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Federal Framework Agreements

Over the course of the summer, the final three infrastructure framework agreements were signed between the federal government and the three outstanding provinces. The last three agreements were signed just prior to the election call on September 7, 2008:

Manitoba

Total Value: \$853.86 million
Signed on September 5, 2008

Quebec

Total Value: \$4897.22 million
Signed on September 3, 2008

Alberta

Total Value: \$2195.24 million
Signed on August 29, 2008

(All figures in millions of dollars | 2007-2014)

Jurisdiction	Building Canada Fund: Gross Per Capita Contributions	\$200M Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Top Up	Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Base Funding	Gas Tax Fund	Total (P/T) Allocations	Total Funding
British Columbia	1056.46	23.59	175	1485.84	2740.89	
Alberta	840.73	19.05	175	1160.46	2195.24	
Saskatchewan	236.22	7.48	175	336.5	755.2	
Manitoba	278.79	8.33	175	391.74	853.86	
Ontario	3146.94	64.05	175	4404.84	7790.83	
Quebec	1953.45	39.82	175	2728.95	4897.22	
New Brunswick	188.09	6.59	175	266.74	636.42	
Nova Scotia	235.68	7.48	175	334.03	752.19	
Prince Edward Island	35.25	3.67	175	88.5	302.42	
Newfoundland and Labrador	131.33	5.46	175	187.17	498.96	
Nunavut	7.68	3.1	175	88.5	274.28	
Northwest Territories	10.8	3.2	175	88.5	277.5	
Yukon	7.91	3.2	175	88.5	274.61	
First Nations (in provinces)	107.66	4.97	-	149.73	262.36	
Implementation, Research and Planning	364.00	-	-	-	-	
Canada	8,601.002	200.00	2,275.00	11,800.00	-	22,876.00
National Initiatives						
Gateways and Border Crossings Fund						2,105
Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative						977
Public Private Partnership (P3) Fund						1,257
Goods and Services Tax Rebate						5,835
Total Building Canada Plan						33,050

NEXT STEPS: CCA will continue to monitor the setup of the federal Public-Private Partnerships' office and provide regular updates once the office has been staffed.

Hours of Service

Following the release of Transport Canada's exemption process for industry sectors seeking exemptions under the federal Hours of Service regulations, the CCA Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Council endorsed a final report that was submitted under the new procedure over the summer.

In mid-September, the official responsible for the review of the exemption applications within Transport Canada contacted CCA to acknowledge receipt of

the RBHCC submission. While the official did not express any particular views regarding the application, he did say that he would begin his review toward the end of the September and would likely have a number of follow up questions. CCA was informed to not expect a formal decision on the application until November at the earliest.

Transport Canada also informed CCA of its intention to study the issue of a national exemption for vehicles with

aggregate weights below 11,794 KG over the next 12 months. The study is being launched in response to a request from the western provinces for an immediate exemption for vehicles in this weight-class. Without prejudging the outcome of the department's review, the official felt this might offer the industry a more lasting solution to the current short-haul dilemma. CCA pointed out this solution would only offer partial relief and would not address the larger class of vehicles instrumental in road and bridge construction.

NEXT STEPS: CCA will work closely with Transport Canada as it reviews and evaluates the association's submission for a short-haul exemption from the Hours of Service regulations. RBHCC members will be immediately informed of any questions officials raise pertaining to the CCA application and will be formally consulted on any association response.