
News Release

CANADA AND ALBERTA PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE BOOST TO COMMUNITIES UNDER 100,000

Funding will create jobs, boost local economy

Penhold, Alberta, May 21, 2009 – Rob Merrifield, Canada’s Minister of State for Transport, and Luke Ouellette, Alberta’s Minister of Transportation, today announced a joint investment of more than \$226.9 million for 73 projects to stimulate the economy, support continued economic growth and help communities under 100,000 residents throughout Alberta meet their pressing infrastructure needs.

Over \$122.9 million for 33 projects will be funded through existing federal ‘Communities Component’ investments. More than \$104 million for the remaining 40 projects will be under the \$500 million national “top up” that was provided in Canada’s Economic Action Plan for ‘Communities Component’ projects that can be built over the next two years. Of the provincial share, an excess of \$50 million will come from the Alberta Capital Plan.

Also part of today’s announcement, the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta are each setting aside \$80 million under the Economic Action Plan’s Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for eligible projects that were submitted under the ‘Communities Component.’ The successful projects will be announced soon.

“We are teaming up with the Alberta government and local communities to deliver results to Albertans by building roads, upgrading wastewater and water treatment facilities, and improving broadband capacity,” said Minister Merrifield. “Thanks to the strong relationship between our two governments, we can work together to help Alberta communities remain competitive and prosperous. We understand the importance of investing in roads and other infrastructure to boost the economy, create jobs, and make our communities stronger.”

“This investment in municipal infrastructure will address much-needed projects in our communities and help keep Albertans working – one of the province’s priorities in these uncertain economic times,” said Minister Ouellette. “Alberta is pleased to continue to work in co-operation with the federal government on this and other shared funding programs.”

The Government of Canada's 2009 Economic Action Plan is accelerating and expanding the existing federal investment of \$33 billion in infrastructure across Canada with almost \$12 billion in new infrastructure stimulus funding over the next two years.

Central to Alberta's Budget 2009 is Alberta's Capital Plan, which supports \$7.2 billion in 2009-10 and a record \$23.2 billion over three years to build roads, health care facilities, schools and other public infrastructure. This year's investment alone will support over 80,000 jobs across the economy directly benefitting Albertans and Alberta communities. This capital investment complements the government's four-point plan for economic recovery, which calls for keeping an eye on spending, using savings to protect programs and services for Albertans while keeping taxes low, continuing to invest in infrastructure, and promoting the province on the world stage.

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For more information on Canada's Economic Action Plan, please visit: www.actionplan.gc.ca. The website www.creatingjobs.gc.ca has more information on federal infrastructure investments in Alberta.

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Backgrounder

Canada-Alberta Building Canada Fund – Communities Component

Under the Communities Component, the governments of Canada and Alberta are contributing two-thirds of the total eligible costs of these projects, while Alberta communities are contributing the remainder of the funds.

Canada and Alberta are working together to create jobs and boost the economy, while making significant investments that help communities improve their infrastructure. Both governments have agreed to work together to ensure that these funds are delivered quickly and efficiently to municipalities in Alberta.

Under the Communities Component, projects were evaluated by a federal-provincial committee through a competitive application-based process.

Category/ Program Component	Project Location	<i>Project Title</i>	Federal Investment	Provincial Investment	Total Project Cost
Water Infrastructure/ Communities Component	Town of Sundre	Water and Wastewater Eastside Servicing	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,481,500
	County of Lethbridge	Mountain Meadows Production Well Facility	\$295,000	\$295,000	\$929,250
	Kneehill County	Selkirk Water Service Area Rural Water Distribution System	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,703,364
	Village of Berwyn	Water Plant Upgrade	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$337,050
	County of Stettler	County of Stettler Central-East and South-East Region Water Servicing	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,451,000
	Clear Hills, Municipal District of Clear Hills	Worsley Water Treatment Plant	\$1,266,666	\$1,266,666	\$3,990,000
	Town of Sylvan Lake	Main Water Reservoir Expansion	\$1,866,666	\$1,866,666	\$5,880,000
Water Infrastructure/ Special Areas Board of 2,3,4	Cessford and District Water Line	\$1,186,666	\$1,186,666	\$3,738,000	

Top up	Village of Cereal	HKRWSC Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Upgrade	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$472,500
	Village of Cereal	HKRWSC Sheerness Pump House Emergency Generator & MCC	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$724,500
	Cypress County	Westside Water Co-op Ltd. - Rural Water Pipeline	\$2,929,166	\$2,929,166	\$9,226,875
	Camrose County	Water Infrastructure: Addressing a Shortage of Quality Drinking Water and Mitigating Potential Risks	\$366,627	\$366,627	\$1,157,770
	Town of Rimbey	Water Storage and Distribution Improvements	\$1,515,000	\$1,515,000	\$4,772,250
	County of Paintearth	Paintearth Regional Reservoir Project	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,480,000
	Municipal District of Rocky View	Bragg Creek Potable Water Treatment Plant & Intake	\$1,370,033	\$1,370,033	\$4,315,606
	Town of Slave Lake	Municipal Water Treatment and Storage Improvements	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,080,000
Wastewater Infrastructure/ Communities Component	Town of Strathmore	Relocation of the Town of Strathmore Wastewater Outfall	\$933,100	\$933,100	\$2,939,265
Wastewater Infrastructure/ Top up	Town of Coalhurst	Sanitary Sewer Trunk	\$401,000	\$401,000	\$1,263,150
	Town of Chestermere	Lift Station #13	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$23,236,067
	County of Lethbridge	Turin Wastewater System	\$943,100	\$943,100	\$2,983,300
	County of Grande Prairie	Clairmont Main Lift Station Upgrading and Force Main	\$1,104,484	\$1,104,484	\$3,313,451
	Village of Mannville	Mannville Sewage Lagoon Expansion	\$366,666	\$366,666	\$1,155,000
	Town of Eckville	Town of Eckville Lift Station and Forcemain Upgrades	\$546,898	\$546,898	\$1,722,731

