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**CANADA AND B.C. INVEST IN IMPROVED ROADS
FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANMORE**

ANMORE – The Village of Anmore has received \$1.5 million in federal and provincial funding to improve road access to the community and the nearby Buntzen Lake Recreational area. The funding comes from the Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CBCMRIF), and was announced today by James Moore, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and Vancouver-Whistler Olympics on behalf of the Honourable Rona Ambrose, President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification, and Port Moody-Westwood MLA Iain Black.

“Canada’s New Government is getting things done for the people of Anmore,” said Moore. “This \$1.5-million investment in federal and provincial funding for the reconstruction of East Road will ensure the community of Anmore has a safe, reliable and efficient transportation route.”

The grant will allow the Village of Anmore to reconstruct about 1.3 km of East Road from Lanson Crescent to the 2500 block of East Road. This road improvement will provide reliable and efficient access to the Village of Anmore and the nearby Buntzen Lake recreational area, which sees 700,000 park visitors each year.

“I’m very pleased that the focus and coordinated efforts over the last two years of Mr. Moore, Mayor Hal Weinberg and I have reached such a highly successful conclusion,” said Black. “The community of Anmore has been well served by its mayor and council in keeping this a focus for me personally and the results will benefit families across the tri-cities who enjoy Buntzen Lake.”

“This support is greatly appreciated by the residents of Anmore, and also by the very large number of residents in Metro Vancouver of the Lower Mainland who use the magnificent B.C. Hydro Buntzen Lake recreational park,” said the mayor of Anmore Hal Weinberg. “Iain Black and James Moore have been instrumental in the support of this project and we wish to thank them for that effort.”

Under the initial CBCMRIF Agreement signed in June 2006, the federal and provincial governments each committed \$51 million to the fund, with participating local governments expected to make up the remaining costs. This year, Canada’s New Government and the Province of B.C. have each provided an additional \$23.5 million to the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund as part of their commitment to help smaller communities meet their pressing infrastructure needs. This additional funding brings the total federal and provincial investment and matching local government contribution in CBCMRIF projects to over \$220 million.

The majority of the funding is targeted towards communities of fewer than 250,000 people and at least 60 per cent of the funding will assist with “green projects” such as drinking water supply, treatment and distribution needs as well as wastewater and energy efficiency projects. The remaining funds will be dedicated to other projects like tourism, recreation and other infrastructure.

More details on the program are available through the Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund website at www.canadabcmrif.ca.

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