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SEWER EXTENSION TO BENEFIT STRATHCONA R.D.

CAMPBELL RIVER – Residents of the Strathcona Regional District will benefit from a joint federal-provincial investment of \$3.4 million to extend the sewer collection system into the northern section of Electoral Area “D”.

“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,” said Vancouver Island North MP John Duncan.

“Extending the region’s sewer collection system is a practical, forward-thinking move, which we are proud to support,” said Health Services Minister George Abbott, on behalf of Minister of Community Development Kevin Krueger. “By reducing reliance on septic systems, the community will be able to eliminate sewage impacts on the environment and better manage public health risks.”

This Building Canada funding will go towards the first phase of a larger project within the Strathcona Regional District which will ultimately provide sewer collection for all of Electoral Area “D”. Through this project, Campbell River’s sewer collection system will extend to approximately 172 properties that currently rely on septic systems. Funding will make possible installation of two pump stations, more than 4,000 metres of gravity main, and 177 metres of force main to the sewer system. It is estimated the investment will result in 51 direct and indirect jobs.

“This is great timing for the regional district, as it provides an opportunity for multi-levels of government to move forward towards economic growth,” said Craig Anderson, chair of the Strathcona Regional District. “This is an example of local governments as well as the regional districts, provincial and federal governments working in partnership for the mutual benefit of all while addressing environmental, social and economic issues.”

This project is one of 41 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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