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Town of Golden Gets Funding for Improvements to the Community Sewer System Project approved under Canada's Small Communities Fund

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Golden, British Columbia

Residents of Golden will benefit from improved wastewater infrastructure thanks to joint funding from the governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Small Communities Fund.

The Town of Golden will install a liner in their sewage lagoons to help eliminate groundwater contamination or the groundwater entering the treatment system. The changes will lower energy consumption, reduce the volume of wastewater having to be treated by the plant, while better protecting the environment. The project also includes upgrades to the sewage treatment plant that will reduce odours and increase the quality of treated effluent being released into the Columbia River.

The project announced today is among 55 recently approved in British Columbia that will collectively receive more than \$128 million in joint federal-provincial funding under the Small Communities Fund. These projects represent important investments in municipal infrastructure that maintain safe, healthy communities. Once complete, the work will significantly improve key municipal services for residents and help boost regional development.

Through the Small Communities Fund, the governments of Canada and British Columbia are working in partnership to provide funding for priority public infrastructure projects that deliver on local needs in communities across the province that have fewer than 100,000 residents. These investments support job creation and economic growth, thus sustaining a high quality of life in small communities across British Columbia for years to come.

Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada will provide up to \$461,208 through the Small Communities Fund for the project.
- The Province of British Columbia will contribute up to \$461,208 to this project.
- The Town of Golden will be responsible for all remaining costs of the project.
- The total estimated cost for this project is \$1,383,625.
- The 55 projects approved for funding in British Columbia under the Small Communities Fund so far include 24 drinking water projects, 22 wastewater projects, four major roads projects, two disaster mitigation projects, two brownfield remediation projects and one solid waste management project.

Quotes

"We are proud to invest in projects like the upgrades to the sewer system in the Town of Golden that will benefit our community by improving much needed local infrastructure. Our Government's commitment to municipalities, big and small, has never been stronger. Through the New Building Canada Plan's Small Communities Fund, we are investing in priority infrastructure projects that have a positive and lasting impact on the quality of life of British Columbia's residents while helping create jobs and economic growth."

David Wilks

Member of Parliament for Kootenay — Columbia

On behalf of the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec

"The installation of a liner to the sewage lagoon for Golden's wastewater system will have significant environment benefits including reducing the amount of wastewater currently treated at the plant. The

project, made possible through the partnership behind the Small Communities Fund, will ultimately reduce energy consumption and reduce costs for local taxpayers. By working together, all three levels of government are making projects like this possible in communities across the province.”

*Greg Kylo
MLA for Shuswap*

“As part of our asset management process, council and staff have actively sought grant opportunities to make necessary improvements to our waste water treatment facility. We are grateful that the Federal and Provincial Governments have selected Golden as a funding recipient for the Small Communities Fund. While not highly visible to the public, this facility represents critical infrastructure utilized by every resident and business, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. These improvements will provide great value to the community, and reduce our impact on the environment.”

*Ron Oszust,
Mayor of Golden, British Columbia*

Associated Links

To learn more about the Small Communities Fund, please visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/sc-cp-eng.html>.

For additional information on the New Building Canada Plan, visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nbcp-npcc-eng.html>.

To learn more about the Government of Canada's focus on jobs and the economy consult Canada's Economic Action Plan at <http://www.budget.gc.ca/2015/home-accueil-eng.html>.

Learn more about the Small Communities Fund at work in British Columbia:
www.gov.bc.ca/smallcommunitiesfund

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