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\$1.6 MILLION FOR NEW WASTEWATER SYSTEM IN SUMMIT LAKE

SUMMIT LAKE – There will be a new community wastewater system in Summit Lake thanks to more than \$1.6 million in combined federal and provincial funding to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. The Honourable Jay Hill, Secretary of State and Chief Government Whip, and Pat Bell, MLA Prince George North and Minister of Agriculture and Lands, announced the funding through the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CBCMRIF) today.

“This new community sewer system for Summit Lake will help protect the environment while providing residents with a safe and reliable wastewater system,” said Hill, 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. “The Government of Canada is proud to partner with the Province of British Columbia to help communities become vibrant and productive places to live, work and raise families.”

The funding will help the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George construct a sewer system that will improve wastewater treatment and protect Summit Lake from environmental damage. This project is conditionally approved pending the successful completion of an environmental assessment.

“This has been a priority for me for four years. We have had a series of meetings at Summit Lake and the importance for this project is reflected by today’s commitment,” said Bell. “I want to congratulate all of the residents for their willingness to think outside the box to create a solution that will improve the water quality in the lake.”

“This is great news for the people who live on Tallus Road and in the community of Summit Lake,” said Terry Burgess, Area G Director for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. “More importantly, this is a new day for the health of Summit Lake itself. By removing the chance of effluent getting into the water we’ll improve our environment.”

The total amount available from the CBCMRIF, with federal and provincial investment and matching local government contribution in projects, is 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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