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To: Regional Engineers Advisory Committee

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Subject: Green Infrastructure Partnership

Recommendations

1. That the Committee receive for information this report entitled, “Green Infrastructure Partnership”;
 2. That Committee members, or their designated senior staff, provide input on the Policy and Technical guides for green infrastructure to be prepared this year.
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The Green Infrastructure Partnership is a partnership of:

- Ministry of Community, Aboriginal & Community Services
- MMCD
- BCWWA – Water Sustainability Committee
- West Coast Environmental Law

The aim of this partnership group is to provide leadership and encouragement for the development and implementation of green infrastructure design practices and requirements.

The full deliverables of the Green Infrastructure Partnership (GIP) are outlined in the attached Overview and Integrated Work Plan. Currently, a sub-committee of MMCD under Ken Wright is working on the first component, namely the Green Supplement to the current MMCD Design Standards. The next component of this work plan, after the MMCD Green Supplement to the Design Standards, is as follows:

- Green Infrastructure Partnership Guide for Elected Officials
- Green Infrastructure Partnership Technical Guide for Senior Municipal Officials

It is anticipated that these guides would be similar in nature to the DCC Best Practices Guide previously produced through a collaborative process. These policy/technical guides would build on the various ‘smart growth’ type documents produced by West Coast Environmental Law, UBC’s Sustainability Centre, Smartgrowth B.C., etc.

REAC's support is requested in the following respects:

- REAC members, or designated senior staff, provide input to the policy and technical guides (afternoon consultation workshop to be held May 12 at Surrey City Hall).
- Provide comments on the proposed process and objectives on the Green Infrastructure Partnership to increase its potential for outreach in the municipal arena.
- Identify key staff who are working on aspects of sustainability and green infrastructure for greenfield or brownfield development.

It will be necessary to secure funding to proceed with the work program of Green Infrastructure Partnership and REAC will be consulted on any funding being sought at the regional level.