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## **Partnership Funds Drive Rural Transportation Projects**

Edmonton, Alberta... Rural communities will benefit from \$9.75 million to be directed towards 34 transportation infrastructure projects announced today through the Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program (ICAP).

These projects will improve transportation infrastructure in rural communities across Alberta and increase community safety, which are ICAP priorities.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Anne McLellan, on behalf of the Honourable Stephen Owen, Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Minister of State (Sport), and the Honourable Dr. Lyle Oberg, Alberta Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, made the announcement today.

"Through partnerships, the Government of Canada is committed to investing in sustainable infrastructure projects that find local solutions for local challenges," said Deputy Prime Minister McLellan. "The vitality of our communities is essential to building a better quality of life for all Albertans."

"I am very pleased to support projects that improve quality of life for residents," said Dr. Oberg. "The projects announced today represent what's important to individual Alberta communities, because they're initiated by the people who live in those communities. We will continue to work together with municipal and federal governments to respond to the needs of Alberta communities."

The transportation infrastructure projects announced today improve overall Alberta community traffic management, public transport, commercial vehicle operations, emergency response management and vehicle safety, thereby sustaining economic growth and supporting a better quality of life for Albertans and their communities.

Featured in today's announcement is the Smoky Lake County access road upgrades expected to increase tourism to nearby Hanmore Lake and Sunrise Beach. The Town of Okotoks will also implement upgrades and extensions to their pathway trail system to increase recreational opportunities. The Municipal District of Northern Lights District No. 22 will install a bridge culvert and corrugated steel pipes along Lovlin Road.

To date, 677 projects have been announced in Alberta under this partnership program. With these projects, ICAP has exceeded its target of directing at least \$508 million in federal, provincial and municipal funding toward municipal infrastructure in urban and rural communities across the province.

In Alberta, ICAP is implemented by Western Economic Diversification Canada and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, and is administered by a joint secretariat. The federal and provincial governments together will invest \$3.1 million toward the \$9.75 million announced today. The proponents will invest the remaining \$6.6 million.

The ICAP Management Committee approves the projects and is composed of representatives from the governments of Canada and Alberta, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and the

Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C).

"The Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program is a good example of a working partnership between all three levels of government," said Dorothy Moore on behalf of the AUMA. "The infrastructure needs of municipalities have never been greater. ICAP's versatile three-way partnership addresses infrastructure needs in all sizes of municipalities."

"The funding support offered by ICAP allows our member municipalities to take on needed infrastructure improvements," said Eugene Wauters on behalf of the AAMD&C. "Infrastructure is a high priority for municipal districts and counties."

The Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program agreement was signed Oct. 10, 2000. Federal funding for ICAP was provided for in the February 2005 federal budget.

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#### **NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS:**

Details of the projects and an Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program fact sheet are attached.

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#### **Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program**

#### **Alberta Fact Sheet**

#### **Partnership Program**

- The Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program (ICAP) is a partnership involving federal, provincial and municipal governments that also allows for private-sector participation. All three levels of government played an important part in the design of this program.
- Under ICAP, the federal and provincial governments can provide up to two-thirds of the funding for eligible costs. Partnering communities or private partners in the program provide the remaining project funding. For the 677 projects and \$553.6 million approved since June 8, 2001, federal and provincial contributions total approximately \$311.3 million.
- In Alberta, the program is implemented by Western Economic Diversification Canada and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, and is administered by a joint secretariat.

## **Grassroots Driven**

- ICAP is designed with a bottom-up approach. Accordingly, municipalities play an important role in the program. The majority of projects will address local infrastructure needs identified by the municipalities.
- The federal and provincial governments may also propose projects to ensure that regional projects involving more than one municipality are not overlooked.

## **Program Priorities**

- ICAP's **first priority** is "green" municipal infrastructure. Green infrastructure includes projects related to water and wastewater systems, water management, solid waste management and recycling, and capital expenditures to retrofit or improve the energy efficiency of buildings and facilities owned by local municipalities.
  - The ICAP agreement specifies that a minimum 40 per cent of the total value of all approved projects must be invested in green municipal infrastructure.
- **Secondary priorities**  
include local transportation, cultural and recreational facilities, infrastructure supporting tourism, rural and remote telecommunications, high-speed Internet access for local public institutions and affordable housing.

To ensure the infrastructure needs of rural communities are considered, a minimum 26 per cent of total approved costs for all projects in Alberta must be invested in projects proposed by rural municipalities.

