



## City Receives Over \$6.5 Million from Provincial and Federal Government - Statement from Mayor Helps

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VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Lisa Helps issued the following statement today about the City receiving more than \$6.5 million from the provincial and federal governments through the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments:

“Cities deliver crucial services that residents depend on. The pandemic has impacted cities worldwide and Victoria is no different as we’re experiencing significant revenue reductions this year, which is projected to continue in 2021.

“Clearly the provincial and federal governments recognize the challenges of municipalities across the B.C., which is why the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments is so vital. For Victoria, this funding could not come at a better time as next year’s budget has just come to Council for presentation and debate, followed by public engagement. While our draft budget minimizes tax increases, these additional funds provide greater certainty that we can continue to deliver services for our residents well into – what is for all of us – an uncertain future.

“My thanks to Minister Robinson for her work with municipalities to understand their needs and deliver resources to help”

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