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\$1M TO IMPROVE HORSE LAKE AND CANIM LAKE WATER

VICTORIA – Residents of Horse Lake and Canim Lake will benefit from a joint federal-provincial investment of over \$1 million, going to the Cariboo Regional District, to upgrade water systems.

“These projects reflect the commitment of both the federal government and the government of British Columbia to meet infrastructure needs, help stimulate the economy and support economic growth,” said Cathy McLeod, MP for Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo.

“The government of B.C. is proud to be part of these vital infrastructure projects,” said Kevin Krueger, Minister of Community Development. “With these improvements, the communities are poised to generate opportunities for the health and prosperity of residents of Horse Lake and Canim Lake.”

The Horse Lake project will replace the existing water system with one that complies with the Drinking Water Protection Act. The Cariboo Regional District will build a new well and a new pump house, install a chlorination system, decommission the two existing wells, and build a new reservoir. Parts of the water main will also be replaced in order to improve the water flow for firefighting.

The Canim Lake water system was constructed in 1974 as a private utility. The system improvements are necessary for the Cariboo Regional District to assume ownership of the water system. Planned improvements include installing a back-up submersible pump and motor, pump house, chlorination system, and reservoir roof replacement.

“These projects will significantly improve the quality of drinking water for these communities. They also will improve watershed and groundwater management, while increasing the service reliability of water treatment and distribution facilities,” said Al Richmond, chair of the Cariboo Regional District.

It is estimated the investment in these communities will result in 16 direct and indirect jobs.

These projects are two 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.

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