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Better drinking water treatment coming to Town of Eastend

Town of Eastend, Saskatchewan, August 25, 2017— Investing in local water infrastructure provides Canadians and their families with access to modern reliable drinking water services and helps build healthy and secure communities for future generations.

Today, the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan announced funding to upgrade the Town of Eastend's water treatment facility. The work includes expanding the existing building over a new underground water storage reservoir, improving water treatment, developing and rehabilitating groundwater wells, and installing new raw water supply mains. This project will support the Town's economic growth and development, improve the quality of drinking water and help protect local waterways and ecosystems for years to come.

The governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are each contributing more than \$2.1 million to this project through the New Building Canada Fund's Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component— National and Regional Projects, representing nearly two-thirds of the estimated \$7 million total project cost. The Town of Eastend will be responsible for all remaining costs.

Quotes

"Solid infrastructure is the foundation of the Canada we want to build for tomorrow. The Town of Eastend is a hub for health, education, recreation, and cultural services in the region and I'm proud that the Government of Canada is investing in bringing even better amenities to residents. Upgrading the water treatment plant will not only help safeguard public health, but preserve the environment and lay important groundwork for future community development."

*The Honourable Ralph Goodale,
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of
Infrastructure and Communities*

"The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to invest more than \$2.1 million toward this important project that enhances core infrastructure for Eastend. Once work is completed and the new water treatment system is fully operational, it will contribute to improving the quality of life for the community and help keep our great province strong."

*The Honourable Donna Harpauer,
Minister of Government Relations*

"Thanks to funding from the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, the Town of Eastend can keep moving forward on this important infrastructure project for our community, which will improve the quality of our drinking water, along with the efficiency and service reliability of our water treatment facilities."

*His Worship Jesse Gordon,
Mayor of the Town of Eastend*

Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada will invest more than \$180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation routes, and Canada's rural and northern communities.
- \$21.9 billion of this funding will support green infrastructure projects, including \$5 billion that will be available for investment through the Canada Infrastructure Bank.

Associated links

Government of Canada's \$180-billion+ infrastructure plan in Budget 2017:
<http://www.budget.gc.ca/2017/docs/plan/chap-02-en.html#Toc477707375>

Federal infrastructure investments in Saskatchewan: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/map-carte/sk-eng.html>

Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component—National and Regional Projects (PTIC-NRP):
<http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nrp-pnr-prog-eng.html>

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