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## **Government of Canada and Province of Alberta announce funding for upgrade to major roadway in Morinville**

*Town of Morinville...* The federal and provincial governments will invest more than \$4.4 million to upgrade 100th Street South in the Town of Morinville.

Brian Storseth, Member of Parliament for Westlock–St. Paul, on behalf of the Honourable Rona Ambrose, President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification, and the Honourable Ken Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and MLA for Barrhead–Morinville–Westlock, on behalf of Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, announced the funding today through the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF).

“Today’s joint investment will help ensure safer roads and less traffic congestion for drivers in Morinville,” said MP Brian Storseth. “The Government of Canada recognizes that strong, healthy communities require modern infrastructure, and we are delivering on our promise to help them grow as vibrant and productive places to live, work and raise families.”

The 100th Street South project in Morinville will upgrade a major roadway utilized by the many residents and visitors who enter the Town. Over 5,500 vehicles per day are expected to have access to safer, more efficient roads following the improvements. This project will also help accommodate municipal growth and development in the commercial district.

“Widening this important roadway will help Morinville manage growth by reducing congestion and improving safety,” said Kowalski. “Improving Alberta’s roads and highways reflects Premier Ed Stelmach’s plan to secure Alberta’s future by building communities, greening our growth and creating opportunity.”

Under the initial CAMRIF Agreement signed in June 2006, the federal and provincial governments each committed \$88 million to the fund, with participating local governments expected to make up the remaining costs. This year, the Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta have each provided an additional \$19 million to the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund as part of their commitment to help smaller communities meet their pressing infrastructure needs. The total amount available from the CAMRIF, with federal and provincial investment and matching local government contribution in projects, is \$321 million.

A minimum of 55 per cent of funding under CAMRIF targets green infrastructure projects that contribute to community economic development and environmental quality of life. These include water, wastewater, solid waste, environmental energy improvements and public transit. The fund also invests in recreational infrastructure, tourism, cultural projects, local roads and broadband connectivity. Projects are selected on a competitive basis from applications received from Alberta communities.

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## Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF)

The following project is receiving funding under the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF).

### Town of Morinville

#### **100th Street South Project**

Combined federal/provincial investment: \$4,423,558 (pending environmental assessment)

100th Street is a major North-South roadway and is used by many residents and visitors to enter the Town of Morinville. This project will pave three kilometres of 100th Street South. The project involves two phases: phase 1 will upgrade 100th Street from a two-lane rural cross section to a three-lane half-urban half-rural standard; phase 2 will upgrade the three lanes to the envisioned five-lane final design. The CAMRIF project will fund a portion of phase 1.

## Fact Sheet

## Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF)

### **Partnership Program**

- The Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF) is designed to address local infrastructure needs in rural and urban Alberta. It ensures all Albertans, whether they live in large, small or remote communities, share in the benefits of infrastructure investments.
- Through the fund, the Governments of Canada and Alberta invest in local infrastructure projects. These projects are vital to sustaining strong economic growth and quality of life in Canadian communities.
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- The total amount available from the CAMRIF, with federal and provincial investment and matching local government contribution in projects, is \$321 million.
- CAMRIF is implemented by Western Economic Diversification Canada and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, and is administered by a joint secretariat.

### **Program Priorities**

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- At least 80 per cent of CAMRIF funding is dedicated to rural municipalities with a population of less than 250,000. The remaining 20 per cent is available to urban municipalities with a population greater than 250,000.
- A total of \$724,584 is also approved for municipalities for Municipal Capacity Building (MCB) projects. Projects may include, but is not limited to, the acquisition of infrastructure planning software, training to use that software, planning studies to determine the inventory and condition of infrastructure assets in the municipality or the development of a demand asset management system.

### **Local input and collaboration**

- CAMRIF is managed by a six member Management Committee consisting of two federal representatives, two provincial representatives, and two members representing Alberta's municipal associations—the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties. The Management Committee develops the Management Committee guidelines and oversees the project review and selection process. Projects are selected on a competitive basis from applications received from Alberta communities. The deadline to submit applications for the second intake was May 31, 2007.

### **Environmental Assessment**

- CAMRIF projects are required to successfully complete applicable environmental assessment processes, and funding is conditional on compliance with all applicable federal and provincial requirements.

### **For more information**

- Contact the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Joint Secretariat by phone (toll free) at 1-800-396-0214, by e-mail at [camrif@gov.ab.ca](mailto:camrif@gov.ab.ca) or visit the website <http://www.camrif.ca/>.
- Information about Government of Canada and Alberta's infrastructure programs is available at <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/> and <http://www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/>.

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