

## MEMBER COMMUNICATION

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*To the attention of the Clerk and Council*  
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### Application Site for Intake One of Building Canada Fund Communities Component Now Open

**Issue:**

The governments of Canada and Ontario have opened their application site for the Building Canada Fund-Communities Component (BCF-CC) "Intake One."

**Background:**

On August 26, 2008, at the AMO Conference in Ottawa, the federal and provincial governments signed an agreement for the BCF-CC, each pledging to invest up to \$362 million in community infrastructure under this initiative over seven years. The BCF-CC is a competitive, application-based program for smaller projects in Ontario communities with populations less than 100,000.

At the time, a commitment was also made to have the application site ready on September 12, 2008 to begin the process of Intake One applications. The site was launched today as planned.

Seventeen categories of infrastructure are eligible including: drinking water, wastewater, public transit, green energy, disaster mitigation, solid waste management, culture, sport, connectivity, local roads, the core national highway system, short-sea shipping, shortline railways, local and regional airports, tourism, brownfield redevelopment, and capacity building projects.

Intake One will provide \$200 million -- \$100 million from the federal government and \$100 million from the Ontario government. The application period opens on Friday, September 12, 2008 and will close on Friday, November 21, 2008. Applications are to be submitted through a secure web page. Eligible municipalities will be sent a letter providing them with their login information.

Criteria for Intake One priorities, application details, deadlines and supporting documents are available at [www.bcfontario.ca](http://www.bcfontario.ca), or by contacting the BCF-CC Joint Secretariat at 1-866-306-7827. The call centre will be ready to accept inquiries on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can call the Rural Community Development Branch at (519) 826-3787.

**Action:**

AMO will keep members informed of the status on BCF-CC Intake One. AMO continues to advocate for additional long-term, sustainable municipal infrastructure funding for municipalities in every part of Ontario.

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