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### **\$3.5 MILLION TO REBUILD 4TH STREET IN VANDERHOOF**

VANDERHOOF – Residents of Vanderhoof will benefit from joint federal and provincial funding of \$3.5 million to upgrade 4th Street, announced today by Cariboo-Prince George MP Dick Harris and Prince George-Omineca MLA John Rustad. This project is just one example of the commitment of both governments to strengthening the British Columbia economy by reducing red tape, creating jobs, and getting shovels in the ground sooner.

“This is a much needed infrastructure project for the District of Vanderhoof. It clearly demonstrates the commitment of our federal government to develop economic stimulus and create much needed jobs during these financially challenging times,” said Harris. “As the Member of Parliament for Cariboo-Prince George, I am pleased to deliver this funding to help Vanderhoof and other communities in my riding see a boost to their economy.”

“This announcement is part of the Province’s commitment to work in partnership with all levels of government to stimulate the economy and support continued economic growth,” said Rustad. “This project will improve safety and mobility for Vanderhoof residents as well as enhancing the public services we all depend on in our day-to-day lives.”

4th Street between Nechako Avenue and Highway 16 will be reconstructed to improve mobility for vehicle traffic. The addition of sidewalks along 4th Street will increase pedestrian safety and encourage alternate modes of transportation. In addition, underlying services will be improved to enhance community infrastructure.

This project will improve transportation efficiency and enhance services, and is expected to create over 50 jobs, at a time when the need for economic stimulus is greatest.

The governments of Canada and British Columbia will each invest up to \$1,759,933 in the project. The District of Vanderhoof will contribute the balance of the remaining project costs.

“Vanderhoof would like to thank the federal and provincial governments for their commitment to this very important street in our community,” said Vanderhoof Mayor Gerry Thiessen. “The 4th Street upgrade is giving us another main arterial street, increased safety for school children and a solution for failing services in this section of Vanderhoof.”

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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