Sustainable Service Survival: What's Your Legacy?

"Local Governments too often take core infrastructure for granted until it breaks down. Without robust Asset Management practices, it is too easy for local governments to starve capital replenishment and bring in artificially low tax rates and user fees in order to balance budgets – the long-term consequences of this can be catastrophic. Sustainable service delivery is critical for the guarantee of future livability with our communities."

- Mike Little, Mayor, District of North Vancouver

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Why Asset Management Matters

Sustainable service delivery: Ensure we continue to provide the quality services we rely on today and in the future.

Practical, evidence-based: Take the guess work out of decision-making and setting priorities based on what needs to be fixed or replaced and when.

Cost-effective: Make cost-effective and efficient decisions proactively instead of waiting until something breaks down and frantically finding a costly fix.

Supported: Engage citizens, staff, Councils and Boards in making decisions about what and when to repair and replace critical assets, and where to invest in the future. This includes community conversations about what level of services our citizens expect and the costs to provide them.

Your duty: Fulfill your statutory responsibility to look after your community's assets.

Infrastructure grants: In BC, improving your asset management practices is a requirement in order to receive Gas Tax funding and improves access to other federal/provincial capital infrastructure grants.

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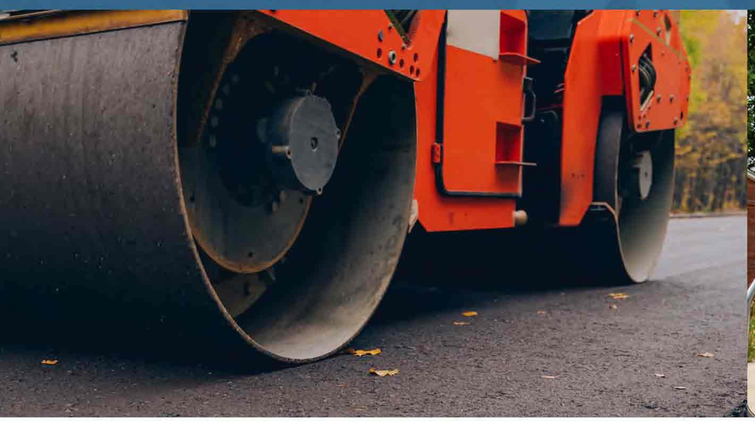
Senior Government Infrastructure Programs:

The growing integration with Asset Management



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- Under federal/provincial infrastructure programs for local governments in BC, projects, as part of the selection process, will be evaluated on how they exhibit long-term sustainability, including operational viability, asset management for sustainable service delivery, and environmental sensitivity

Need Help?

Asset Management Planning Programs

Asset Management Planning Grant Program (UBCM) – intake open
Infrastructure Planning Grant Program (MMAH) – intake open
Gas Tax Fund – Capacity Building (UBCM)
Municipal Asset Management Program (FCM) - Relaunch coming soon

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Future Community Success Rate in Accessing Capital Funding Programs

Communities implementing Asset Management strategies

Communities developing Asset Management strategies

Communities asking "What is Asset Management?"

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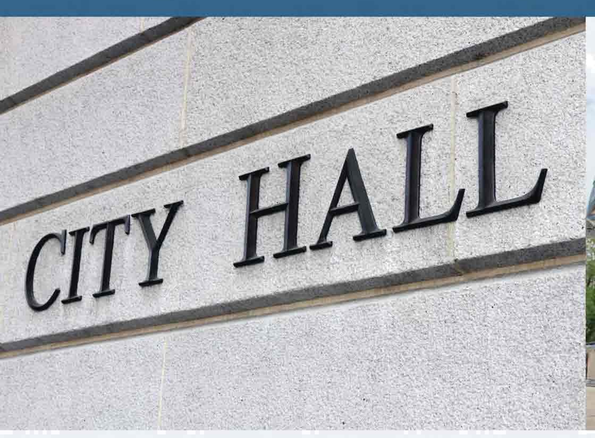
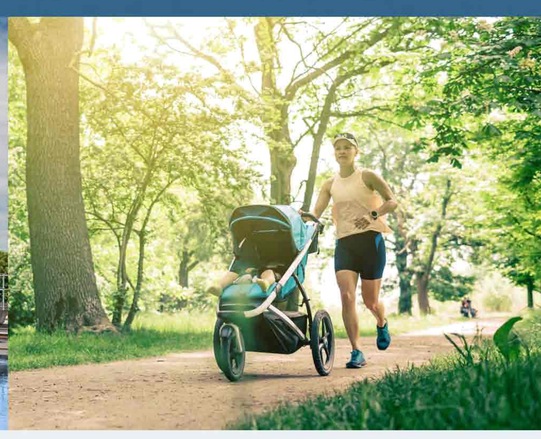
Purpose of Local Government





The Community Charter (sec 7) and the Local Government Act (sec 185), identify the purpose of local government as follows:

- Providing for good government of its community
- Providing for services, laws and the matters for community benefit
- Providing for stewardship of the public assets of its community
- Fostering economic, social and environmental well-being of its community

