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## **IMPROVING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Canada and Saskatchewan are working together to create jobs and boost the economy, while making significant investments that help communities improve their infrastructure.

The Government of Canada will consider the construction of a flood control project in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan as a priority for infrastructure funding. The Government of Canada is setting aside up to one-third of total eligible costs, to a maximum federal contribution of \$2,525,852 under the Building Canada Fund Major Infrastructure Component. The Government of Saskatchewan and the City of Saskatoon are other key partners and have committed to providing funding in support of this project. The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$7,750,000.

The City of Saskatoon is proposing the construction of a flood control project including a series of sanitary sewer “superpipes” which will reduce the risk of basement flooding in neighbourhoods that experienced wastewater overflows from the severe rain events in 2005 and 2007. The superpipes will also capture excess wastewater effluent that would normally overwhelm the treatment facilities resulting in overflow into the South Saskatchewan River. These projects will reduce the incidents of basement flooding and reduce the volume and incidents of discharge or untreated wastewater effluent.

Federal funding is conditional on the project meeting all of the requirements under the Building Canada Fund and the signing of a contribution agreement for the project

To date, the Government of Canada has committed significant funding to infrastructure projects throughout the province under the Building Canada Fund. Previously announced projects include the Melville Multiplex, the Estevan Civic Events Centre, and the Highway 11 twinning project.

