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## **Alberta Communities Benefit From Green Infrastructure Investments**

Edmonton, Alberta... Alberta communities will benefit from \$10 million invested in 33 municipal infrastructure projects through the Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program (ICAP).

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

"Each of the 33 projects announced today will greatly contribute to the quality of life in communities across Alberta," said McLellan. "Vibrant, healthy and sustainable communities are built on a foundation of strong community infrastructure, and that is why we are proud to support these projects through ICAP."

The majority of the projects announced today will improve municipal water/wastewater and storm water systems or improve energy efficiency in municipal buildings.

"These projects will improve the quality of life for residents and represent what's important to individual Alberta communities," said Oberg. "We will continue to work with municipal and federal governments to respond to the needs of Alberta communities."

Project highlights include construction of a treated water reservoir for the Town of Brooks, upgrades to Mountain View County's administration building to improve energy efficiency, and a computerized water treatment system for the Municipal District of Rockyview.

Under ICAP, the federal and provincial governments provide up to two-thirds of the funding for eligible costs. Partnering communities or private partners provide the remaining project funding. 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 will invest \$2.4 million each towards the \$10 million announced today. The proponents will invest the remaining \$5.2 million.

To date, 711 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.

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.

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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

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## **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 711 projects and \$564.4 million approved since June 8, 2001, federal and provincial contributions total approximately \$316.3 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

Location	Number of Projects	Combined Federal / Provincial Contribution	Total Project Costs
Town of Banff	2 Projects	\$323,022	\$663,800
Summer Village of Birchcliff	1 Project	\$34,120	\$60,990
Town of Brooks	1 Project	\$783,668	\$2,445,000
Summer Village of Burnstick Lake	1 Project	\$3,332	\$5,350
Town of Cardston	1 Project	\$149,260	\$262,150
Village of Cremona	1 Project	\$50,800	\$81,534
Town of Crossfield	1 Project	\$176,264	\$282,904
Cypress County	1 Project	\$225,968	\$456,500
Village of Delburne	1 Project	\$49,532	\$79,501
Village of Duchess	1 Project	\$78,700	\$237,001

Municipal District of Foothills No. 31	1 Project	\$120,000	\$211,860
County of Forty Mile No. 8	2 Projects	\$403,254	\$647,226
Summer Village of Half Moon Bay	1 Project	\$31,180	\$77,040
Town of High River	3 Projects	\$387,420	\$667,680
Summer Village of Jarvis Bay	1 Project	\$32,980	\$53,500
Village of Magrath	1 Project	\$164,296	\$320,700
Mountain View County	1 Project	\$368,976	\$963,000
County of Newell No.4	1 Project	\$91,332	\$151,600
Summer Village of Norglenwold	1 Project	\$44,860	\$83,835
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9	1 Project	\$115,000	\$184,575
Municipal District of Rocky View No. 44	2 Projects	\$626,666	\$1,043,250
Village of Stirling	1 Project	\$43,810	\$70,125
Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove	1 Project	\$33,160	\$56,948
Village of Tilley	1 Project	\$50,080	\$111,280
Village of Vilna	1 Project	\$396,998	\$639,286
Town of Vulcan	1 Project	\$34,244	\$108,752
Village of Warner	2 Projects	\$17,592	\$32,106
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>33 Projects</b>	<b>\$4,836,514</b>	<b>\$9,997,493</b>

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

**Town of Banff**

<b>Water System Upgrades</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
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Replacing the watermain along Marten Street will improve the supply and quality of water, while increasing fire protection services. This project also involves upgrading and consolidating the local storm sewer system to reduce flood risk to residents.

**Contact Person:** Evelyn Labelle, Tel. (403) 762-1215

**Town of Banff**

<b>Cave Avenue Area Redevelopment</b>	<b>\$363,800</b>
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This project features the construction of a utility corridor along Cave Avenue. The Town will install water, power and sewer services to provide residents with improved fire protection, reduced risk of flooding, and higher quality drinking water.

**Contact Person:** Michel Dupuis, Tel. (403) 762-1215

**Summer Village of Birchcliff**

<b>Storm Runoff Improvements</b>	<b>\$60,990</b>
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To improve drainage in the community, new culverts will be installed and some road surfaces will be reconstructed. Further improvements include reshaping ditches to improve the outflow grade, helping to safeguard residents from the risk of flood.

**Contact Person:** Myra Reiter, Tel. (403) 887-2822

**Town of Brooks**

<b>Treated Water Storage Expansion</b>	<b>\$2,445,000</b>
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This project involves constructing a large reservoir for treated water, modifying the pipeline network, and relocating the access road. The new storage facility will help ensure residents have access to better quality drinking water.

**Contact Person:** Neil Hollands, Tel. (403) 362-3333

**Summer Village of Burnstick Lake**

<b>Garbage Transfer Site</b>	<b>\$5,350</b>
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This project involves the creation of a new waste transfer site to provide residents with efficient garbage collection. The facility will receive a new concrete pad, a gravel approach road and protective fencing.

