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Headline

Village of Lumby receives federal Gas Tax Fund contribution for Lumby's Sustainable Water Plan – Stage 1 Revitalization Works

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The Village of Lumby has been awarded \$1,711,938 for its project "*Sustainable Water Plan – Stage 1 Revitalization Works*" funded through the Federal Governments Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund.

The Village of Lumby has been hit hard with job losses as a result of the economic downturn and due to a general slowdown in the forest industry. Lumby was negatively affected by these job losses which have impacted families, loggers, truckers, suppliers, and service industry providers. Since that time, we have worked with our consultants, residents and the local business community to determine how we can attract new industry to Lumby. Through public consultation and economic development workshops, priorities were identified to attract new industry and address aging and undersized infrastructure. This would encourage new businesses to locate their operations to Lumby. This project will renew aging and undersized water infrastructure in our downtown core as well as the southern component of industrial park lands.

The benefits to Lumby are significant. Increased fire flows, right-sized water lines, and significant improvements to the integrity of the water utility. Project details include:

- 1,830 m of 300 mm watermain to be replaced;
- Well head protection improvements;
- Intrusion alarms and communication upgrades at all facilities;
- Leblanc Street pressure zone change;
- Backup generator for the lower reservoir.

Quick Facts

- The Lumby's Sustainable Water Plan – Stage 1 Revitalization Works is receiving \$1,711,938 from the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- The Village of Lumby is also contributing \$120,000 to the project.
- The total estimated cost of this project is \$1,831,938.
- This project is one of the 57 projects that are being funded through the Strategic Priorities Fund under the Federal Gas Tax Fund for 2016.
- The Union of BC Municipalities administers the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.
- Each year, the Government of Canada provides over \$253 million in indexed funding for local government infrastructure projects across British Columbia through the federal Gas Tax Fund. The funding can be spent on any eligible project the community prioritizes across a broad range of eligible project categories, or it can be pooled with other communities for regional projects, banked for later priorities or used to pay for financed projects.

Quotes

Village of Lumby Mayor Kevin Acton is thankful to the Liberal Government for investing in small community infrastructure. This investment highlights Council's commitment to addressing aging infrastructure, promoting economic development opportunities and improving the quality of the water system in Lumby. The Village of Lumby continues to manage operations and increase reserve funding for infrastructure upgrades to benefit the future growth of Lumby.

Associated Links

To learn more about the federal Gas Tax Fund visit: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html>.

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