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TO: **Mayor & Council**

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FROM: **General Manager, Engineering**

FILE: **6750-01**

SUBJECT: **City of Surrey Economic Investment Action Plan – Mid Year Report on Job Creation**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council receive this report as information.

## INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide information on jobs that have been created through the City's Capital Program, which is an element of the Surrey Economic Investment Action Plan.

## BACKGROUND

The Surrey Economic Investment Action Plan (the "Plan") was introduced in March 2009. The Plan includes seven strategies that the City is employing to stimulate Surrey's economy and encourage business development and job creation. The strategies are:

- Capital spending to create construction and permanent jobs;
- Mayor's Advisory Committee on Investment and Job Creation;
- Business Retention and Expansion Program;
- Establishing Economic Investment Zones;
- Streamlining the Development Approval Processes;
- Pre-Servicing Business Lands with Engineering Services; and
- Establishing business incubator areas.

This report provides an update on progress related to the first strategy, being "Capital spending to create construction and permanent jobs". The Plan noted that the City would make capital investments in infrastructure totalling \$134 million in 2009, \$127.8 million in 2010, and \$203.2 million in 2011 that would result in the creation of an aggregate of 4,200 jobs.

## DISCUSSION

The following table provides a summary of the City's capital expenditures during the first half of 2009 and the number of jobs that these expenditures have created:

Capital Investment	2009 Planned Capital Investment (\$ millions)	Estimated No. of Jobs that will be Created	Value of Projects Awarded to July/09 (\$ millions)	Estimated No. of Jobs Created to July/09
Roads Infrastructure	37.8	337	18.1	161
Water Infrastructure	14.4	140	14.1	137
Sewer Infrastructure	15.7	161	2.5	26
Drainage Infrastructure	10.9	98	7.3	78
Recreation & Culture Facilities	40.5	368	19.9	181
RCMP Facility Expansion	13.0	100	6.5	50
Park Improvements	1.7	13	5.5	42
<i>Total</i>	<i>134.0</i>	<i>1218</i>	<i>73.9</i>	<i>675</i>

The third quarter of each year is typically the period of peak capital expenditures for the City. As such, the rate of capital expenditures and related job creation will increase in the second half of 2009.

Based on the information provided above, the City is on track to meet the 2009 objectives for job creation through capital spending as articulated in the Economic Investment Action Plan.

A further report is being prepared that will provide Council with a full update on all elements of the Plan. This report will be forwarded for Council consideration in the next month.



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