## **Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program**

### **Backgrounder**

<b>North - Central Projects Location</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	<b>Combined Federal / Provincial Contribution</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>
Village of Alliance	1 Project	\$38,140	\$62,421
Village of Berwyn	1 Project	\$64,360	\$103,298
Municipal District of Big Lakes	1 Project	\$23,618	\$100,000
Summer Village of Castle Island	1 Project	\$29,160	\$46,802
Village of Clyde	1 Project	\$53,620	\$160,500
Summer Village of Crystal Springs	1 Project	\$31,780	\$77,250
Village of Irma	1 Project	\$56,320	\$90,393
Village of Lougheed	1 Project	\$26,314	\$42,800

County of Minburn No. 27	1 Project	\$216,720	\$419,538
Municipal District of Northern Lights No. 22	1 Project	\$118,850	\$323,854
Village of Onoway	1 Project	\$47,280	\$75,885
Village of Ryley	1 Project	\$55,900	\$89,720
Village of Sangudo	1 Project	\$18,690	\$30,000
Town of Sedgewick	1 Project	\$84,220	\$135,173
Summer Village of Silver Beach	1 Project	\$30,820	\$182,385
Smoky Lake County	1 Project	\$116,790	\$220,000
Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130	1 Project	\$195,794	\$325,000
Town of St. Paul	1 Project	\$1,170	\$11,784
Strathcona County	1 Project	\$82,560	\$779,126
Summer Village of Sunset Beach	1 Project	\$29,980	\$48,150
Town of Two Hills	1 Project	\$31,332	\$50,290
Village of Wabamun	1 Project	\$24,684	\$48,150
Yellowhead County	1 Project	\$297,576	\$1,615,700
<b>SUBTOTAL - North Central Alberta</b>	<b>23 Projects</b>	<b>\$1,675,678</b>	<b>\$5,038,219</b>

## Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program

### Background

<b>South - Central Projects Location</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	<b>Combined Federal / Provincial Contribution</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>
County of Forty Mile No. 8	1 Project	\$77,306	\$132,354
Village of Halkirk	1 Project	\$35,860	\$63,081
Lacombe County	1 Project	\$267,682	\$2,646,228
County of Lethbridge No. 26	1 Project	\$211,938	\$393,117

Village of Milo	1 Project	\$35,020	\$56,710
Town of Okotoks	1 Project	\$86,766	\$140,000
County of Paintearth No. 18	1 Project	\$278,306	\$481,827
Red Deer County	1 Project	\$40,112	\$82,176
Village of Rockyford	1 Project	\$48,760	\$95,979
Starland County	1 Project	\$301,934	\$507,615
Wheatland County	1 Project	\$68,532	\$109,994
<b>SUBTOTAL - South Central Alberta</b>	<b>11 Projects</b>	<b>\$1,452,216</b>	<b>\$4,709,081</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>34 Projects</b>	<b>\$3,127,894</b>	<b>\$9,747,300</b>

## Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program Project List Summary with Total Project Costs

### Village of Alliance

Street Upgrades \$64,241

Resurfacing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street with cold mix asphalt is expected to increase road safety and reduce the dust generated by traffic.

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### Village of Berwyn

#### North Subdivision Paving Project \$103,298

To improve the durability of roads in the northern part of Berwyn, the Village will pave streets that currently have gravel surfaces.

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### Municipal District of Big Lakes

#### Range Road 180 Upgrade \$100,000

Upgrades to Range Road 180 will improve conditions for increased motorist safety.

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**Summer Village of Castle Island**

**Martin Road Project \$46,802**

Completing Martin Road will increase road safety and decrease emergency vehicle response times.

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**Village of Clyde**

**49<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction \$160,500**

To ensure the long-term viability of the roadway, the Village plans to upgrade 49<sup>th</sup> Street by installing base material, fabric, and asphalt.

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**Summer Village of Crystal Springs**

**Lakeview Drive Road Upgrade \$77,250**

The hard pack surface on Lakeview Drive will be upgraded with the installation of a new cold mix surface to accommodate increased traffic.

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**County of Forty Mile No. 8**

**Hamlet of Burdett Street Improvements \$132,354**

This project involves rebuilding and paving sections of Railway Avenue, Third Street West and East Street. These upgrades will improve storm water drainage and ensure roads in Burdett meet safety standards.

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**Village of Halkirk**

## **Road Upgrades - 2004 \$63,081**

This project involves several improvements to Alberta Avenue to increase motorist safety, including base preparation, application of cold mix pavement and the repositioning of utilities to the finished grade.

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## **Village of Irma**

### **Street Improvements \$90,393**

This project involves the resurfacing of three village roadways: 49<sup>th</sup> Street, 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Applying a cold mix topping will increase road safety and decrease dust.

### **Contact Person**

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## **Lacombe County**

### **Milton Road Upgrade \$2,646,228**

Widening Milton Road and adding better quality overlay will improve the movement of traffic in key corridors at peak times. This project will also eliminate the need for road bans, facilitating the flow of commodities year round.

### **Contact Person**

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## **County of Lethbridge No. 26**

### **Monarch Church Road Upgrade \$393,117**

Rebuilding and widening Monarch Church Road will increase safety for motorists and extend the longevity of the road. Measures include rebuilding the road substructure, gravel surface, side slopes and improving roadside drainage.

