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Governments of Canada and Yukon invest in 13 infrastructure projects throughout the territory

Joint news release

Rural and northern communities have unique infrastructure needs. Investing in modern and efficient infrastructure supports local economic opportunities, which goes hand in hand with improving family income, job opportunities and 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 announced joint funding of over \$26.9 million for 13 projects through the Small Communities Fund.

This funding will make important upgrades along the Klondike, Alaska and Dempster highways as well as help reconstruct Campbell Highway. In addition, the Klondike River and Clear Creek bridges will be rehabilitated.

Once complete, these projects will help improve driver safety and help secure the delivery of food and goods for residents and businesses.

Quotes

"The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of investing in infrastructure that supports safe, cohesive and vibrant communities. Along with our Inuit and territorial partners, we are committed to making sure northern communities obtain the support they need to help grow the economy and address local infrastructure priorities. The projects announced today—such as the Klondike River Bridge rehabilitation and the Alaska Highway improvements—will help create a better quality of life for Yukon residents."

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

"It's important to connect our communities to support economic growth and improve lives. These essential infrastructure investments in partnership with the Government of Canada will improve the quality of life for Yukoners and all travellers using our highways."

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

Quick facts

- 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 over \$10.1 billion in trade and transportation projects across Canada. 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

Federal infrastructure investments in Yukon

Small Communities Fund

See backgrounder.

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Backgrounder:

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The governments of Canada and Yukon are announcing funding for infrastructure projects in communities across the territory. The Government of Canada will provide up to \$20,235,000 through the Small Communities Fund for the 13 projects. The Government of Yukon will cover any remaining costs. The details of the funding were delivered to Yukon and will be released publicly at the completion of the tendering process.

The projects announced today are as follows:

| Project Name | Kilometres |
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| Alaska Highway Intersection Improvements | Km 1405.5 to km 1406.2 |
| Alaska Highway Restoration | Km 1454 to km 1475 |
| Alaska Highway Pavement Overlay | |
| Alaska Highway/Tagish Road Upgrade Intersection to Asphalt | |
| Alaska Highway Surface Upgrades | Km 1389 to km 1404.1, and km 1442 to km 1448 |
| Klondike Highway Drainage Improvements | Just north of Pelly Crossing |
| Clear Creek Bridge Rehabilitation | At km 594 |
| Campbell Highway Bituminous Surface Treatment | Km 79 to km 97 |
| Campbell Highway Reconstruction | Km 73 to km 79 |
| Dempster Highway Culvert Replacements | Km 129, km 229, km 237, km 375 and km 378 |
| Klondike River Bridge Rehabilitation | At km 0.3 on the Dempster Highway |
| Alaska Highway Pavement Overlay | Km 1339.7 to km 1350 |
| Watson Lake Airport – Airside Mobile Equipment | |

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