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Seventeen Alberta Communities Benefit From \$12 Million in Green Infrastructure Investments

Edmonton, Alberta... Seventeen communities in East-Central Alberta will benefit from nearly \$12 million invested in 20 municipal infrastructure projects through the Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program (ICAP).

Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, on behalf of the Stephen Owen, Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Minister of State (Sport) made the announcement Aug. 3 with Dr. Lyle Oberg, Alberta Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation.

"The Government of Canada is committed to improving Alberta's communities by investing in projects that protect our environment and improve the quality of life in our communities," said McLellan. "Each of the 20 green infrastructure projects we're announcing today is about governments working together and with Albertans to support local solutions to local challenges."

The majority of the projects announced today will improve drinking water, wastewater, storm water, and firefighting 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 rural water supply pipeline in Kneehill County, provision of water services to additional residents in Starland County, and the implementation of sanitary sewer services in the community of Rosedale, near Drumheller.

Under ICAP, the federal and provincial governments provide up to two-thirds of the funding for eligible project 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 over \$3.4 million each towards the \$12 million announced today. The proponents will invest the remaining \$5.15 million.

To date, 731 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

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 731 projects and \$576.4 million approved to-date since June 8, 2001, federal and provincial contributions total approximately \$323.15 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

East-Central Alberta Backgrounder

East-Central Alberta Projects Location	Number of Projects	Combined Federal / Provincial Contribution	Total Project Costs
Town of Bashaw	1 Project	\$67,834	\$119,000
Village of Bittern Lake	2 Projects	\$67,200	\$109,182
County of Camrose No. 22	1 Project	\$268,000	\$589,750
Village of Carbon	1 Project	\$58,060	\$201,160
Village of Consort	1 Project	\$15,870	\$47,093
Village of Donalda	1 Project	\$7,148	\$21,400
Town of Drumheller	1 Project	\$759,000	\$1,218,195
Kneehill County	1 Project	\$2,230,400	\$3,512,700
Village of Linden	1 Project	\$65,800	\$126,533
Village of New Norway	1 Project	\$44,200	\$77,040
Town of Oyen	1 Project	\$233,666	\$454,429
Village of Rosalind	1 Project	\$21,126	\$36,380
Starland County	1 Project	\$1,815,114	\$2,913,260

County of Stettler No. 6	1 Project	\$345,864	\$856,000
Town of Strathmore	3 Projects	\$570,752	\$941,582
Town of Three Hills	1 Project	\$164,108	\$271,381
Wheatland County	1 Project	\$118,226	\$211,312
GRAND TOTAL	20 Projects	\$6,852,368	\$11,706,397

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

Town of Bashaw

Replace 52nd Avenue Lift Station \$119,000

Installing a new lift station will improve protection for residents by reducing risk of flood damage. This project will also improve the reliability of services to the community's water and wastewater treatment facilities.

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Village of Bittern Lake

Water System Upgrades - 2004 \$1,647

This project will extend the municipal water line further along Birkett Street, supplying area residents with higher quality drinking water.

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Village of Bittern Lake

Sewage Lagoon Upgrade \$107,535

Improvements to the sewage lagoon will provide local residents with higher quality wastewater treatment service. Elements of this project include reconstructing the inside and outside slopes, widening the top berm.

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County of Camrose No. 22

Ervick Junction Water Supply Project \$589,750

This project will extend an existing municipal water line to an industrial park in Ervick Junction that provides services to farmers. It will encourage greater economic growth and sustainable development in the region.

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Village of Carbon

Water and Wastewater Services \$201,160

Extending infrastructure services to a subdivision in the Village will provide families with access to higher quality drinking water and improved wastewater disposal services. New water meters will encourage residents to monitor water consumption.

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Village of Consort

Sportex Energy Efficiency Upgrades \$47,093

The Village will improve energy efficiency in the building and install a new ice control system. These upgrades are expected to reduce energy loss in the facility.

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Village of Donalda

Water System Upgrades \$21,400

The Village will replace existing water and sewer lines to provide higher quality drinking water and ensure sewage is treated to a higher standard.

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Town of Drumheller

Rosedale Sanitary Sewer Forcemain \$1,218,195

The Town will install a new sanitary sewer main to connect the community of Rosedale to Drumheller's wastewater treatment plant, providing improved wastewater service to residents.

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Kneehill County

Three Hills West Water Supply Pipeline \$3,512,700

The County will design and build a rural water supply pipeline from the Town of Three Hills west to the communities of Sunnyslope and Torrington. Municipal water service will be extended to local area

residents, providing access to higher quality drinking water.

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Village of Linden

Water and Sewer Upgrades \$126,533

The Village will replace a deteriorating cement watermain with a plastic pipeline, thus improving water pressure and reliability for residents. This project will also upgrade outdated sanitary and storm sewer connections.

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Village of New Norway

Alberta Street Watermain Replacement \$77,040

Upgrading the watermain along Alberta Street will provide families with higher quality drinking water. The Village will also install new services and hydrants to improve firefighting capacity.

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Town of Oyen

Water Distribution Pump Station Upgrades \$454,429

The Town of Oyen will upgrade mechanical and electrical equipment in the local water distribution pump station to provide for the increased water capacity needed to meet current and future water use and firefighting needs. Upgrades will include the replacement of three pumps and a control valve, installation of a backup power generator, and the resultant pump station renovations.

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Village of Rosalind

Energy Efficiency Upgrade - New Village Office \$36,380

The Village will install energy efficient windows, HVAC units and water, sewer and plumbing services in the new office building.

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Starland County

Rural Water Supply Project \$2,913,260

This project will extend a municipal water utility service to people living in surrounding rural areas, providing approximately 85 residents with higher quality drinking water.

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County of Stettler No. 6

Gadsby Rural Water Distribution System \$856,000

This project will feature the construction of a reservoir, pumphouse and distribution network to provide treated water from Gadsby to surrounding rural areas.

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Town of Strathmore

Holding Pond Construction \$631,942

To ensure higher quality wastewater management, the new holding pond will provide emergency storage for treated wastes. The Town will also build a diversion channel to reroute storm water from Eagle Lake to the new holding pond.

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Town of Strathmore

Balancing Lagoon Upgrade at Wastewater Treatment Plant \$160,500

This project will transform the existing anaerobic treatment facility into a modern balancing lagoon to better control flow into the new wastewater treatment plant. Upgrades include the installation of new pipes, relocation of the intake screens and reconstruction of the interior berms. These improvements will provide residents with access to improved wastewater treatment service.

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Town of Strathmore

Standby Generator at Water Treatment Plant \$149,140

Installation of a standby generator at the water treatment plant to ensure a continuing and secure supply of potable water to the town residents.

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Town of Three Hills

Watermain Replacement \$271,381

The Town will replace the old cast iron pipe beneath 4th Avenue with a modern PVC main and install new water services. This project will improve the quality of drinking water delivered to local area residents. Subsequent road rehabilitation involves adding new curbs and gutters and resurfacing the existing road with asphalt concrete.

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Wheatland County**Hamlet of Gleichen Water and Sewer Upgrades \$211,312**

The County will replace the water and sanitary sewer lines along Greisbach Street to ensure reliable utility services. The County also plans to build new curbs and gutters along 5th Avenue.

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