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Municipality of North Cowichan

7030 Trans-Canada Highway
North Cowichan, BC V9L 6A1

Dear Mayor and Council:

UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund Grant for Cairnsmore Roundabout

The City of Duncan is preparing an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Strategic Priorities Fund 2025 to support the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Government Street, College Street, and Cairnsmore Street. This location has long been identified as a priority for improvement due to ongoing concerns related to safety, traffic congestion, and pedestrian access. The total estimated cost of the project is \$1.5 million. With the support of the UBCM grant, construction could begin as early as Spring 2026 and is expected to take approximately three to four months to complete.

The roundabout is expected to deliver several long-term benefits, including improved traffic flow, reduced vehicle speeds, and enhanced safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike. By replacing the current traffic-light controlled intersection with a roundabout, the project will help calm traffic while maintaining continuous movement through this high-traffic corridor. The intersection is also a key access point for Queen Margaret's School, local businesses, and residential neighbourhoods, making the upgrade essential to both traffic efficiency and community livability. During construction, temporary traffic rerouting will be necessary and some delays are expected; however, the City will work closely with interested parties to minimize disruptions and keep the public informed throughout the process.

To strengthen the grant application, the City is seeking additional letters of support from community partners. As residents of the Municipality of North Cowichan use this intersection regularly, broad regional support is critical in demonstrating the significance and shared impact of this much-needed infrastructure improvement. We invite and encourage the Municipality to provide a formal letter of support (on letterhead) for this important project and the grant application by September 9, 2025 to duncan@duncan.ca.

Please contact me at bmurphy@duncan.ca for any clarifications or inquiries.

Sincerely,

Brian Murphy

Director of Engineering and Public Works