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## **CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCE 15 NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, the federal government has established a new \$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) that provides funding to provincial, territorial and municipal construction-ready infrastructure projects.

Funding is available for projects that can be completed by March 31, 2011. This initiative is structured to flow funding and get shovels in the ground quickly.

On January 29, 2010, the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan announced 15 new infrastructure projects worth \$45.8 million in funding. The federal portion of this funding, which amounts to more than \$19.8 million, comes from the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund. The Government of Saskatchewan is setting aside more than \$16.4 million. The rest of the funding is being provided by municipal governments.

The projects are as follows:

### Highway Infrastructure

- Highway 1 Rush Lake to 2 km West of Waldeck
- Highway 4 Helene Lake Access to 11.5 km N of Turtle Lake Access and 15 km N of Alcott Creek to 10 km South of Jct. 304
- Highway 33 6.5 km East of Osage to Tyvan Access
- Highway 35 from Jct. Hwy. 349 to N of Barrier River, km 0.0 to 15.6
- Highway 39 Weyburn to North-west of McTaggart, km 0.0 to 16.4

### Local Roads Infrastructure

- Briarwood Road Rehabilitation (Saskatoon)\*
- Ultra Thin Overlay treatment for 33rd St. and Confederation Dr. (Saskatoon)\*
- Greystone Gravel Lane Rehabilitation (Saskatoon)\*
- Road Construction - Hotmix surfacing on Project No. 405, Class 4 Municipal Road, in the Rural Municipality of Sherwood No. 159

- Road Construction - Hotmix surfacing on Project No. 153 & 151, Class 4 Municipal Road, Grid # 675 in the Rural Municipality of Hillsdale No. 440
- Road Construction - Hotmix surfacing on Project No. 101 and 102, Class 4 Municipal Road #601, in the Rural Municipality of Reciprocity No. 32
- Bridge Replacement over Shell Brook (locally known as the Shell River) in the RM of Shellbrook No. 493

#### Water/Wastewater infrastructure

- McCarthy Pump Station Upgrades (Regina)\*
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Forcemain (Regina)\*
- Wastewater Treatment Plant New Waterline (Regina)\*

Taking into account the funding being announced, since the launch of the Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada has committed a total of \$116 million towards 150 projects in Saskatchewan under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

As an example, in North Battleford, in September of last year, we announced federal funding of \$12.6 million for a total of 43 shovel-ready projects throughout the province.

\* Projects receiving federal and municipal funding only.