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## **Better water and wastewater infrastructure for Haines Junction residents**

*Joint news release*

The governments of Canada and Yukon are committed to investing in modern and efficient infrastructure that supports local economic opportunities, which goes hand in hand with improving the quality of life for those living and working in the North.

Today Member of Parliament for Yukon Larry Bagnell on behalf of the Government of Canada's Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Amarjeet Sohi and Yukon Minister of Highways and Public Works Richard Mostyn on behalf of Yukon Minister of Community Services John Streicker announced joint funding of over \$6.1 million for two projects in Haines Junction. The federal government is providing up to 75 per cent of funding for these projects—over \$4.6 million. The territorial government is providing up to 25 per cent of funding for these projects—just over \$1.5 million of total eligible costs.

Thanks to this investment, residents of Haines Junction will benefit from water and wastewater upgrades throughout the community. These projects are essential to keeping Canada's waterways clean and our communities healthy and livable.

This investment is part of an agreement between Canada and Yukon for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) reached in June 2016, which represents \$52,280,275 in federal funding.

### **Quotes**

"Investing in local water and wastewater infrastructure is essential to maintaining a healthy environment and providing residents with access to clean, reliable drinking water. Along with its territorial partner, the Government of Canada is pleased to support important projects, like those in Haines Junction, which ensure that northern communities are healthy and sustainable now and for years to come."

*—Member of Parliament for Yukon Larry Bagnell on behalf of Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Amarjeet Sohi*

"The foundation of a healthy, sustainable community is clean drinking water and effective sewage treatment facilities. We are pleased the Government of Canada is partnering with us in building water and sewer infrastructure to improve the lives of Haines Junction residents."

*—Minister of Highways and Public Works Richard Mostyn on behalf of Minister of Community Services John Streicker*

### **Quick facts**

- Haines Junction Water and Wastewater Upgrades:
  - The Government of Canada is contributing up to \$4.5 million under CWWF to this project and the Government of Yukon is providing up to \$1.5 million.
- Haines Junction Well Head Protection:
  - The Government of Canada is contributing up to \$112,500 under CWWF to this project and the Government of Yukon is providing up to \$37,500.
- The Government of Canada will provide more than \$180 billion in infrastructure funding over 12 years for public transit, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, transportation that supports trade, and Canada's rural and northern communities.
- Budget 2017 committed \$21.9 billion for investments for green infrastructure. This amount includes \$5 billion that will be available for investment through the Canada Infrastructure Bank.
- To meet the unique needs of rural and northern communities, Budget 2017 committed to invest \$2 billion to support a broad range of infrastructure projects.
- Budget 2017 committed federal funding to build and improve infrastructure in Indigenous communities through an investment of \$4 billion.

### **Learn more:**

Government of Canada's \$180-billion+ infrastructure plan in Budget 2017

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Clean Water and Wastewater Fund

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