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## **\$2.2 M FUNDING TO IMPROVE QUALICUM BEACH WATER SUPPLY**

QUALICUM BEACH – A major upgrade to the water supply in Qualicum Beach, thanks to combined federal-provincial contribution of over \$2.2 million, means the town is poised for future growth with a reliable water system. 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.

“This project is yet another example of the commitment that the federal and provincial governments have made to ensure the British Columbia economy will persevere in light of this economic downturn,” said Nanaimo-Alberni MP James Lunney. “Investing in priority infrastructure projects, like the Berwick Water Supply renewal upgrade, is vital to enhancing clean and safe water delivery to the people of Qualicum Beach. The federal and provincial governments are focused on working with communities to create jobs and stimulate growth in our local economy. The Building Canada Infrastructure Plan is one way to ensure this goal will be met.”

“This is a critical improvement to Qualicum Beach’s water system that will ensure a safe, secure supply for decades to come,” said Nanaimo-Parksville MLA Ron Cantelon. “By working together, we can help communities – large and small, urban and rural – achieve their visions for the future.”

The Berwick Water Supply upgrade project, funded through Building Canada, will provide an estimated 34 direct and indirect jobs and will revitalize the ageing infrastructure that now supplies one-third of the Town of Qualicum Beach’s drinking water. The two existing reservoirs will be replaced with one larger reinforced concrete reservoir, and four wellheads at the Berwick well fields will be replaced, as will the pump station.

“We are thrilled to partner with the provincial and federal governments to undertake this infrastructure renewal project supporting our Official Community Plan. I would like to thank our past and current council for their support for this project which will improve our water quality, assist with the Province’s energy conservation initiative, and address the long-term safety and post-disaster viability of our water supply,” said Mayor Westbroek. “Koers Engineering and our staff are to be commended for their diligent and conscientious efforts in presenting the grant application. I want to express my sincere appreciation to MLA Ron Cantelon for his important role in advancing the single most important aspect of our infrastructure needs; his support for the application is invaluable.”

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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