**Contact Person:** Sharon Plett, Tel. (403) 652-4636

**Town of Cardston**

<b>Community Irrigation Line</b>	<b>\$262,150</b>
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This project involves construction of an irrigation line to supply raw water by gravity to the Town's golf course, improving operational efficiency.

**Contact Person:** Mitch Schneider, Tel. (403) 653-3366

**Village of Cremona**

<b>Water Meter Replacement</b>	<b>\$81,534</b>
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<p>To help sustain the environment and encourage residents to monitor water consumption, the Village will equip approximately 100 households with water meters.</p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b> Judy Hanson, Tel. (403) 637-3762</p>	
<b>Town of Crossfield</b>	
<b>Water and Wastewater Upgrades</b>	<b>\$282,904</b>
<p>The Town will install an automated bulk water fill station to improve service reliability and provide local area residents and tourist traffic with continuous access. To reduce the overburden on the existing wastewater system, a collection line running along Railway Street will be installed to improve wastewater service and sustainability.</p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b> Cheryl Skelly, Tel. (403) 946-5565</p>	
<b>Cypress County</b>	
<b>County Water Facility SCADA System</b>	<b>\$456,500</b>
<p>A new supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, using the best affordable technology available, will monitor the quality of water delivered to families living in seven local communities. This project will use a remote alarm access component, ensuring improved response times to emergencies.</p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b> Rick Bleau, Tel. (403) 526-2888</p>	
<b>Village of Delburne</b>	
<b>Storm Drainage Project</b>	<b>\$79,501</b>
<p>The Village will install culverts parallel to 20<sup>th</sup> Street to improve the natural storm water drainage pathway, reducing the risk of flood for residential and commercial owners.</p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b> Debbie Bobocel, Tel. (780) 749-3606</p>	
<b>Village of Duchess</b>	
<b>New Fire Hall Construction</b>	<b>\$237,001</b>
<p>The new fire hall in Duchess will be designed to include meeting rooms and an area for storing emergency equipment. These additions will provide the community with improved fire protection services.</p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b> David Connaution, Tel. (403) 378-4452</p>	
<b>Municipal District of Foothills No. 31</b>	
<b>Cayley Raw Water Reservoir Expansion</b>	<b>\$211,860</b>
<p>The Municipal District will rebuild, reline and expand an old reservoir in Cayley to ensure families have access to higher quality drinking water. This project is also expected to promote future economic growth and sustainable development in the community.</p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b> Tom Gilliss, Tel. (403) 652-2341</p>	
<b>County of Forty Mile No. 8</b>	
<b>Cherry Coulee Water User's Summer Water Expansion</b>	<b>\$315,526</b>

This project expands the existing water distribution system through the construction of a new pump site, addition of an inline booster pump and the installation of additional pipelines. The expansion will double the capacity of summer water delivery to properties in the area, enhancing fire protection and ensuring higher quality drinking water for residents. Members of the Cherry Coulee Water Co-op are undertaking this upgrade.  
**Contact Person:** Hugh Pettigrew, Tel. (403) 867-3530

**County of Forty Mile No. 8**

**Emergency Response Facility Construction** **\$331,700**

The new Emergency Response Facility in Foremost will house fire and rescue vehicles. The steel frame building will increase energy efficiency by decreasing heating fuel and electrical consumption.  
**Contact Person:** Dale Brown, Tel. (403) 867-3530

**Summer Village of Half Moon Bay**

**Storm Drainage Ditch Rehabilitation** **\$77,040**

Improving the grade of ditches along village roads and installing culverts will reduce flood risk to residents.  
**Contact Person:** Myra Reiter, Tel. (403) 887-2822

**Town of High River**

**Emerson Lift Station Replacement** **\$181,900**

The Town will upgrade to a new fiberglass sewer tank from the existing steel tank. Other plans include installing new pipes and electrical service to expand the wastewater collection system to serve more residents.  
**Contact Person:** James Walls, Tel. (403) 652-2110

**Town of High River**

**Northwest Firehouse Construction** **\$271,780**

Plans are to build a firehouse in the northwest area of High River. This project will feature state of the art construction techniques, including the installation of an energy efficient furnace and lighting system. The new facility will decrease emergency vehicle response times and will facilitate improved fire protection.  
**Contact Person:** James Walls, Tel. (403) 652-2110

**Town of High River**

**Sunshine Subdivision Sewer Trunk Main** **\$214,000**

This project will see the completion of the sewer trunk main line from the manhole at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the lift station at 12 Riley Street SE. By expanding the wastewater collection system, the Town will be able to treat sewage to a higher standard.  
**Contact Person:** James Walls, Tel. (403) 652-2110

**Summer Village of Jarvis Bay**

**Storm Drainage Improvements** **\$53,500**

This project features the upgrading of one culvert, the replacement of two culverts and the excavation of the ditches along Jarvis Bay Drive to enhance storm water drainage and reduce the risk of flooding.

