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## **WEST KELOWNA RECEIVES \$6M FOR SEWER EXTENSION**

WEST KELOWNA – Close to 1,000 West Kelowna households will be connected to municipal sewer services thanks to a federal-provincial investment of \$6 million through the Building Canada Fund. 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.”

“This collaborative project through the Building Canada Plan is great news for residents in the new West Kelowna municipality,” said Okanagan-Westside MLA Rick Thorpe. “This project will control the impact of wastewater on the environment by connecting the community to the municipal sewer system, ensuring the capacity for continued sustainable growth and development for the district.”

The multi-phase project includes extending the municipal sewer to approximately 960 households in West Kelowna, which has taken over sewer services from the Regional District of Central Okanagan. Existing on-site septic systems are reaching the end of their useful lives, and untreated effluent is likely impacting drinking water and sensitive spawning areas.

“West Kelowna Council is tremendously grateful to MLA Rick Thorpe and MP Stockwell Day for the work they did on our behalf to ensure our community received this important funding,” said District of West Kelowna Mayor Doug Findlater. “We applied for funding for our much-needed sewer servicing project and now, thanks to this grant, the costs to residents can be cut significantly. It is of great comfort to the district that the Province of B.C. and the federal government of Canada are following through with commitments to help municipalities with infrastructure funding like this.”

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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