



ALBERTA
MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE
AND TRANSPORTATION

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To: Mayors of Cities, Towns, Villages, and Summer Villages
Reeves of Rural Municipalities

Dear Mayor/Reeve:

RE: HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER AMIP

The introduction of the new Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP) this year to address municipal infrastructure backlogs across the Province is being well received. To address some queries, we are writing to clarify the eligibility of the purchase of heavy construction equipment using AMIP grant funds. The primary purpose of AMIP is to support basic core infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer lines, sidewalks, drainage, public transit, emergency service facilities and the like.

The purchase of heavy construction equipment is an eligible project under AMIP subject to the following conditions: the equipment being purchased replaces older municipality-owned equipment and the use of that equipment is critical in the delivery of the infrastructure capital program.

Generally, heavy construction equipment means large trucks, motor graders, earth movers, large backhoes, large compactors, road pavers, etc. Other smaller equipment such as bobcats, pickup trucks, tractor-mounted equipment, and hand-held equipment is not classed as heavy equipment and therefore is not eligible under AMIP.

If your municipality is currently considering the replacement of heavy construction equipment using AMIP funds, please contact the Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director in your area for guidance in preparing your AMIP application and related program information.

Yours truly,

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