

Promoting Environmental Sustainability at Infrastructure Canada (INFC)

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- Focal point for federal policies related to infrastructure issues and investment
- Responsible for coordinating and managing funding programs; promoting research, knowledge development and innovation; and developing a long-term strategic approach to public infrastructure for Canada
- Partnership is fundamental to its approach

➤ Responsible for four programs/funds:

Strategic

- Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund (CSIF)
- Border Infrastructure Fund (BIF)

Communities

- Infrastructure Canada Program (ICP)
- Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF)

- Vision and leadership
- Structure and relationships
- Programs and activities
- Role of environmental assessment

“Since sustainable development is an imperative for all infrastructure projects, Government of Canada funding for municipal projects will be conditional on satisfactory environmental assessments being conducted.”

Presentation by the Honourable Andy Scott, Minister of State (Infrastructure) at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference, Ottawa, February 6, 2004

- Part of the Government's Environment Portfolio, chaired by the Minister of Environment
- Programs developed through interdepartmental consultations, including environment officials
- Focus on research, capacity building and partnerships

- Funding for green infrastructure
- Ensuring environmental effects of funded projects are acceptable
- Leveraging broader environmental benefits such as climate change
- Supporting development of sustainability tools
e.g. National Guide to Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure (InfraGuide)

- Focus on reducing adverse impacts and enhancing environmental benefits of projects
- Objective of timely and harmonized reviews
- Tools include traditional EIA, contaminated site assessment, building sustainability review
- Use of environmental management plans (EMP)

- Developing operational guidance and tools
- Implementing a continuous improvement framework
- Developing the networks and partnerships

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