### **Contact Person**

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## **Village of Lougheed**

### **Road Upgrades \$42,800**

This project involves resurfacing portions of Newlands Street and Alberta Avenue to solve water drainage problems.

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## **Village of Milo**

### **Sidewalk Replacement \$56,710**

The Village will improve pedestrian safety by replacing sidewalks along 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, portions of Railway Avenue and Centre Street.

#### **Contact Person**

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## **County of Minburn No. 27**

### **Old Highway 16 Upgrades \$419,538**

This project includes road reconstruction in several areas and the application of millings, patching and a seal coat, expected to improve road safety and longevity.

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## **Municipal District of Northern Lights No. 22**

### **Lovlin Road Upgrade \$323,854**

Improving ditch gradients and installing a new bridge culvert and corrugated steel pipes along Lovlin Road will reduce the risk of flood for residents. The upgraded road will feature a gravelled and enlarged surface.

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## **Town of Okotoks**

### **Pathway System Upgrades \$140,000**

This project involves both the construction of new pathways and the rehabilitation of existing corridors. Building an efficient pathway network will increase recreational opportunities for residents and provide an environmentally sustainable alternative to local transportation.

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## **Village of Onoway**

### **Main Street Upgrade \$75,885**



This project will increase accessibility for residents who use wheelchairs by upgrading the corners of the intersection at 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 50<sup>th</sup> Street. These improvements, including the installation of a concrete barrier and some landscaping work, will ensure local roadways meet safety standards.

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**County of Paintearth No. 18**

**Lake Thelma Road Upgrade \$481,827**

Improving Lake Thelma Road with an overlay coat will improve road safety and aid in preserving the existing infrastructure.

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**Red Deer County**

**Range Road 274 Upgrade \$82,176**

The County plans to upgrade the road by installing a chip sealed surface, ensuring efficient operation and viability of the roadway.

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**Village of Rockyford**

**Railway Avenue Road Upgrade \$95,979**

The Village plans to recondition Railway Avenue to ensure more efficient operations.

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**Village of Ryley**

**Sidewalk Replacement \$89,720**

The Village will replace downtown sidewalks and upgrade curbs and gutters. People with reduced mobility will have improved access to more facilities. This project ensures local infrastructure meets safety standards.

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## **Village of Sangudo**

### **Road Upgrades \$30,000**

This project encompasses a number of upgrades that will enhance roads and walkways in Sangudo. The Village will upgrade guardrails, install new sidewalks and improve curbs and gutters, improving pedestrian and motorist safety and ensuring improvements meet infrastructure safety standards.

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## **Town of Sedgewick**

### **Street Upgrades \$135,173**

Applying an asphalt coating on the busiest roads in Sedgewick will reduce the amount of dust generated by traffic. The new surface will provide better traction and increase motorist safety.

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## **Summer Village of Silver Beach**

### **Silver Beach Road Upgrade \$182,385**

The Summer Village will pave the existing gravel and cold mix road surface to address recurring potholes and increase road safety and longevity.

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## **Smoky Lake County**

### **Road Upgrades \$220,000**

To improve tourism traffic, the County plans to pave the access roads leading to Hanmore Lake and Sunrise Beach.

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## **Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130**

### **Range Road 200 Upgrade \$325,000**

The Municipal District will increase usability of the road by adding compacted clay fill and a new coat of gravel on the surface.

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**Starland County****Craigmyle North Road Upgrade \$507,615**

To help ensure efficient operations, the County will upgrade more than seven kilometres of Craigmyle North Road by adding a granular base below the surface and applying an aggregate seal coat.

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**Town of St. Paul****Sidewalk Replacement \$11,784**

The Town will replace approximately 200 feet of sidewalk at the intersection of 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, ensuring that local walkways meet safety standards.

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**Strathcona County****Township Road 542 Upgrade \$779,126**

Widening the road and re-contouring the slopes will create a safer transportation corridor and decrease emergency vehicle response times.

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**Summer Village of Sunset Beach****Road Paving Project \$48,150**

This project features the application of heavy asphalt and gravel on Birch Drive and Willow Drive, ensuring that the improvements meet infrastructure safety standards.

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**Town of Two Hills**

## **Street Upgrade and Sidewalk Replacement \$50,290**

The Town will improve transportation and pedestrian safety of residents by paving part of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue and replacing sidewalks at various locations.

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## **Village of Wabamun**

### **Road Upgrades \$48,150**

The Village will rehabilitate the road on 46<sup>th</sup> Street between 52<sup>nd</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The widened road will improve water drainage and motorist safety.

### **Contact Person**

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## **Wheatland County**

### **Hamlet of Carseland Street Improvements \$109,994**

To improve operational efficiency, the County will replace concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters along Nelson Road.

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## **Yellowhead County**

### **Long Lake Road Upgrade \$1,615,700**

The County will reconstruct Long Lake Road to improve stability and reduce dust generated by traffic. These upgrades are expected to increase motorist safety and the longevity of the road.

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