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To: All Municipal and Regional District Chief Administrative Officers,
Engineers and Planners

Re: **Smart Planning & Living Water Smart: April 29 at the 'Penticton Forum'
Learn About Approaches and Tools for Doing Business Differently in B.C.**

How do we align our efforts at three scales – provincial, regional and local – to do business differently, prepare communities for change, and choose to be water smart?

On April 29 in Penticton, [the Ministry of Community Development is co-hosting a forum](#) to showcase how **partnerships, collaboration, innovation and integration** are helping local governments in the Okanagan, Vancouver Island and Metro Vancouver make the best choices for sustainable, healthy and vibrant communities. Each regional initiative is developing a vision and road map for achieving **settlement in balance with ecology**.

Titled **Smart Planning & Living Water Smart: Approaches and Tools for Doing Business Differently in B.C.**, the 'Penticton Forum' is an adjunct to the annual conference of the B.C. Water & Waste Association (BCWWA). Organized by the BCWWA Water Sustainability Committee in collaboration with the Okanagan Basin Water Board and three provincial ministries (Community Development, Environment, and Agriculture and Lands), the forum program is designed to advance a 'regional team approach'.

The forum program is organized as four modules and is built around two themes that are intertwined, namely: '*creating our future*' and '*doing business differently*'. If you wish to learn more about the program design, click on [Penticton Forum showcases partnerships on April 29](#). If you would like to attend, click on [BCWWA registration information](#).

The Penticton Forum supports and/or complements various provincial initiatives, notably: [Living Water Smart](#), the [Green Communities Project](#), [A Guide to Green Choices](#) and [Beyond the Guidebook](#). Collectively, these initiatives establish expectations that, in turn, will influence the form and function of the built environment in general and green infrastructure on the ground in particular.

For more information regarding either the Penticton Forum or infrastructure grant programs, please contact the Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Division at 250 387-4060.

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