



News release

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New investments from the Government of Canada support 45 local infrastructure projects across British Columbia

Colwood, British Columbia, April 17, 2023 — Today, Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament for Burnaby North—Seymour, the Honourable Anne Kang, B.C. Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Councillor Jen Ford, President of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), announced a federal investment of more than \$103.5 million to support 45 community infrastructure projects.

In Colwood, funding will go towards building a multi-use waterfront pathway along the Esquimalt Lagoon. Work will include natural infrastructure to safeguard the peninsula from sea-level rise and the restoration of riparian vegetation in the salt marsh. This will improve local habitats, support biodiversity, stabilize soils, and filter pollutants. The work will guide visitors thoughtfully through sensitive areas while protecting and enhancing important natural resources. In addition to encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle for residents of all ages and abilities, this project will also support climate action and clean initiatives that strengthen the local economy and build a resilient community.

Investments in Fraser Lake will help build new water lines along Carrier Crescent and Tunasa Drive. A new water line will provide a dedicated supply from the reservoir to improve safety of the community's drinking water. As well, a new storm sewer will be installed to collect water from household sump pumps, and a new sidewalk will be constructed along Tunasa Drive. Once complete, the project will provide safe, clean water to the community for a healthier and better quality of life.

Other projects to receive funding include new fire halls, water and wastewater treatment plant upgrades, airport expansions, and bridge and road upgrades.

Empowering communities to determine how best to direct funds enables them to plan strategically for their present and future needs and will help ensure British Columbia remains among the best places in the world to live, work, and raise a family.

By investing in infrastructure, the Government of Canada is growing our country's economy, building resilient communities, and improving the lives of Canadians.

Quotes

"Investing in the Strategic Priorities Fund of the Canada Community-Building Fund represents our government's commitment to bettering communities across Canada. We are helping British Columbians fund infrastructure projects that promote productivity, economic growth, a clean environment, and, ultimately, create stronger cities. We will continue to deliver funding through CCBF to build a more prosperous future together."



Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament for Burnaby North—Seymour, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

“As British Columbia continues to grow and welcome newcomers, communities face increasing demands for services and infrastructure. This is why our government is supporting projects like road development and wastewater management. We’re ensuring that British Columbians have access to these essential services and amenities that they can rely on within their communities.”

The Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs

“B.C. communities are expanding services to meet the needs of a growing population. The federal government is to be commended for the continuing renewal of local infrastructure through the Canada Community-Building Fund. This program has delivered over \$4.6 billion to thousands of projects across B.C. like Colwood’s multi-use pathway.”

Councillor Jen Ford, President of the Union of BC Municipalities

“This accessible multi-use pathway will allow visitors to enjoy the spectacular waterfront in Colwood, while protecting sensitive ecological and archaeological shoreline areas. The pathway will inspire people to get outdoors and active as they walk or cycle from Colwood’s town centre to the waterfront and beyond to the vibrant seaside village envisioned at Royal Beach.”

His Worship Doug Kobayashi, Mayor of the City of Colwood

Quick facts

- The Government of Canada is investing \$103,565,997 in 45 projects across British Columbia.
- The Government of Canada’s funding comes from the third application-based intake of the Strategic Priorities Fund stream of the Canada Community-Building Fund, formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- The Canada Community-Building Fund is a permanent source of funding provided twice-a-year to provinces and territories, who in turn deliver this funding to local governments for local infrastructure priorities.
- In B.C., the Canada Community-Building Fund is administered by UBCM.
- The Canada Community-Building Fund delivers more than \$2 billion every year to 3,600 communities across the country. In recent years the funding has supported approximately 4,000 projects each year.
- The Canada Community-Building Fund has 19 project eligibility categories, including capacity building, sport infrastructure, and broadband connectivity.
- Infrastructure Canada, which distributes this funding, helps address complex challenges that Canadians face every day—ranging from the rapid growth of our cities, to climate change, and environmental threats to our water and land.

