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FUNDING TO IMPROVE FAULDER WATER QUALITY

FAULDER – The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is getting \$610,000 in Building Canada funding from the federal and provincial governments to improve water quality for the residents of Faulder, including removing uranium from the water source. This project is just one example of the commitment of both governments to strengthen the British Columbia economy by reducing red tape, creating jobs and getting shovels in the ground sooner.

“We are teaming up with the B.C. government and local governments to deliver results to British Columbians,” said Okanagan-Coquihalla MP Stockwell Day. “The investments under this program demonstrate the Government of Canada’s commitment to use infrastructure to boost our economy.”

“The construction of a water treatment facility is great news for the residents of Faulder,” said Okanagan-Westside MLA Rick Thorpe. “It is through collaborative infrastructure projects like this, thanks to the Building Canada Plan, we are able to provide the vital infrastructure needed for communities to thrive and grow.”

This funding will allow the regional district to construct a treatment facility to remove uranium and will support the construction of a new well or the redevelopment of an existing well. Faulder is currently experiencing uranium levels that exceed the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality and a declining aquifer.

“This funding will help reduce the stress and uncertainty caused by problems with the existing Faulder water system,” said Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District Area F Director Michael Brydon. “I am sure it is gratifying for Faulder residents to know that their small water system has not been forgotten by senior levels of government and that a solution is now within their reach.”

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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