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# Asset Management and Infrastructure - One Ministry's Perspective -

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# Ministry Goals & Objectives

- The Ministry of Community & Rural Development's mandate is to promote sustainable, liveable communities that provide healthy and safe places for British Columbians. The Ministry implements this mandate through the following core activities:
  - providing advice and resources to local governments so that they can better meet the needs of their citizens through planning for sustainable development and addressing issues related to communities' social, economic and environmental well-being; and
  - building relationships and developing partnerships with other ministries, local and federal governments, the private and not-for-profit sectors, and stakeholders.



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# Specific Roles of the Ministry

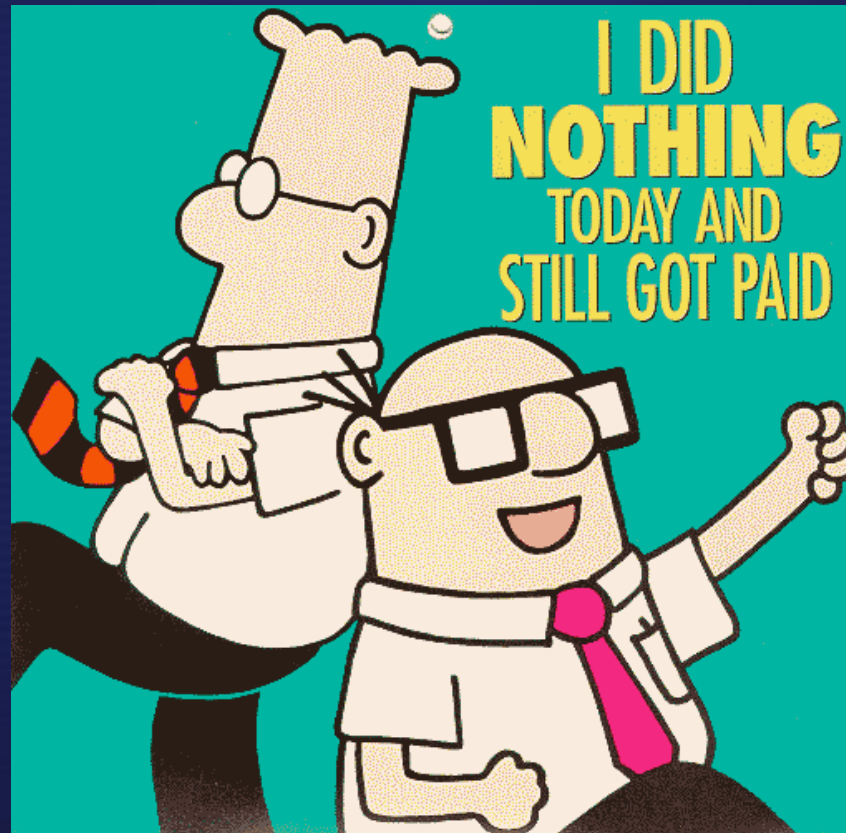
- Develop the legislative framework
- Protect financial viability of the system
- Financial supports and incentives
- Advice and problem-solving
- Rural development
- Work with provincial agencies
- Collaborate with local partners
- Education



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# Making a Program Paradigm Shift





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# Program Goals and Objectives



- Based on the principles of sustainability
- Integrated, holistic approaches to resolve issues
- Sustainable infrastructure doesn't mean building your way out of problems
- Engineering rules and approaches are changing
- Manage the resources



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# The Provincial Perspective

- The province has made significant investments in LG infrastructure
- AM helps to ensure that infrastructure investments will be managed efficiently and provide best value for money
- AM reduces risk, both to the province and to the local government



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# The Provincial Perspective

- Senior government funding programs hinder accurate financial planning for LGs
- AM supports sound LG financial/infrastructure decision making (e.g. understanding priorities, risks, services/service level, full cost accounting)

