

Backgrounder

Prince Albert and Northern Saskatchewan Infrastructure Projects - Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF)

City of Prince Albert – 4th Ave. W. Storm Sewer Twinning *

MRIF funding: \$727,572; Project cost: \$1,455,146

This project involves twinning the existing storm sewer to meet demands during heavy rainfalls. This means that wider piping will be installed from 28th Street to 24th Street and from 24th Street to 20th Street. The additional piping will run parallel with the existing storm system while pipes will be installed between the two to let water enter the new sewer as soon as surcharging begins.

Town of Big River – Lagoon Expansion

MRIF funding: \$500,000; Project cost: \$1,029,250

The Town of Big River's new water treatment plant is expected to start operating in the fall of 2007. Now the town needs to expand its lagoon to handle processed wastewater from the new plant and to ensure effluent is retained for the required length of treatment time. The lagoon project should be completed by the fall of 2008.

Town of Birch Hills – Drinking Water Treatment Systems

MRIF funding: \$500,000; Project cost \$1,463,000

The town's increasing population has increased demand on its water treatment system. This project involves upgrading the town's water treatment capacity, which will help meet demand for 20 to 30 years.

R.M. of Canwood – Primary Grid Road Clay Reconstruction

MRIF funding: \$168,476; Project cost: \$336,960

This project involves clay capping a section of Grid 695. This road links Highway 55 at Debden, and Highway 3 and 12 at Shell Lake. It also serves two First Nations and local resort areas, and reduces distances travelled by agricultural and commercial operators.

Village of Dorintosh – Water System Upgrade *

MRIF funding: \$15,000; Project funding: \$30,000

This project involves a complete upgrade of the village's water system from the water plant to the meters on the houses. Seventy households in the community will have improved water quality as a result of the upgrade.

Île à la Crosse – Water Treatment Plant Upgrade**MRIF funding: \$1,400,000; Project cost: \$2,100,000**

The Île à la Crosse water system upgrade is a three-phase project. A new water reservoir was built in the first phase. This is the second and third phase, which will complete the upgrades to the water system. The second phase involves constructing a new building to house the water treatment plant equipment and several upgrades to the system. The third phase involves investigations and work related to the raw water supply, water lines and infiltration wells.

Town of Kinistino – Replace Main Sewage Pumps at Lagoon ***MRIF funding: \$30,000; Project cost \$60,000**

This project involves replacing the original 46-year-old main sewage pumps, which now run under capacity. All of the town's sewage enters this location and is pumped into the effluent system.

R.M. of Lakeland – Reconstruct Southshore Dr.**MRIF funding: \$451,576; Project funding: \$903,154**

This project involves reconstructing 2.7 kms of road to benefit hundreds of residential property owners in the hamlets of Ambrose, Neis, Sunset Bay and Sunnyside at Emma Lake. The reconstruction will increase traffic and pedestrian safety and address increased weight loads.

Northern Village of La Loche – Sewage Lagoon Expansion**MRIF funding: \$2,600,000; Project cost: \$4,000,000**

The village will expand its lagoon to meet provincial design criteria. The expansion will ensure adequate capacity for the community's existing population and future growth. The project involves building a new secondary cell and adding perimeter fencing.

R.M. of Loon Lake – Culvert Replacement Project**MRIF funding: \$189,924; Project cost: \$379,850**

This project involves replacing a 10-year-old collapsed and blocked culvert on Primary Grid Rd. No. 699 with a bridge. The grid serves the Village of Loon Lake and two First Nations communities. The bridge will have lower maintenance costs and a life expectancy of 50 years.

Town of Meadow Lake – Booster Station Upgrade and Water Main Extension**MRIF funding: \$209,000; Project cost: \$418,000**

The booster station upgrade will provide enough pressure to service new homes on the south end of the Town of Meadow Lake and provide enough pressure for any new lots developed there. New pumps, a chlorine booster and water main looping are included in the project.

City of Melfort – Main Sewage Lift Station and Pumping Upgrade**MRIF funding: \$866,800; Project cost: \$1,733,600**

This project involves building an upgraded main sewage pumping station at McDonald Ave. and Star City Rd. next to the existing station, as well as 900 metres of a new force main to the lagoon north of the City of Melfort. This will help reduce the current risk of contamination to the environment and to downstream users.

Town of Shellbrook – Sewer Line Replacement *

MRIF funding: \$412,000; Project cost: \$824,000

This project involves replacing the sewer line on Second Ave. East from Main St. to Third St. East to replace outdated lines in poor condition. The upgrade will address health and environmental concerns caused by the 50-year-old lines.

R.M. of Shellbrook – Primary Grid Upgrade

MRIF funding: \$85,554; Project cost: \$171,110

This project involves upgrading a road that is the main access to the south gate of Prince Albert. It is also used by agricultural and forestry traffic. The upgrade will improve traffic safety on the road.

Total MRIF funding: \$8,155,902

Total project costs: \$14,904,070

**** Project is exempt from environmental assessment. Approval of all other projects is conditional upon receiving a favourable environmental assessment.***