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Seventeen infrastructure projects in Yukon get joint government funding

Joint news release

WHITEHORSE— Providing community residents and businesses with modern, reliable and sustainable public infrastructure opens doors to good jobs, helps create economic growth and foster a strong middle class, and provides opportunities for a better quality of life to everyone.

Soon, residents in communities across Yukon will benefit from newly approved infrastructure investments. Collectively, the projects contribute to clean and reliable drinking water, environmental protection through more effective and efficient wastewater treatment, as well as improved roads and bridges.

The governments of Canada and Yukon today announced a total of over \$78 million in joint funding for the projects, which will contribute to clean growth and help meet the communities' current and future needs. Of this, the Government of Canada will provide \$58,596,772 through the Small Communities Fund for the 17 projects and the Government of Yukon will contribute funding to cover any remaining costs.

Once complete, the projects will significantly improve community and territorial infrastructure and promote economic growth that will help the middle class and those trying to join it to prosper and enjoy a better quality of life. The Government of Yukon is taking advantage of a new streamlined project approval process that will allow the approved projects to get underway during this construction season.

Through the Small Communities Fund, the governments of Canada and Yukon will continue to work in partnership to fund priority public infrastructure projects that deliver on local needs in communities across the territory.

Quotes

"The Government of Canada made an unprecedented commitment of more than \$120 billion for public infrastructure projects across Canada through the Investing in Canada plan. Through the Small Communities Fund, we will help to improve drinking water, manage wastewater more effectively and improve roads and bridges across Yukon. Contributing to the development of this critical infrastructure in the North is helping build stronger and more sustainable communities, and open up opportunities for those living and working in the North."

The Honourable Larry Bagnell, Member of Parliament for Yukon

"We are pleased that the Small Communities Fund allows us to support local projects to deliver investments in areas including water, wastewater, road, green energy and solid waste improvements to our Yukon communities. Our government's continued partnership with Canada, municipalities and First Nations is helping us build vibrant, healthy and sustainable communities."

The Honourable Currie Dixon, Minister of Community Services, Government of Yukon

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