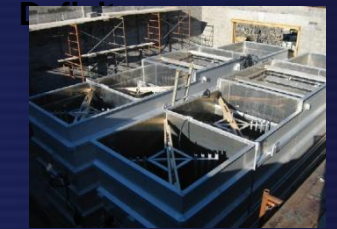


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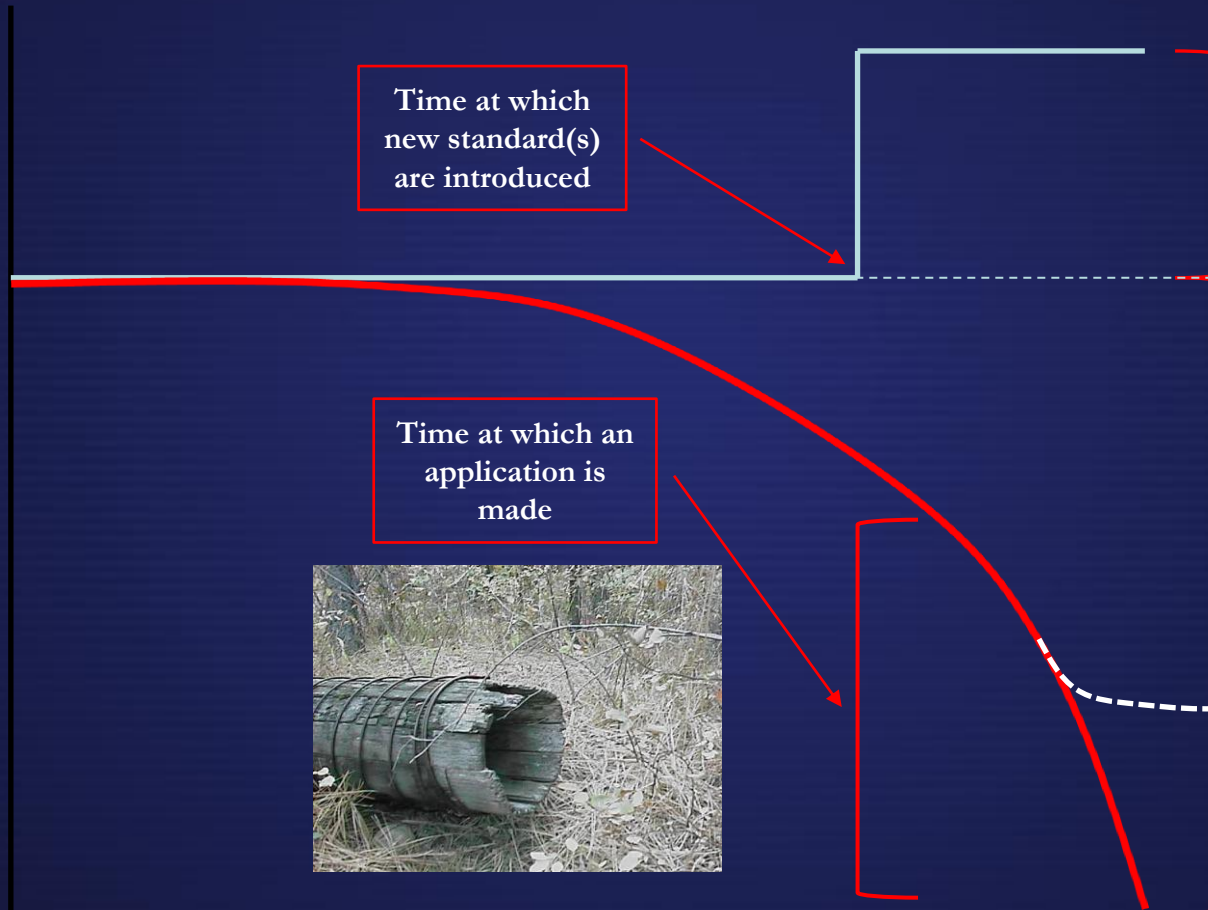
Level of Service



Existing  
Infrastructure  
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Value (\$)/Level of  
Service



Time





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# Development of Ministry Support for Asset Management

- 1990s** Funding often used to deal with crisis  
(i.e. reaction to poor planning & risk management)
- 2000** Shift towards supporting integrated resource management  
and increased local government accountability
- Now** Province supports sustainable infrastructure planning and  
management
- Long-range Planning
  - Asset Management
  - Appropriate User Fees
  - Financial Independence



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# Future Considerations for AM and Capital Infrastructure Funding

1. **Capital funding applications:** AM documentation is a mandatory requirement
2. **Assessment Criteria:** AM information used to determine the “good managers” (i.e. a good investment)
3. **Contract condition:** LGs must meet a minimum level of AM



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# Ministry Role in AM



- The Ministry is very supportive and actively working with Asset Management BC
- The Ministry is interested in building local government capacity with respect to AM
- The Ministry will continue to use incentives and develop tools & resources in order to support local government AM



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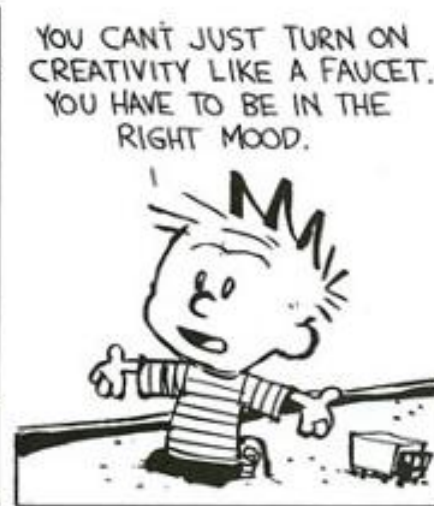
# Summary

1. **AM is a key component to improving the financial independence of LGs**
2. **AM will be further integrated into funding programs**
3. **The Ministry is increasing its engagement with AM**
4. **The Ministry is open to discussion/dialog with respect to identifying opportunities to support AM and LG sustainability.**



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# Questions?

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