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NEW FUNDING FOR POUCE COUPE SEWAGE TREATMENT LAGOON

POUCE COUPE – Residents of Pouce Coupe will benefit from a joint federal-provincial investment of nearly \$175,000 to reinforce a section of the town’s sewage treatment lagoon. 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.

“Today’s announcement demonstrates our commitment to working with all levels of government to accelerate much-needed infrastructure investments in our local communities, create jobs and improve our quality of life,” said Prince George-Peace River MP Jay Hill.

“Berm stabilization is a key infrastructure improvement, ensuring that raw sewage doesn’t leak into the river,” said Peace River South MLA Blair Lekstrom. “By making these improvements, we are ensuring the ongoing health of the community and the environment in a timely, cost-effective way.”

This Building Canada project will involve clearing and grubbing the proposed site, placing structural components including geotextile cloth, rock and gravel, and monitoring the slope for erosion.

“We are very appreciative of the partnership we have with the three levels of government to make this possible today,” said Pouce Coupe Mayor Lyman Clark. “This contribution will enable us to complete this project in order to ensure that our residents will benefit from this upgrade.”

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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