

Manage growth pressures

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Industry contribution helps maintain Dunvegan Bridge

Fairview... Motorists using the Dunvegan Bridge over the Peace River on Highway 2 will benefit from \$200,000 in maintenance funding from Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor) to assist with snow removal, bridge cleaning and new bridge lighting that will be installed in July.

"Maintenance dollars are always tight and the additional funding from this partnership agreement will help that much more," said Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. "The province is committed to maintaining all of our highways and bridges and the contribution of Canfor will make the job a little easier."

After consulting the community of Fairview, Canfor approached the Alberta government offering to support bridge maintenance that would improve safety and maintain the vital link between industry and the community. The 10-year agreement signed between Canfor and the province will provide an annual contribution on of \$20,000 toward bridge maintenance.

"We are dedicated to forest safety whether it is in the field, on the road, or in our mills, said, Canfor Vice President Ken Higginbotham. "Supporting initiatives to improve the safety of our workers, contractors and people in the community, only makes sense".

The Dunvegan Bridge currently has lights on the north end of the bridge, and the new light fixtures and installation will be funded by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation. The cost to maintain the new lights, including ongoing electrical costs, will be offset by funding from Canfor. Installation of the new lights is anticipated to be completed in July.

Highway and bridge maintenance is one of the actions under Premier Ed Stelmach's plan to manage growth pressures. Other priorities for the government are to govern with integrity and transparency, improve Albertans' quality of life, build a stronger Alberta, and provide safe and secure communities.

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