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Trepanier Creek Water System Interconnect

Project made possible thanks to Federal Gas Tax Fund

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The District of Peachland has been awarded a grant of \$4.9 million, for the construction of the Trepanier Creek Water System Interconnect project, from the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

The Trepanier Creek Water System Interconnect is an integral component of the Water Treatment Facility project which is getting underway this year. In an effort to extend treated water to all the community's water users, an interconnect between the Peachland Creek water system and Trepanier Creek water system is required. This project is a key element of the District of Peachland's Water Master Plan, and will ensure the provision of clean, treated water that meets or exceeds Provincial Drinking Water Objectives.

The full project cost of \$4.9 million is being provided by the Federal Gas Tax Fund. When combined with the \$6.9 million grant announced last year for the Water Treatment Plant, Peachland residents will be provided not only with a safe and reliable water supply, but it will also be affordable.

Each year, the Government of Canada provides over \$278 million in funding for local government infrastructure projects across British Columbia through the Federal Gas Tax Fund. 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.

Quotes

"Improvements to local infrastructure are so important. They make our communities even better places to live." said Selina Robinson, B.C. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "We are pleased to partner with local governments and the federal government to improve the daily lives of British Columbians."

Director Wendy Booth, President, Union of BC Municipalities: "Communities across BC are looking for funding to replace, upgrade and expand local infrastructure. The federal Gas Tax Fund is accelerating the pace of infrastructure renewal through the transfer of close to \$3 billion since 2005 for projects in our province. I appreciate the Government of Canada's long-term commitment to fund priorities identified by BC local governments."

Mayor Fortin says "This is wonderful news for the citizens of Peachland! Our heartfelt thank you to the Provincial and Federal governments, UBCM and our local MP Dan Albas, and MLA Dan Ashton, for their support of the District of Peachland in our efforts to provide clean, safe and reliable drinking water to our residents.

Links

To see all projects funded through this intake, visit <https://news.gov.bc.ca/16553>

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

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