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# Canada, B.C. Partner to invest in Flood Mitigation

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Vancouver, British Columbia

Communities throughout British Columbia will benefit from greater flood protection thanks to a joint investment of nearly \$8.8 million by the governments of Canada and British Columbia.

The announcement, made today by the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and B.C. Public Safety Minister and Solicitor General Rich Coleman, is aimed at helping communities meet their pressing infrastructure needs, create jobs, and support continued economic growth.

"The Government of Canada is committed to strengthening our communities and protecting Canadians," said Minister Strahl. "We know that by investing in flood mitigation measures, we are delivering on our commitment to provide greater safety for residents, as well as significant economic benefits for British Columbia."

Funding is targeted toward 13 flood mitigation projects, which range from erosion protection near Prince George to river dike upgrades in Creston. Flood protection projects were selected based on local government or dike authority applications that offered cost-effective solutions for areas at risk.

"Through this funding partnership, we are working together with all levels of government to reduce the flood risk in communities throughout British Columbia," said Minister Coleman. "These projects will not only provide critical flood protection for the public they will also help protect the businesses and industries that provide jobs for British Columbians."

The federal and provincial governments are providing up to two-thirds of the funding for eligible project costs, with local governments and diking authorities covering the remainder of project funding. These investments are being delivered through two important programs.

In 2008, the provincial and the federal governments each allocated \$136 million to the Communities Component of the Building Canada Fund (BCF-CC), to support local government infrastructure projects in communities with a population of less than 100,000 people. Of this funding, \$25 million was allocated to accommodate flood mitigation projects selected through the Provincial Flood Protection Program.

The Provincial-Territorial Base Fund (PT Base Fund) is part of the Building Canada plan and provides \$175 million to each province and territory to address core infrastructure priorities such as water, waste water, green energy, regional and community airports, and safe roads. Under this program, federal funding flows based on approved provincial/territorial Capital Plans and not individual initiatives.

For more information on these funding programs, visit



Minister Chuck Strahl announces funding for 13 flood mitigation projects in British Columbia.

<http://www.bcbuildingcanadafundcommunities.ca/> and <http://www.creatingjobs.gc.ca/>.

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## Backgrounder

### Building Canada Plan Communities Component - Flood Mitigation

Name of Applicant / Project Title	Total Eligible Costs	Federal and Provincial Share
Reclamation Diking District - Kootenay River Dike Upgrades	\$477,180	\$318,120
Corporation of Delta- Boundary Bay Dike Protection - Beharrel Pump Station Area	\$515,000	\$343,332
Corporation of Delta- Boundary Bay Dike Protection - Between 96 <sup>th</sup> Street and 104 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$600,000	\$400,000
Corporation of Delta- Boundary Bay Dike Protection - Oliver Pump Station Area	\$600,000	\$400,000
Town of Lake Cowichan - Flood Protection for Sewage Lift Station	\$230, 200	\$153,466
District of Mission - Dike Improvements - Harbour Avenue	\$813,610	\$542,406
District of North Cowichan - Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Protection	\$4,153,047	\$2,768,698
Pemberton Valley Diking District - Pemberton Creek Dike Culvert Replacement	\$118,980	\$79, 320

City of Prince George - Cottonwood Island Flood Relief Side Channel Erosion Protection	\$99,919	\$66,612
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**Building Canada Plan  
Provincial – Territorial Base Fund – Flood Mitigation**

Name of Initiative	Total Eligible Costs	Federal and Provincial Share
City of Abbotsford -Barrowtown Pump Stations Electrical and Control Systems Upgrades	\$338,000	\$225,334
City of Burnaby - Fraser River Foreshore Dike – Reach 7	\$1,033,000	\$688,666
City of Richmond - No. 3 Road South Drainage Pump Station Screens Upgrade	\$450,000	\$300,000
Ministry of Environment - Testalinden Floodway Construction	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

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