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### **\$1M FOR ECO-FRIENDLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN MCBRIDE**

MCBRIDE – The Village of McBride’s vision of eco-friendly wastewater treatment is getting a funding boost, thanks to a federal-provincial investment of more than \$1 million. The project is anticipated to create an estimated 15 direct and indirect jobs.

“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 Prince George-Peace River MP Jay Hill.

“Projects like this that reduce our impact on the environment while stimulating the local economy through job creation are win-wins for everyone,” said Prince George-Mount Robson MLA Shirley Bond. “For McBride, this is just the beginning of an exciting multi-phase upgrade that will reduce wastewater impacts on the Fraser River and allow the community to manage its wastewater in a sustainable way. I know how much work has gone into the development of this proposal and am thrilled to deliver the Province’s share of \$517,000.”

This funding will support the first phase of a project that includes the construction of a wetland and effluent-irrigated community woodlot to improve wastewater treatment. This phase will increase sewage treatment capacity and reduce wastewater flows to the Fraser River by providing a second sewage lagoon and new sewer mains.

“I would like to thank the Province and the federal government for showing our small communities in need that we are important places on the map,” said Mayor Mike Frazier. “This funding is going to make a significant difference to the residents of McBride. A special thanks to our MLA, Shirley Bond, for always representing the Valley and helping better the lives of families in McBride.”

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.

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