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Twenty Southern Alberta Communities Benefit From \$12 Million Infrastructure Investment

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta – Albertans will see another \$12 million directed towards 25 infrastructure projects recently approved through the Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program (ICAP). These projects will benefit 20 communities across southern Alberta by modernizing water and wastewater systems, developing cultural and recreational facilities, enhancing infrastructure supporting tourism, improving local transportation infrastructure and retrofitting municipal buildings.

Allan Rock, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Infrastructure, together with Bryce Jacobs, MLA for Cardston-Taber-Warner on behalf of Ed Stelmach, Alberta Transportation Minister, and Senator Joyce Fairbairn made the announcement today.

“Healthy, economically viable communities depend on balanced infrastructure planning – planning that includes culture and recreation in addition to roads and water and sewer systems,” said Minister Allan Rock. “All the projects announced today meet our goal of improving the quality of life in Alberta through investments that not only protect the environment, but will help retain and enhance the wonderful qualities that make it so great to live in Alberta.”

“The Government of Alberta is committed to providing quality infrastructure in our communities,” said Bryce Jacobs, MLA. “ICAP is grassroots-driven and responds to the infrastructure priorities identified by each community. Municipalities are also represented as full and equal partners on the program’s management committee.”

“I congratulate the municipalities on these initiatives,” said Senator Joyce Fairbairn. “These investments will be returned tenfold by enhancing and promoting the Albertan way of life for residents and visitors alike.”

To date, 480 projects worth \$383.4 million have been announced in Alberta under the program. Over the program’s life, ICAP will help direct at least \$508 million in federal, provincial and municipal funding towards municipal water and wastewater systems, municipal roads, bridges and transit, affordable housing, solid waste disposal and recycling, tourism, cultural or recreation facilities, or projects to improve energy efficiencies of municipal buildings. ICAP is a partnership between the federal, provincial and municipal governments and in some cases, private-sector organizations.

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Under ICAP, the federal and provincial governments provide up to two-thirds of the funding for eligible costs. Partnering communities provide the remaining one-third of project funding. Of the \$12 million in projects announced today, the federal and provincial governments each provided over \$2.8 million.

The ICAP Management Committee approves the projects and is composed of representatives from the Governments of Canada and Alberta, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C).

“Infrastructure needs are always great in our member municipalities,” said John Trefanenko on behalf of the AUMA. “The Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program provides a welcome funding boost to support important infrastructure-related projects.”

“The funding support offered by ICAP allows our member municipalities to take on needed infrastructure improvements,” said Eugene Wauters on behalf of the AAMD&C. “Infrastructure is a high priority for municipal districts and counties.”

The Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program agreement was signed Oct. 10, 2000. Funding for ICAP was provided for in the February 2003 federal budget.

NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS: Details of the Infrastructure Canada-Alberta projects approved are attached.

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Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program

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Partnership Program

- The Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program (ICAP) is a partnership involving federal, provincial and municipal governments that also allows for private-sector participation. All three levels of government played an important part in the design of this new program.
- In general, each level of government (federal, provincial and municipal) contributes a third of the total eligible costs of any given project. In today's \$12 million announcement, federal and provincial contributions total \$5.6 million. For the 480 projects and \$383.4 million approved since June 8, 2000, federal and provincial contributions total \$219 million.
- In Alberta, the program is being implemented by Western Economic Diversification Canada and Alberta Transportation and is administered by a joint secretariat.

Grassroots Driven

- ICAP is designed with a bottom-up approach. Accordingly, municipalities play an important role in the program. The majority of projects will address local infrastructure needs identified by the municipality.

Program Priorities

- ICAP's **first priority** is "green" municipal infrastructure. Approximately \$7.8 million, or sixty-five per cent of the total amount approved today, will be directed towards projects to improve or enhance "green" municipal infrastructure in Alberta communities. Green infrastructure will include projects related to water and wastewater systems, water management, solid waste management and recycling, and capital expenditures to retrofit or improve the energy efficiency of buildings and facilities owned by local municipalities.

The Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program agreement specifies that a minimum 40 per cent of the total value of all approved projects must be invested in green municipal infrastructure.

- **Secondary priorities** of the program include local transportation, cultural and recreational facilities, infrastructure supporting tourism, rural and remote telecommunications, high-speed Internet access for local public institutions and affordable housing. ICAP is an important part of federal and provincial efforts to improve the quality of life for all Canadians and help lay the foundation for long-term economic growth.
- To ensure the infrastructure needs of rural communities are considered, a minimum 26 per cent of total approved costs for all projects in Alberta must be invested in projects proposed by rural municipalities.

Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program Project List Summary by Community

Location	Number of Projects	Combined Federal / Provincial Contribution	Total Project Costs
Municipal District of Bighorn No. 8	1 Project	\$1,993,332	\$3,199,300
Village of Big Valley	1 Project	\$16,332	\$26,215
Cardston County	1 Project	\$44,000	\$70,620
Village of Chauvin	1 Project	\$20,000	\$32,100
Town of Cochrane	1 Project	\$983,224	\$2,589,400
Village of Czar	1 Project	\$39,940	\$64,200
Village of Longview	1 Project	\$13,628	\$40,734
Town of Milk River	4 Projects	\$54,180	\$86,963
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9	1 Project	\$66,666	\$107,000
Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66	1 Project	\$41,880	\$356,070
Municipal District of Rocky View No. 44	1 Project	\$463,664	\$830,651
Village of Rosemary	1 Project	\$47,920	\$79,180
Special Areas 2, 3, 4	1 Project	\$92,466	\$148,409
Town of Taber	1 Project	\$645,128	\$996,723
Vulcan County	1 Project	\$150,178	\$304,624
Town of Wainwright	1 Project	\$139,400	\$1,765,500
Village of Warner	1 Project	\$7,850	\$13,075
County of Warner No. 5	1 Project	\$16,132	\$25,894
Wheatland County	3 Projects	\$160,066	\$256,907
Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26	1 Project	\$646,480	\$1,037,602
TOTAL	25 Projects	\$5,642,466	\$12,031,167

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**Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program
Project List Summary**

✦= Green Municipal Infrastructure Project

✦Municipal District of Bighorn No. 8

Harvie Heights – Treated Water Supply Main \$3,199,300

The construction of a reservoir and booster station and the installation of seven kilometres of pipeline will bring safe drinking water from Canmore to residents of Harvie Heights. The increased capacity of the municipal water service will also benefit 10 area businesses that will be connected to the system.

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✦Village of Big Valley

Installation of Remote Water Monitoring/Control System \$26,215

The installation of a remote water control system to monitor water and chlorine levels will improve safety and reliability of the water facilities.

Contact Person: Yvette Cassidy, Tel. (403) 876-2269

✦Cardston County

Upgrade Public Works Building \$70,620

Measures to improve the energy efficiency of the Fire Hall, Grader Storage Building and County Main Work Shop include the installation of new windows, doors, lights and heating systems. This project also involves moving an existing shed to Del Bonita to serve as an emergency measures building.

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✦Village of Chauvin

Replace Fire Hydrants \$32,100

Replacing seven fire hydrants in Chauvin will improve fire protection for families living in the community.

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Town of Cochrane

Downtown Vitalization \$2,589,400

This project encompasses several initiatives that will contribute to a vibrant and pedestrian-friendly downtown. Wider sidewalks, better signs and more crossing lights will draw shoppers to the town's historic retail centre. Adding more trees and flowerbeds will further enhance the vitality of the area. A public plaza will serve as a focal point for community activities and attract tourists for special events.

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Village of Czar
Library Addition **\$64,200**

This project involves construction of a wood frame addition to the existing library to provide residents with additional reading space.

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◆ **Village of Longview**
Water Meter Purchase and Installation **\$40,734**

Approximately 125 households will benefit from the installation of water meters.

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Town of Milk River
Curling Rink Fire Suppression System **\$2,992**

This project will install a new fire suppression system and a portable fire extinguisher at the curling rink to provide better fire protection.

