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Subject: Summary of Federal Government's Safe Re-Start Agreement

Dear Mayor and Council,

Earlier today, the Prime Minister announced that a \$19 billion COVID-19 relief deal had been finalized with the provinces and territories.

The funds will help those governments cover some of their budgetary costs over the next six to eight months as they reopen and prepare for a possible second wave of COVID-19.

The funding will focus on seven priority areas:

- 1) Enhanced COVID-19 testing and contact tracing
- 2) Purchasing of PPE for frontline and essential workers
- 3) Operating funding support for municipalities
- 4) Public transit
- 5) Temporary national sick leave program
- 6) Funding for child care centres
- 7) Vulnerable populations - including mental health services, homelessness and seniors (long term care)

The provinces will be responsible for reporting back to the federal government on how their portion of the \$19 billion is spent and showing that it has been spent on the specific priority area it was allocated to. Provinces will be unable to re-allocate funds from one priority area to another.

The Prime Minister noted that this deal was agreed upon with significant input from municipalities. This was accomplished through our staff's and staff from the Mayor's Office's work with FCM, BCMC and regular direct engagement with Federal and Provincial counterparts.

We have been told that more details on the agreement will be forthcoming and we will be engaging with our partners at the province to clarify what amounts the province will have for each stream as part of the \$2 billion they will be receiving from the Feds as a result of the agreement.

However, at this point it does appear that there will be funding for transit (the Premier estimated that \$600 million will be required) as well as some amount of operating funding support for municipalities.

Best,
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