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Champlain to Receive Funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project approved under the Small Communities Fund

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Champlain Township, Ontario

Residents of Champlain Township will benefit from upgrades for the Vankleek Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant thanks to joint funding from the Governments of Canada and Ontario through the Small Communities Fund.

This project will see the Vankleek Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant undergo a series of refurbishments aiming to upgrade the aging facility. Upon completion, the plant is expected to meet today's operational standards, improving the quality of effluents in the receiving stream thus helping to support a healthier environment. The project announced today is among 77 recently selected projects, for approximately \$260 million in joint federal and provincial funding, under the Small Communities Fund in Ontario.

The \$1-billion Small Communities Fund provides funding for priority public infrastructure projects that deliver on local needs. Canada and Ontario will each provide \$272 million to support projects in communities across the province with fewer than 100,000 residents. This funding will help address local priorities, supporting job creation and economic growth, thus sustaining a high quality of life in small communities across Ontario for years to come.

Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada will provide up to \$2,958,162 through the Small Communities Fund for this project.
- The Province of Ontario will contribute up to \$2,958,162 to this project.
- Champlain Township will be responsible for all remaining costs of the project.

Quotes

"We are pleased to invest in projects such as the Vankleek Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades that will benefit our community by improving much needed local infrastructure. Our Government's commitment to municipalities, big and small, has never been stronger. Through the New Building Canada Plan Small Communities Fund we are investing in priority infrastructure projects that have a strong impact on the quality of life of Ontario's residents while helping job creation and economic growth."

Pierre Lemieux,

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Member of Parliament for Glengarry–Prescott–Russell, on behalf of the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec

"Today's investment addresses an urgent local need. Upgrading the Vankleek Hill wastewater treatment plant will provide substantial benefits to the community and the environment for years to come. It's part of the largest infrastructure investment in Ontario's history – more than \$130 billion over 10 years – which is supported by a number of initiatives, including unlocking the value of public assets to help make investments in transportation and other priority projects. Our government is committed to building Ontario up through important community infrastructure projects like this one."

Grant Crack,

Member of Provincial Parliament for Glengarry–Prescott–Russell

"Our community is extremely pleased to receive this support for our local infrastructure from the Federal and Provincial levels of government as part of the New Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund. We are now able to proceed with much needed upgrade to the Vankleek Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project will certainly provide long term benefits to our small community."

Gary J. Barton,
Mayor of Champlain Township

Associated Links

To learn more about the Government of Canada's infrastructure programs, including the Small Communities Fund, please visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nbcp-npcc-eng.html>.

To find out more about Ontario's infrastructure programs, including the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, visit <http://www.moi.gov.on.ca/en/infrastructure>

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