Related Products



Background: New investments from the Government of Canada support 45 local infrastructure projects across British Columbia

Associated Links

Canada Community-Building Fund

<https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html>

Infrastructure Canada - Canada Community-Building Fund Allocation Table

<https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/prog/gtf-fte-tab-eng.html>

Investing in Canada: Canada's Long-Term Infrastructure Plan

<https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/icp-publication-pic-eng.html>

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Backgrounder

New investments from the Government of Canada support 45 local infrastructure projects across British Columbia

The Government of Canada is investing more than \$103.5 million to support 45 community infrastructure projects in British Columbia. Projects are recipients of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) third application-based intake for the Strategic Priorities Fund, one of three Canada Community-Building Fund streams in British Columbia.

Project information:

Recipients	Project Title	Federal Funding
Capital Regional District	Regional Water Supply Main No. 4 Mt. Newton to Highway 17 Section Replacement	\$6,000,000
City of Castlegar	West Kootenay Regional Airport Air Terminal Building Expansion & Groundside Entrance Improvements	\$6,000,000
City of Colwood	Colwood Waterfront Multi-use Pathway	\$6,000,000
City of Cranbrook	City of Cranbrook Wastewater Treatment Upgrades	\$2,920,000
City of Greenwood	Official Community Plan Update	\$147,008
City of Kamloops	Facilities Strategic Plan	\$750,000
City of Nelson	City of Nelson Liquid Waste Management Plan	\$395,000
City of Quesnel	Johnston Bridge Comprehensive Repairs	\$6,000,000
City of Rossland	Utility Master Plan	\$284,445
City of West Kelowna	Short-Term Asset Management Roadmap Implementation	\$155,000
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Modernization of Bings Creek Waste Management Centre (WMC)	\$ 6,000,000
District of Chetwynd	Chetwynd Sewer Lift Station Upgrades	\$1,762,500
District of Clearwater	Integrated Stormwater Management Plan	\$111,340
District of Coldstream	Integrated Asset Management and Climate Change Planning for Sustainable Service Delivery	\$250,000
District of Elkford	Elkford Official Community Plan and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan	\$150,000
District of Houston	Infrastructure Master Plan	\$100,000
District of Invermere	Infrastructure Priority Development Plan	\$120,000
District of North Cowichan	Natural Asset Management (NAM) Program	\$200,000
District of Peachland	Wastewater Master Plan for the District of Peachland	\$200,000
District of Port Edward	Port Edward Asset Management - Final Phase	\$75,000
District of Saanich	Natural Assets Inventory	\$50,000
District of Sparwood	District of Sparwood Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - Phase 2	\$5,856,300



District of Squamish	Sustainable Stormwater Service Delivery Plan	\$400,000
District of Taylor	Infrastructure Assessment and 10 Year Investment Plan – Phase III and Maintenance Management Plan Development	\$261,000
Peace River Regional District	Regional Growth Strategy	\$100,000
qathet Regional District	Risk Management Framework	\$50,000
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Final Phase - Regional Water System Meter Installation Project	\$6,000,000
Town of Gibsons	Lower Watershed Climate Adaptation through Natural Assets Project	\$5,963,000
Town of Golden	Sanitary Sewer Master Plan	\$85,000
Town of Sidney	Beacon Avenue West Roundabout	\$5,000,000
Town of Smithers	Smithers Regional Airport - Water System Infrastructure Upgrades	\$2,457,460
Township of Spallumcheen	Township Water Systems Asset Management Plan	\$231,478
Village of Burns Lake	New Fire Hall	\$3,149,334
Village of Cache Creek	Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements	\$2,282,800
Village of Chase	Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - Phase 2	\$5,899,000
Village of Cumberland	Cumberland High Performance Wastewater Lagoon Upgrade, Phase 2	\$2,500,000
Village of Fraser Lake	Water Quality, Drainage and Connectivity Improvements	\$6,000,000
Village of Gold River	Asset Management Planning	\$190,000
Village of Harrison Hot Springs	Village of Harrison Hot Springs Waterfront Infrastructure Upgrades	\$5,999,350
Village of Lytton	Drinking Water Distribution System Infrastructure Rehabilitation to Improve Drinking Water Capacity and Accessibility	\$5,000,000
Village of Lytton	Increase Local Government Capacity to Undertake Long Term Infrastructure Initiatives	\$135,000
Village of McBride	Drinking Water Filtration System	\$2,608,125
Village of Nakusp	Nakusp Raw Water Irrigation Project	\$527,000
Village of Tahsis	Tahsis Fire Hall Relocation	\$1,892,675
Village of Valemount	Dogwood Lift Station Project	\$3,308,182