

New Building Canada Fund update

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It looks like spring has arrived early for parts of Manitoba. This means that construction season is right around the corner. Work will soon be underway across the province, some of which will be as a result of the New Building Canada Fund's (NBCF) Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – Small Communities Fund (PTIC-SCF), and the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – National and Regional Projects program (PTIC-NRP).

An update on the New Building Canada Fund programming was provided in the Fall issue of the *Municipal Leader*. Since then a number of projects have been approved and announced under the PTIC-SCF, as well as the PTIC-NRP.

To recap, the New Building Canada Fund is comprised of three funding programs: the National Infrastructure Component (NIC), the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – National and Regional Projects (PTIC-NRP), and the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – Small Communities Fund (PTIC-SCF). On June 23, 2014, the Province of Manitoba launched the first intake of the PTIC-SCF program, which provides funding towards municipalities with less than 100,000 residents for core infrastructure projects. Manitoba received 91 proposals for funding from Municipalities for the joint infrastructure programming.

Since the last update a total of 26 projects under the PTIC-SCF have been



Investments in roads and flood protection were announced in the Interlake District last October 7. Pictured, left to right: President Doug Dobrowolski (at podium), Don Forfar, former Mayor of the RM of St. Andrews; James Bezan, MP for Selkirk-Interlake; and The Honourable Peter Bjornson, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning and MLA for Gimli

approved, investing nearly \$48,000,000 in core infrastructure across the province.

Of the 26 projects announced:

- 63% of the eligible funding is going towards wastewater projects including projects in the RM of St. Andrews, Town of Stonewall, Town of Winnipeg Beach, Sherridon Community Council, Wabowden Community Council, RM of Portage La Prairie, Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman,

Municipality of Swan Valley West, Municipality of Rhineland, Town of Beausejour, RM of La Broquerie, RM of Springfield, Town of Ste. Anne, Hamiota Municipality, and the Town of Neepawa.

- 36% of the eligible funding is going towards drinking water projects, including projects in the Town of Arborg, RM of East St. Paul, RM of Kelsey, Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone, Municipality of Norfolk-Treherne, Pembina Valley Water Co-op, City of Steinbach, RM of Ritchot, RM of Elton, and the Municipality of Deloraine-Winchester.
- 0.5% of the eligible funding is for solid waste management including one project in the RM of Piney.

Two projects have also been approved, and announced under the PTIC-NRP program: The Cartier Regional Water Treatment Plant, as well as the Brandon Municipal Airport.

The Cartier Water Treatment Plant project will consist of three

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components, including the construction of a new water treatment plant in the RM of Headingley that will be designed to accommodate an additional future expansion, the installation of a pipeline from the RM of Headingley to the RM Rosser, and the construction of a pump house and a reservoir in the RM of Rosser. Overall, 2,000 existing households will be connected to a treated municipal water supply, as well as the Headingley Correctional Centre and industries located in CentrePort Canada. The project will also enable the connection of future residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial developments throughout the region.

Upgrades to the Brandon Municipal Airport will include the renovation and expansion of the terminal to improve passenger flow and accommodate future growth. It will enhance safety and security for passengers and employees alike by increasing traveller and baggage capacities in processing and secure areas. Additionally, the project will help improve the airport's information technology infrastructure by installing fibre broadband for fast, reliable broadband connectivity.



Premier Greg Selinger, the Honourable Drew Caldwell, Minister of Municipal Government and MLA for Brandon East and Larry Maguire, MP for Brandon-Souris, announce upgrades to the Brandon Municipal Airport. *Photo credit: City of Brandon*

Manitoba has been considered a national leader in rolling out the NBCF, thanks in part to the participation of municipal leaders. The Province recognizes the need for municipal infrastructure investment, and continues to work diligently with the Government of Canada, as well as AMM and other partners

to provide municipalities with funding as efficiently as possible.

If you have any additional questions regarding the New Building Canada Fund, please feel free to contact the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Secretariat directly at 204-945-4074 or via email at infra@gov.mb.ca.

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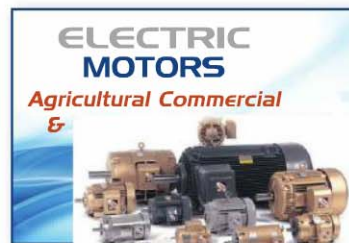


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