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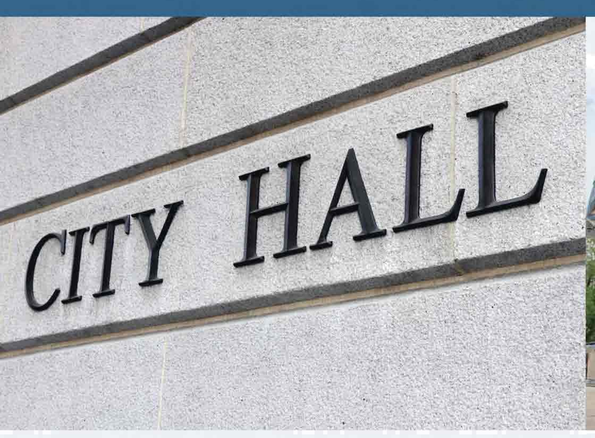
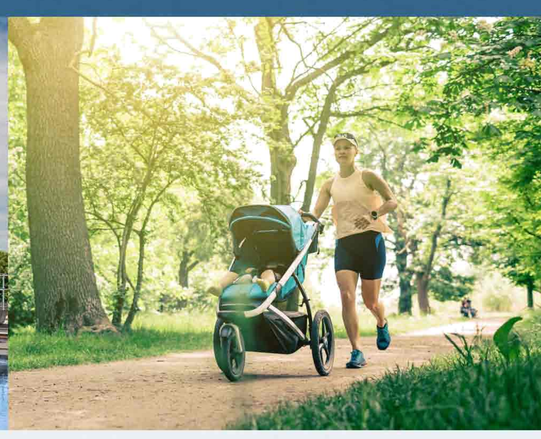
Sustainable Service Delivery





Sustainable service delivery ensures that current community services are delivered in a social, economic, and environmentally responsible manner that does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

- Communities build and maintain infrastructure (assets) to provide services. These services support quality of life, protect health and safety, and promote social, economic and environmental well-being. Failure to care for infrastructure (assets), manage natural resources and protect the services provided by nature, risks degrading - or even losing - the services communities enjoy and future generations will rely on.

- Sound asset management practices support sustainable service delivery by integrating community priorities, values, and an informed understanding of the trade-offs between risks, costs, and services.

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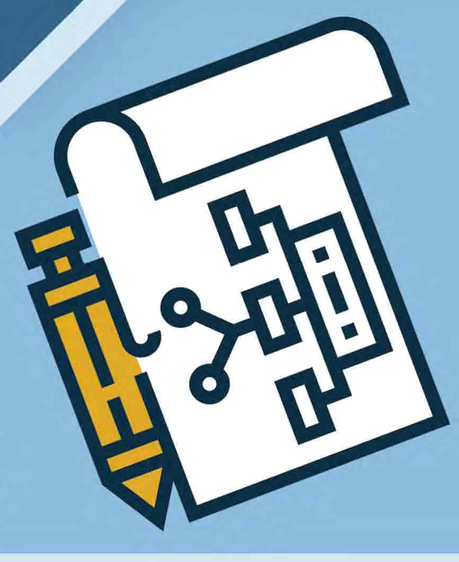
Providing Sustainable Services: **What Will Your Legacy Be?**

ONLY 54%

of BC local governments have formalized Asset Management practices



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of our municipal infrastructure is in need of attention.

The replacement value of BC's local government assets is estimated at

$200 BILLION

excluding land, and growing at about 3% a year- faster than we can raise rates, fees or taxes to cover the cost of replacement

The capital investment in new infrastructure is on average

20%

of the total life-cycle cost – leaving the burden of continued operations, maintenance, replacement and decommissioning costs to **future generations**

For every

invested in infrastructure in Canada, we grow the economy by **$1.4 billion** and generate up to **13,000** direct and indirect jobs.

LESS THAN 1/2

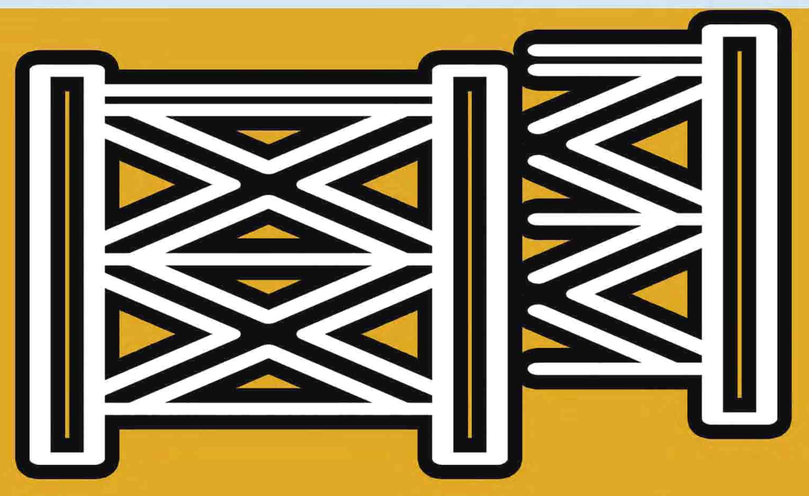
of local governments say they will have enough revenue to fund reinvestment projects for the next **five years.**

SPENDING $1.00

on preventative road maintenance and regular repair during the first three quarters of a road's estimated service life can eliminate or delay **$6 to $10 in costs** later in its life.

Local governments own, operate and maintain

60-65%



of Canada's core public infrastructure. Local government services are much more 'infrastructure intensive' – they rely more heavily on infrastructure to deliver services than other levels of government.

Sources: Canada Infrastructure Report 2016; AGLG Asset Management Perspective Series; UBCM Status of Asset Management 2016; FCM-Federal Budget Submission]

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