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\$1.2 MILLION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN ENDERBY

ENDERBY – Local roads will be improved in the City of Enderby, thanks to an investment of more than \$1.2 million from the federal and provincial governments. The funding is provided through the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CBCMRIF), which enables communities across B.C. to become healthier, greener and more sustainable places to live.

The announcement was made today by Colin Mayes, MP for Okanagan-Shuswap, and George Abbott, MLA for Shuswap and Minister of Health.

“These road improvements will offer Enderby residents safer transportation to and from downtown and encourage commuters to use alternate modes of transportation,” said Mayes, 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. “Our government is proud to make lasting infrastructure investments that result in improved commuter safety for Enderby’s growing community.”

“This project supports our government’s goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging the use of alternative transportation such as cycling and walking,” said Abbott. “This will make a tremendous difference to the health and sustainability of the community.”

The Enderby area is experiencing rapid growth, placing pressure on local transportation systems. By widening 1.8 kilometres of roadways, installing a traffic roundabout and adding sidewalks and cycling lanes, more than 1,000 vehicles each day will have a safer and more efficient commute. The project will also greatly improve bike and pedestrian safety.

“Without the financial support of the federal and provincial governments, it would take the City of Enderby many years to begin an infrastructure project of this magnitude,” said Mayor Sue Phillips. “We are very grateful for the funding, which will enable us to improve our roadways and make them safer for our residents.”

The majority of the program funding from the CBCMRIF, which was launched in June 2006, supports communities of fewer than 250,000 people in minimizing the costs to taxpayers of local infrastructure upgrades or new construction projects.

At least 60 per cent of the funding will assist with “green projects” that are geared towards enhancing environmental sustainability, such as water and waste-water systems, public transit and environmental energy improvements. Other infrastructure projects will support local roads, cultural and recreational facilities, tourism and broadband connectivity. Funding for this project is conditionally approved pending the successful completion of an environmental assessment.

The total amount available through the CBCMRIF, with federal and provincial investments and matching local government contribution, is over \$220 million. More details on the program are available through the CBCMRIF website at www.canadabcmrif.ca.

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