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**Town of Magrath**

**Sanitary Sewer System Upgrading** **\$320,700**

Installing larger sewer pipes and pumps at the lift station will improve the reliability of the wastewater collection system service for residents. This work will improve sustainability by allowing more residential connections to mains leading to the municipal sewage treatment facility.

**Contact Person:** Ron Williams, Tel. (403) 758-3212

**Mountain View County**

**Administration Building - Mechanical and Electrical Systems** **\$963,000**

To improve energy efficiency and reduce heating fuel consumption, building upgrades include new heating, ventilation, air conditioning, fire prevention, plumbing and control systems. Irrigation will be achieved by recycling water.

**Contact Person:** Harold Johnsrude, Tel. (403) 335-3311

**County of Newell No. 4**

**Sewer Discharge Upgrading** **\$151,600**

**Project Description**

Upgrading distribution systems will improve wastewater treatment at the Patricia Lagoon. This project will reduce pollution levels in neighbouring water systems.

**Contact Person:** Alan Martens, Tel. (403) 362-3266

**Summer Village of Norglenwold**

**Storm Drainage Project** **\$83,835**

This project will improve the grade of ditches in Norglenwold, which are currently too shallow and too restrictive to allow for the proper flow of storm water. Improvements to the storm drainage system will reduce the risk of flood for local residents.

**Contact Person:** Myra Reiter, Tel. (403) 887-2822

**Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9**

**Hamlet of Lundbreck - Water and Sewer Upgrade** **\$184,575**

The Municipal District will extend water and sewer lines along Breckenridge Avenue in Lundbreck, providing current and future residents with access to municipal utility services. Other improvements include repaving Breckenridge Avenue south from Third Street to Old Highway 3A.

**Contact Person:** Norman Minchau, Tel. (403) 627-3484

**Municipal District of Rocky View No. 44**



**Langdon Waterworks Membrane Water Treatment System** **\$706,200**

The Municipal District will be installing a computerized instrumentation reverse osmosis membrane water treatment system and pretreatment filters, capable of monitoring and detecting potential problems. This project is designed to improve the quality of water provided to residents in Langdon by reducing the iron, manganese, hydrogen sulfide and dissolved solid levels currently contained in the local drinking water.

**Contact Person:** Frank Misura, Tel. (403) 520-1188

**Municipal District of Rocky View No. 44**

**Wintergreen Water Treatment Plant Upgrade** **\$337,050**

The Municipal District will extend water lines from the existing potable water system. This water main will provide treated drinking water to residential lots, RV lots and industry.

**Contact Person:** Frank Misura, Tel. (403) 520-1188

**Village of Stirling**

**Drainage System Upgrade** **\$70,125**

The Village will upgrade existing drainage infrastructure by installing a catch basin and underground drain pipes, helping reduce the risk of flood to residents.

**Contact Person:** Scott Barton, Tel. (403) 756-3379

**Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove**

**Street Improvements** **\$56,948**

This project will improve the drainage of storm run-off by increasing the grade of the ditches and installing new culverts. These enhancements, plus the paving of several streets are expected to aid residents from flood risk.

**Contact Person:** Myra Reiter, Tel. (403) 887-2822

**Village of Tilley**

**Sewer Line Replacement** **\$111,280**

The Village will install a new sewer line with two manholes and 12 services. This project will help sustain the environment by connecting homes to the municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems, while ensuring the existing infrastructure meets environmental sustainability and safety standards.

**Contact Person:** Lorelei Neal, Tel. (403) 377-2203

**Village of Vilna**

**Vilna's Historic Main Street Drainage Project** **\$639,286**

The Village will install new curbs, gutters and swales along a two-block section of 50<sup>th</sup> Street, providing commercial and residential owners with better protection against flood risk. Additional improvements include new streetlights and sidewalks.

**Contact Person:** Twila Petrushka, Tel. (780) 636-3620

**Town of Vulcan**

## **Storm Water Management**

**\$108,752**

Building a two-acre storm water retention pond will reduce flood risk for residents and local businesses. The work includes the installation of debris and petrochemical traps as well as an outfall structure, thus, sustaining the environment by reducing soil erosion.

**Contact Person:** Wally Sholdice, Tel. (403) 485-2417

## **Village of Warner**

### **Utility Services - Civic Centre**

**\$26,462**

The Village will install a new fire hydrant and water and sewer services to the Civic Centre. These upgrades will ensure the municipal facility meets building code and safety standards.

**Contact Person:** Lana Holt, Tel. (403) 642-3788

## **Village of Warner**

### **Water System Upgrades**

**\$5,644**

To reduce water loss due to broken mains, the Village will install a water flow meter from the lagoons to the treatment plant and add curb stops to homes. These measures are expected to ensure consistent water quality for residents.

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**TOTAL PROJECTS 33**

**TOTAL PROJECT COSTS \$9,997,493**