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◆ **Town of Milk River**
Water Treatment Plant Upgrade **\$7,918**

This project will provide residents with additional monitoring equipment to safeguard the quality of their drinking water

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Town of Milk River
Quinn Field Fence **\$5,722**

Milk River residents will enjoy a higher level of safety with construction of a chain link fence to be built around the community ball diamond.

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Town of Milk River
Upgrade Community Pool **\$70,331**

Residents will benefit from the installation of a new energy efficient pool boiler, hot water tank, refurbished pool surfaces and newer racing lanes.

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◆ **Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9**
Lundbreck Treated Water Reservoir **\$107,000**

This project features the design and construction of a 50,000 gallon treated water storage reservoir in the Hamlet of Lundbreck. It will provide safe drinking water for area families and improve protection against house fires. The planned reservoir is large enough to accommodate future growth in the community.

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Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66
Administration Office & Community Facility Expansion **\$356,070**

This project will add an additional 2,223 square feet to the existing Ranchland Administration and Community Facility, completing the look of a ranch style house to attract additional visitors to the facility.

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Municipal District of Rocky View No. 44
Springbank Road Upgrades **\$830,651**

This project involves the complete asphalt overlay on a section of Springbank Road to upgrade four major intersections. These improvements will provide safer conditions for motorists.

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✦ **Village of Rosemary**
Water and Sewer Extension **\$79,180**

Extending sewer and water lines along Railway Avenue will bring safe, environmentally-friendly services to more families in the community.

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✦ **Special Areas of 2, 3, 4**
Sedalia Water Supply Project **\$148,409**

This project will construct a new well, treatment facility, and truck fill as well as tie into an existing distribution system to provide greater output of drinking water.

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✦ **Town of Taber**
2003 Water Distribution System Upgrade **\$996,723**

Upgrading and replacing the cast iron water main lines with PVC pipe and widening 53rd Street will provide for improved quality of drinking water, new bus parking and enhanced traffic flow for parents transporting children to LT Westlake Elementary School.

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Vulcan County
Airport Road Upgrade **\$304,624**

Upgrading Airport Road will provide a safer driving surface for local residents and visitors.

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✦ **Town of Wainwright**
RCMP Detachment Building Construction **\$1,765,500**

Wainwright's new RCMP building will be more energy efficient, reducing operating costs for taxpayers. The facility will feature barrier free access to accommodate people who use wheelchairs.

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✦Village of Warner
Water System Upgrades **\$13,075**

Installing water meters in the village will provide a better accounting of water use, leading to a fairer, more accurate recording system for ratepayers. An additional conservation initiative is the installation of a water recycling system and a new compressor in the local arena.

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✦County of Warner No. 5
Chin Lake Water Hauling Station **\$25,894**

The Chin Lake Pumping Station will be expanded to include housing for a new, larger capacity pump and motor, installation of a new water filter with new controls and a new chemical pump in addition to other energy-efficient features. Benefits to residents include reduced haul distances and improved protection of water quality.

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✦Wheatland County
Hamlet of Gleichen Sanitary Sewer Line Upgrade **\$216,140**

The project involves removing existing sewer lines and replacing them with PVC lines. Part of this process includes sidewalk replacements and the resurfacing of the lanes. The community can expect increased reliability of the wastewater collection system.

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✦Wheatland County
Hamlet of Rosebud Potable Water Storage Reservoir Upgrade **\$26,643**

The reservoir will be upgraded to improve service reliability of water and wastewater treatment facilities and also to eliminate well water losses from the aquifer, currently estimated at 2 million litres per year

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Wheatland County
Hamlet of Cluny Sidewalk Upgrade **\$14,124**

The sidewalk removal and replacement will provide county residents with safer access to the Second Avenue walkway.

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✦Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26
Pultney Rural Water Distribution System **\$1,037,602**

This project features the construction of more than 67 kilometres of pipeline to bring high quality drinking water to local residents. The new distribution system will serve 48 farms in the area.

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