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Mr. Mark Pendergraft, Chair  
and Members of the Board  
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen  
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Dear Chair Pendergraft and Board Members:

I appreciated meeting with your delegation at the 2014 UBCM Convention in Whistler, BC. It was a good opportunity for me to hear about your activities and accomplishments, as well as the challenges you face as leaders in your community.

I understand the concerns you raised about future governance for the residents of Okanagan Falls and I appreciate that this issue has been discussed for a while. I am prepared to support a governance study process if this is still a priority for the newly-elected Board. Once the Board has considered the issue, your staff may contact Mr. Dannie Carsen in the Governance and Structure Branch to formalize arrangements. Mr. Carsen can be reached by telephone at: 250-387-2188 or by email at: [dannie.carsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:dannie.carsen@gov.bc.ca)

Creating and maintaining the local investment climate are important in fostering economic growth and keeping our communities strong. I look forward to working with you in ensuring we are well positioned to take full advantage of these opportunities.

For your information, I have enclosed a summary of investments my Ministry has made in your community since 2001. We are proud of the partnership we have with you, and the support we have been able to provide the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen in meeting local priorities and making our communities strong, healthy and prosperous. I was also very pleased to provide you at our meeting with confirmation of your successful application for an Infrastructure Planning Grant.

I know how important senior government funding is to your community in helping to meet local priorities. We are proud of our partnership on the Gas Tax Fund and have launched the New Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund which is now open and accepting applications. Circulars have been distributed to all CAOs and updates to various other websites have been made. Please visit the program website for more details at: [www.gov.bc.ca/SmallCommunitiesFund](http://www.gov.bc.ca/SmallCommunitiesFund). The Gas Tax Fund's Strategic Priorities Fund, which is a pooled application-based fund, will be open to accept applications by the end of the 2014 calendar year and UBCM will notify all local governments when new information is available

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Thank you again to your delegation for taking the time to meet with me at the Convention and for the dedication and leadership you are providing to your community.

Sincerely,



Coralee Oakes  
Minister

Enclosure

pc: Ms. Linda Larson, MLA, Boundary-Similkameen  
Ms. Jackie Tegart, MLA, Fraser-Nicola  
Mr. Dan Ashton, MLA, Penticton  
Mr. Dannie Carsen, Governance and Structure

# OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN RD

Summary of Provincial Funding Support  
 Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development  
 2001 – Current

## Infrastructure Support – Building the Foundation for a Stronger Future

Okanagan-Similkameen RD	Year	Project	Provincial Funding
SS	2007	Hedley Community Park Project Spirit Square	25,000
IPG	multiple	Various Infrastructure Studies Since 2002	173,350
CBCIP	2001	Upgrade the Naramata Water Treatment Plant	1,506,892
BCCWIP	2005	Phase 2 of the Naramata Water Treatment Plant	2,333,333
BCCWIP	2005	Upgrade the West Bench Water System	2,353,333
LM	2007	Hedley Multi-Purpose Sports Facility	45,000
T4T	2009	Faulder Water Well Project	332,800
Trees	2009	Five Projects	84,352
BCF	2009	Faulder Water System Improvements	305,117
BCF	2009	Okanagan Falls Sewage Treatment Plant	3,126,666
BCF (Okanagan Basin Water Board)	2009	Streamlined Water Use Pilot (shared with 3 Okanagan RDs)	77,000
BCF	2009	West Bench Improvement District Treated Water Supply and Upgrade (previously with Penticton)	1,690,000
CRP	2012	Tulameen Ice Surface Roof "Raise the Roof"	240,000
CRP	2012	West Bench Drive Pedestrian Corridor	496,155
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$12,788,998</b>

## Regional District Grants – Support for Smaller Communities

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Okanagan-Similkameen RD	102,500	102,500	105,000	123,000	141,000
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>\$574,000</b>

Trees – Trees for Tomorrow  
 SS – Spirit Square  
 BCCWIP – BC Community Water Improvement Program  
 T4T – Towns for Tomorrow  
 SIBAC – Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition  
 TAP – Tuition Assistance Program  
 CRP – Community Recreation Program

CBCIP – Canada/BC Infrastructure Program  
 IPG – Infrastructure Planning Grant  
 LM – LocalMotion  
 BCF – Building Canada Fund  
 TranAP – Transitional Assistance Program  
 JOP – Job Opportunities Program

**Strategic Community Investment Fund\***

March 2009	September 2009	July 2010	March 2011	June 2011	March 2012	June 2012	March 2013	June 2013	June 2014
214,787	77,016	46,333	93,101	133,966	93,329	140,305	31,110	78,086	109,195
<b>Total</b>									
<b>\$1,017,228</b>									

\* Strategic Community Investment Funds – are the combination of Small Community and Regional District Grants, as well as Traffic Fine Revenues available to applicable communities in an accelerated payment scheme

**Support for Resource Community Challenges – Mountain Pine Beetle and Community Development Trust Funding**

Year	Program	Provincial Funding
<b>Okanagan-Similkameen RD</b>		
SIBAC	06/07 – 09/10 Mountain Pine Beetle Investments (same funding benefits TNRD, SLRD, RDCK, RDCC, RDEK, RDKB, NOR, CSRD)	2,100,000
TranAP	as of June 30/10 Community Development Trust	1,568,348
TAP	as of June 30/10 Community Development Trust	144,354
JOP	as of June 30/10 Community Development Trust	244,432
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,057,134</b>

**Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program – Support for Community Action on Climate Change**

Year	Program	Provincial Funding
<b>Okanagan-Similkameen RD</b>		
2009	Reimburse 100 percent of Carbon Taxes Paid	1,080
2010		4,633
2011		6,150
2012		8,305
2013		9,925
2014		12,750
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$42,843</b>

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## SUMMARY OF FUNDING SUPPORT

Building Infrastructure for a Stronger Future	\$12,788,998
Regional District Grants	\$574,000
Strategic Community Investment Fund	\$1,017,228
<b>Mountain Pine Beetle and Community Development Trust Funding</b>	<b>\$4,057,134</b>
Support for Community Action on Climate Change	\$42,843
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,480,203</b>

NOTE: Investments highlighted in red are made from programs previously under the responsibility of this Ministry.

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