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Governments of Canada and Alberta Create Jobs, Stimulate the Economy

Grande Prairie-Residents of the County of Grande Prairie will benefit from joint federal and provincial funding to complete upgrades to Range Road 82 (Pipestone Creek), announced today by Chris Warkentin, MP and Wayne Drysdale, MLA for Grande Prairie-Wapiti. This project is just one example of the commitment of both governments to strengthening the Alberta economy by reducing red tape, creating jobs for Alberta people, and getting shovels in the ground sooner.

This project will enhance local services and create local jobs, at a time when the need for economic stimulus is greatest.

The governments of Canada and Alberta will each invest up to \$750,000 in the project. The County of Grande Prairie will contribute the balance of the total eligible project cost of up to \$3,200,000.

“Roadway infrastructure is critical to the future of our communities,” said Warkentin, MP for Peace River. “Projects such as this one are vital to creating local jobs now, at a time when they are most needed.”

“This joint government investment will work to create jobs and boost the economy,” said Wayne Drysdale, MLA for Grande Prairie-Wapiti. “The projects will help improve road safety and extend the life of local roads, which is an important component of building stronger communities in the Grande Prairie region.”

This project is one of 157 projects across the province that will break ground quickly thanks to a joint federal-provincial investment of more than \$444 million. Together with municipal and other contributions, the total investment in local infrastructure improvements in Alberta for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund exceeds \$550 million. Today’s announcement includes a joint funding contribution of close to \$175 million for 96 municipal projects in communities of fewer than 100,000 residents. The governments of Canada and Alberta have taken steps to get shovels in the ground and to flow money faster for targeted infrastructure projects in Alberta communities in the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons.

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