopt a single Capital Bylaw (using the Capital Plan Bylaw Number provided at the beginning of this document) for its approved 2021/22 Five-Year Capital Plan as identified in this Capital Plan Response Letter. For additional information, please visit the Capital Bylaw website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/capital/planning/capital-bylaws>

The Capital Bylaw and the APFA must be signed, dated and emailed to Ministry Planning Officer Ravnit Aujla at Ravnit.Aujla@gov.bc.ca as soon as possible. Upon receipt the Ministry will issue Certificates of Approvals as defined in the APFA.

With the 2021/22 Capital Plan process now complete, the Capital Plan Instructions for the upcoming 2022/23 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission process (using the Ministry's new Capital Asset Planning System (CAPS) online platform) are available at the Ministry's [Capital Planning](#) webpage.

NOTE: School districts' Capital Plan submission deadlines for the 2022/23 fiscal year, using the new CAPS online platform, will be as follows:

- **Major Capital Programs (SMP, EXP, REP, RDP, BEP) – July 31, 2021**
- **Minor Capital Programs (SEP, CNCP, PEP, BUS) – September 30, 2021**

Additionally, the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) project requests for the 2021/22 fiscal year are to be submitted using the new CAPS online platform, on or before June 30, 2021.

Please contact your respective Regional Director or Planning Officer as per the [Capital Management Branch Contact List](#) with any questions regarding this Capital Plan Response Letter or the Ministry's capital plan process.

Sincerely,



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