



## Village of Haines Junction

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The Honorable Richard Mostyn  
Minister of Community Services  
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Dear Minister Mostyn:

It has come to our attention that the Yukon Government's 2023-24 Five-Year Capital Plan contains significantly reduced amounts of funding as compared to previous years for water and sewer infrastructure replacement projects in Haines Junction. We are writing to request clarification on the status of funding for these projects.

Beginning in 2018, work has been ongoing on 3 of 4 phases of planned infrastructure replacements, with each phase taking 2 - 3 years to complete. Assuming a similar timeframe, Phase 4 would not be expected to be completed until 2025 or 2026. We have been advised by Infrastructure Development Branch that Phase 4 is expected to be tendered this fall, however, the Five-Year Capital Plan shows no funding for Haines Junction beyond the current year. We are also concerned whether the \$250,000 - \$600,000 identified for this year will be enough to complete the Phase 3 work that remains. I will note that the Phase 3 work started in 2021, and at a cost of over \$2 million each year in 2021 and 2022, the phase is only half complete.

The Village of Haines Junction is very appreciative of the financial and administrative contributions by the Yukon Government for these projects, and for the BCF and ICIP federal funding program contributions. However, we are concerned about status of future federal funding and the potential impact on the completion of the Phase 4 infrastructure upgrades.

In addition, we also note that the Capital Plan has reduced the amount of funding allocated for rural lot development. The inventory of available lots in Haines Junction is very limited while the demand remains high, and we are concerned whether this reduced funding will have an impact on the lot development projects we are currently working on with Land Development Branch.

Thank you, I look forward to receiving your reply to the concerns noted above.

Yours truly,

Bruce Tomlin  
Mayor

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