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## **SIDNEY PROJECT MEANS A BETTER WASTEWATER SYSTEM**

SIDNEY – Residents of Sidney, as well as the surrounding ocean environment, will benefit from a joint federal-provincial investment of nearly \$177,000 to upgrade their wastewater system.

“This project is just one example of the commitment of both governments to strengthen the economy by reducing red tape, creating jobs and getting shovels in the ground sooner,” said the Honourable Gary Lunn, MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands and Minister responsible for Sport. “The new gravity sewer main will be a key upgrade to Sidney’s infrastructure.”

This Building Canada project, with a total cost of \$265,000, includes the installation of a new sanitary sewer, pump station works, restoration works and utility crossings.

“This project will prevent the possibility of untreated wastewater flowing into Mermaid Canal and Roberts Bay,” said Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell. “Implementing this environmentally sustainable project will also mean reliable infrastructure for the town of Sidney. Our government is happy to be a partner in getting British Columbians to work.”

“Decommissioning the Fifth Street pump station and directing flows by gravity to the recently upgraded Amelia sanitary sewer pump station will be of great benefit to our community,” said Acting Mayor Cliff McNeil-Smith. “Not only will it remove the costs of operating and maintaining the pump station from our budget, it will also eliminate odours and noise disruption in this residential area.”

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](http://www.buildingcanada.gc.ca) or [www.bcbuildingcanadafundcommunities.ca/](http://www.bcbuildingcanadafundcommunities.ca/)

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