

Backgrounder

Swift Current and Area Infrastructure Projects – Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF)

City of Swift Current – Water Treatment Plant Upgrades *

MRIF funding: \$1,000,000; Project cost: \$7,553,062

The City of Swift Current is upgrading its water treatment plant by adding an ultraviolet light disinfection system, implementing membrane filtration and addressing turbidity or discoloration by adding a DAF or Actiflo system.

Town of Assiniboia – Water Supply Main Replacement and Equipment Upgrades

MRIF funding: \$500,000; Project cost: \$3,002,755

This project involves replacing a line between storage reservoirs as well as adding pumping capacity to improve current and future water supply demands. New treatment equipment will also be installed that will improve water quality.

R.M. of Carmichael – Truck Route

MRIF funding: \$325,750; Project cost: \$651,500

The R.M. of Carmichael is reconstructing a road northeast of Grid Road 633 to meet primary grid standards and to establish a truck route. By rebuilding this section of road, the R.M. of Carmichael will have a primary weight truck route that will be accessible during spring.

R.M. of Coulee – Grid Reconstruction

MRIF funding: \$260,524; Project cost: \$521,051

The R.M. of Coulee is reconstructing a strategic road south of Hallonquist to make it safer and compatible with the R.M.'s existing road network.

Town of Eston – Main Street Upgrade

MRIF funding: \$168,950; Project cost: \$337,900

The Town of Eston is repaving its Main Street from Highway 44 to Seventh Ave. South and the 100 blocks on First Ave. South and Second Ave. South. In conjunction with the pavement repairs, handicap access points at each intersection will be added or improved.

Town of Rockglen – Water Treatment Plant Construction

MRIF funding: \$280,874; Project cost: \$561,750

The Town of Rockglen is upgrading its water treatment plant by replacing two filters, adding an additional filter and installing ultraviolet disinfection equipment and potassium permanganate feeders.

Village of Rush Lake – Reverse Osmosis System *

MRIF funding: \$6,720; Project cost: \$13,441

This project involves installing a reverse osmosis system to provide residents of Rush Lake with safer drinking water. This upgrade will require building an extension on to the current water treatment plant to protect the system from the elements and to control access.

Town of Gravelbourg – Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

MRIF funding: \$500,000; Project cost: \$3,030,000

The Town of Gravelbourg is upgrading its water treatment plant to ensure the treated water will meet new water quality standards after 2008.

R.M. of Mankota – Road Construction

MRIF funding: \$149,404; Project cost: \$298,807

The R.M. is rebuilding the McCord North primary grid road that was last rebuilt in 1983.

R.M. of Old Post – Road Reconstruction

MRIF funding: \$650,000; Project cost: \$2,492,794

The project involves rebuilding a 23.5 km portion of the Old Scout Lake Rd., which is currently a dirt road. The upgraded road will support the White Mud Resources Mine site, which will utilize heavy haul trucking for delivering products. This road will ensure that heavy haul traffic is not in contact with local traffic on primary roads, which will keep the municipal road system safe. The road is expected to be built in Fall 2007.

R.M. of Piapot – Smith Road Reconstruction

MRIF funding: \$185,968; Project cost: \$371,937

This project will complete the reconstruction of Smith Rd., which provides a valuable link to gas field traffic from Highway 21 and Highway 1.

R.M. of Swift Current – Rhineland Grid Road Reconstruction

MRIF funding: \$500,000; Project cost: \$1,154,516

The R.M. of Swift Current is reconstructing the Rhineland Grid Road, which is a major grain and industry haul route within the municipality. The Rhineland Grid was last rebuilt in 1970 and requires reconstruction to remove rock protrusions from its surface.

Thomson Lake Regional Park – Lagoon Upgrade

MRIF funding: \$111,800; Project cost: \$223,600

Thomson Lake Regional Park is building a new primary lagoon cell that will be four times the size of the current primary cell. It will be lined with high-density polyethylene to prevent contamination caused by seepage into the soil below and will include an overflow drain line to an adjacent slough.

R.M. of Victory – Bridge Hill Intersection

MRIF funding: \$68,672; Project cost: \$137,344

The R.M. of Victory is correcting a blind intersection on a grid road near Highway 342 to improve safety. This is the highest traffic large truck route in the municipality and has been the site of a number of serious accidents.

R.M. of Webb – Road Reconstruction

MRIF funding: \$225,986; Project cost: \$451,975

The R.M. of Webb is reconstructing and extending a major artery road that services the R.M., the Hamlet of Simmie, the Resort of Fergusson Bay and a nearby cabin resort.

Total MRIF funding: \$4,934,648

Total project costs: \$20,802,432

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