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Clean Water and Wastewater Fund invests in Columbia Shuswap Regional District

SALMON ARM – Columbia Shuswap Regional District is receiving federal-provincial investment in critical clean water and wastewater infrastructure, announced Greg Kylo, MLA for Shuswap, on behalf of Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Peter Fassbender.

The Clean Water and Wastewater Fund is providing approximately \$310 million to 144 projects throughout the province. Through this fund, Columbia Shuswap Regional District is receiving \$400,026 for Sorrento's Lakeview Place Subdivision Water System Connection Project.

The Clean Water and Wastewater Fund enables crucial investments in local government infrastructure, specifically supporting long-term benefits in rehabilitating drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems, as well as planning and designing future facilities and upgrades to existing wastewater systems.

This funding will help communities ensure that residents enjoy safe and reliable access to drinking water and improved environmental protections, and will assist local governments in meeting provincial and federal regulations. Clean water and wastewater management is a core service that communities depend on to grow and help ensure sustainability principles are met, while improving community vibrancy, resiliency and attractiveness.

The Clean Water and Wastewater Fund is one of the key ways the B.C. government is taking action to strengthen, grow and diversify rural communities. These projects build on the immediate investments and long-term action plan outlined in B.C.'s Rural Economic Development Strategy that are expected to create over 26,000 jobs and add \$2.8 billion to provincial GDP.

Quotes:

Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development –

"Safe and reliable drinking water and wastewater systems are essential infrastructure for all communities in our province. The Clean Water and Wastewater Fund enables local governments to make the critical investments in essential services their citizens rely upon. This program is another successful example of our government working together with our federal and municipal partners to best serve British Columbians."

Shuswap MLA Greg Kylo –

"This investment allows the Lakeview Place project to expand and continue being an essential part of Columbia Shuswap Regional District's water management system. This investment, along with the 144 other projects, is a major part of B.C.'s infrastructure plan that supports the

rural regions of the province in their development.”

Quick Facts:

- In 2016, Premier Christy Clark announced \$148.5 million for the new Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. Combined with the federal commitment of \$225.1 million, this provides a total of \$373.6 million in senior-government funding to support rehabilitation of critical infrastructure.
- Approved projects are cost shared 50% by the Government of Canada, 33% by the Province of British Columbia, and the remaining 17% from the local government.
- In September 2016, 35 projects received approval under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, representing \$60 million in combined funding from the provincial and federal governments.

Learn more:

Province of B.C.'s Clean Water and Wastewater Fund overview:

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/cleanwaterwastewaterfund>

Government of Canada's Clean Water and Wastewater Fund overview:

<http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/cwwf/cwwf-program-programme-eng.html>

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