

INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Infrastructure Delivery and Finance (ID&F) Committee was established in 2006 as a replacement to BCWWA's former P3 Committee. The ID&F committee members represent a wide spectrum of interest in this area including government officials, financiers, utility service companies, engineers, labour representatives, lawyers and advisors. The ID&F committee advocates for delivering water and wastewater infrastructure in a manner that produces greater value for ratepayers and will assist BCWWA members, government, regulators and general public with information needs in this area.

While no events are currently scheduled, the committee is working with various government agencies and industry associations to identify appropriate forums to discuss new approaches to deliver and finance water sector infrastructure. We expect more interest in this area in 2008 given the BC Government's "new capital standard" which requires municipalities to consider public-private partnerships in any request for funding greater than \$20M. In addition, federal government recently established various funding programs, including the "Building Canada Fund" which encourages the development and use of public-private partnerships.

Respectfully submitted,
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