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New Infrastructure Funding Announced for Edson

Edson, Alberta, December 18th, 2020 – The Town of Edson is pleased to see some additional grant money from the Provincial Government to help offset costs associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Government of Alberta recently announced new infrastructure funding through the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP). The MSP is designed to help communities recover from the economic challenges posed by the pandemic and the downturn in energy prices. It also positions communities to support jobs and participate in future economic growth.

Under the stimulus program, the Town of Edson's Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Outfall Replacement was funded in the amount of \$1,000,165. This 40 year old piece of critical infrastructure was severely damaged earlier in the year due to the movement of the bank of the McLeod River.

West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long says he is pleased that the Government of Alberta is able to provide funding. "The Province is aware that communities are facing financial hardships through this pandemic. We are working hard to ensure funds are provided to assist in projects that will ensure long-term sustainability and growth. This funding will go towards critical infrastructure in the Town of Edson to serve residents and job creators for decades to come."

In addition to this grant, Alberta Transportation is also providing the Town of Edson with an additional \$585,000 (50%) to cover their portion of changes to the design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara says the funding is welcome news. "We thank Minister McIver for responding to our requests for additional funding and MLA Long for his tireless advocacy on the issue. Council and Administration is reviewing options to allocating these dollars, including possible additional road rehab work in 2021".

The Town of Edson 2021 Capital Budget includes over \$16 Million in projects addressing roads, water, waste water, storm water and recreation needs in the community.

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