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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

As you may have seen, Minister McKenna announced on Monday that Vancouver was being invited to apply for up to \$20m dollars under the government's new \$200m Natural Infrastructure Fund. The Mayor joined the Minister for the announcement. The City's Rain City Strategy was highlighted in the Federal 2021 Budget and was referenced as the inspiration behind the announcement.

Similar to the Federal Government's Rapid Housing Initiative, select major cities are being invited to apply under a separate funding stream in support of their work – this is another great example of direct funding from the Federal Government to major municipalities. To this point, Toronto is the only other city to be invited to apply in that \$20m project stream.

This announcement is the result of several months of advocacy work and engagement with our colleagues from Infrastructure Canada on the part of staff from Engineering, Finance, Intergovernmental Relations and the Mayor's Office.

IGR and Finance staff will be working with Federal officials to understand the application guidelines once they are released. Thereafter, we will be in a position to identify a suitable project(s) for the application.

Full details of the announcement can be found below.

- Infrastructure Canada Media Release: <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2021/07/government-of-canada-supporting-natural-infrastructure-in-vancouver.html>

Best,  
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