	City of Wetaskiwin	WW-BCF-CC Wastewater Facility Upgrade	\$1,820,000	\$1,820,000	\$5,733,000
	Red Deer County	Hamlets of Benalto and Lousana Wastewater Storage and Treatment Upgrades	\$851,618	\$851,618	\$2,604,856
	Town of Sylvan Lake	Lakeshore Drive Stormwater Diversion	\$889,450	\$889,450	\$2,668,352
Local Roads Infrastructure/ Communities Component	County of Athabasca	ALPAC/Grassland Connectors	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$11,330,288
	Municipal District of Foothills	498 Avenue Extension	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,746,100
	Town of High River	5th St SE Connection	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,143,000
	County of Warner	Coutts Canada/USA Border Heavy Truck Bypass Road	\$315,480	\$315,480	\$993,762
	Town of Cochrane	Centre Avenue Complete Street Connector	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,673,828
	Town of Ponoka	50 Street Rehabilitation	\$842,533	\$842,533	\$2,653,980
	Town of Beaumont	50th Street & 50th Avenue Upgrade	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,845,842
	City of Lethbridge	Scenic Drive North	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$20,557,950
	County of Grande Prairie	Base Gravel and Pave Range Road 63	\$1,520,252	\$1,520,252	\$4,788,794
	Brazeau County	Suchild Road Base/Pave	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$12,291,969
	Town of Whitecourt	49th Avenue/47th Street Construction	\$1,169,166	\$1,169,166	\$3,682,875
	Leduc County	Nisku Road Reconstruction	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$6,300,000
	City of Spruce Grove	Arterial Road Network Expansion	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$17,462,550
	City of St. Albert	NorthWest Anthony Henday Connector Roads	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$11,718,000
	Local Roads Infrastructure/ Communities Component	County of Wetaskiwin	Bridge File 2476	\$203,333	\$203,333

Top up	City of Fort Saskatchewan	Highway 15/21 Corridor Improvements - 94th Street to 101 Street	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,153,241
	City of Airdrie	Veterans Boulevard Upgrade - 8th Street to 24th Street	\$2,670,910	\$2,670,910	\$8,413,367
	MacKenzie County	Hamlet of Fort Vermilion River Road Reconstruction	\$357,223	\$357,223	\$1,111,300
	County of Stettler	Stettler Resource Road	\$1,037,000	\$1,037,000	\$3,266,550
	Sturgeon County	195th Avenue (Twp 542) & 66 and 82 Streets	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$11,156,250
	Town of Three Hills	Grantville Transportation and Drainage Upgrade	\$921,476	\$921,476	\$2,902,650
Other/ Communities Component	Town of Redwater	Provident Place Phase IV Renovation	\$454,666	\$454,666	\$1,432,200
	Town of Drumheller	Badlands Community Facility - Library Project	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$12,352,062
	City of Grande Prairie	Prairie Art Gallery Restoration Project	\$2,780,000	\$2,780,000	\$8,757,000
	Municipality of Jasper	Jasper Municipal Library Renovation & Expansion	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$4,725,000
	City of Lethbridge	Community Performing Arts Centre	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$11,249,994
	Village of Youngstown	Youngstown Library Expansion	\$76,666	\$76,666	\$241,500
	Town of Peace River	Peace River Municipal Library	\$675,401	\$675,401	\$2,113,199
	Strathcona County	Cogeneration of Electricity using Renewable Biogas	\$1,043,000	\$1,043,000	\$3,285,450
	City of Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie Community Energy System	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,567,600
	County of Wetaskiwin	Waste Compaction System	\$219,934	\$219,934	\$692,792

	Town of Whitecourt	Twin Arenas and Curling Club Modernization	\$1,155,684	\$1,155,684	\$3,640,404
Other/ Top up	Town of Morinville	Morinville Community Cultural Centre	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$12,025,330
	Town of Okotoks	Performing Arts Centre Rehabilitation	\$333,333	\$333,333	\$1,050,000
	Town of Innisfail	Innisfail Library	\$2,906,173	\$2,906,173	\$9,154,447
	Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement	Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement Museum & Cultural Interpretative Centre	\$1,093,713	\$1,093,713	\$3,445,197
	MacKenzie County	Zama City Multi-Use Cultural Facility	\$480,773	\$480,773	\$1,514,435
	Town of Penhold	Penhold Regional Multiplex Phase II (Library & Lobby)	\$1,641,369	\$1,641,369	\$5,170,311
	Mountain View County	Community Broadband Engagement Sites	\$103,862	\$103,862	\$327,166
	Town of Pincher Creek	Pincher Creek Multi-purpose Facility Solar Project	\$91,833	\$91,833	\$289,275
	Village of Veteran	Arena Upgrade	\$4,333	\$4,333	\$13,650
	Village of Boyle	Boyle Arena Energy Efficiency Renovations	\$398,989	\$398,989	\$1,256,817
	Village of Boyle	Energy Efficiency Renovations to Boyle & District Community Centre	\$238,046	\$238,046	\$749,847
	Town of Grande Cache	Grande Cache Recreation Centre Expansion Project	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$31,957,800
	Town of Whitecourt	Community Resource Centre	\$1,126,060	\$1,126,060	\$3,547,089
	Parkland County	Broadband Connectivity	\$833,333	\$833,333	\$2,625,000
	Beaver County	Beaver County Broadband Service	\$181,444	\$181,444	\$571,548