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OVER \$1M TO REPLACE NOONS CREEK BRIDGE IN PORT MOODY

PORT MOODY – Residents of Port Moody will benefit from joint federal and provincial funding of over \$1 million to replace the existing bridge over Noons Creek, announced today by the Honourable James Moore, MP for Port Moody-Westwood-Port Coquitlam, and Port Moody-Westwood MLA Iain Black. This project is just one example of the commitment of both governments to strengthening the British Columbia economy by reducing red tape, creating jobs, and getting shovels in the ground sooner.

The existing wooden bridge over Noons Creek on Ioco Road will be replaced with a modern concrete bridge. Lanes will be widened and sidewalks added, with space for bike lanes, to provide enhanced safety for pedestrians and cyclists. The new bridge will be constructed to modern bridge codes and seismic requirements.

This project will improve transportation efficiency and is expected to create 15 jobs, at a time when the need for economic stimulus is greatest.

The governments of Canada and British Columbia will each invest up to \$501,891 in the project. The City of Port Moody will contribute the balance of the remaining project costs.

“The federal government is moving quickly to keep B.C.’s workforce working while investing in critical infrastructure. Our investment in the Noons Creek Bridge replacement demonstrates that our government is taking immediate action to build much-needed infrastructure and create jobs here in the Tri Cities,” said Moore. “I am proud that our government has delivered more money to the Tri-Cities for infrastructure projects than any government in Canadian history.”

“This is a great investment for Port Moody,” said Black. “Not only are we creating jobs at a time when they are very needed, but we are also addressing a key need in Port Moody and enhancing public safety.”

This project is one of 41 projects across the province that will break ground quickly thanks to a joint federal-provincial investment of \$110 million. Together with local government contributions, the total investment in local infrastructure improvements in British Columbia during this first intake exceeds \$175 million. The governments of Canada and British Columbia have taken steps to get shovels in the ground and to flow money faster for targeted infrastructure projects in British Columbia communities in the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons.

For more information on the Building Canada plan, visit www.buildingcanada.gc.ca or www.bcbuildingcanadafundcommunities.ca/.

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