



Nine New Infrastructure Projects Announced

The federal and provincial governments have announced a contribution of over \$4.1 million toward nine community infrastructure projects with a total value of more than \$27.4 million under the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program. This announcement brings the total number of approved projects under the Program to 309, with a total value of more than \$897 million, including nearly \$532 million from the federal and provincial governments. The nine projects are as follows:

Williams Lake – The Cariboo Regional District will receive more than \$1.6 million for additions and renovations to the Cariboo Memorial Complex. Work includes adding and improving dressing rooms, improvements to the Sam Ketcham Pool and the Gibraltar Room arts and cultural facility. The project's total eligible cost for program funding is over \$2.46 million. (Pending completion of environmental assessment.)

Coquitlam – The city will receive \$2 million to build the New Chimo Pool, replacing an earlier project to renovate the facility. The new 3,800-square metre facility will include a lane swimming pool, a leisure pool and fitness area. The project's total eligible cost for program funding is more than \$13 million. (Pending completion of environmental assessment.)

Port Moody – The city will receive \$2 million to expand and renovate the Port Moody Recreation Complex. The project includes building an Olympic-size arena, a viewing room, new change rooms and other improvements. The project's total eligible cost for program funding is more than \$7.58 million. (Pending completion of environmental assessment.)

Oliver – The Oliver Curling Club Society will receive \$106,666 for upgrades to the curling facility. Upgrades include replacing the sand floor with a cement floor, widening the surface to meet international standards and other improvements to allow the community to use the facility as a multi-purpose building. The project's total eligible cost for program funding is \$160,000.

Osoyoos – The town will receive \$107,000 to upgrade the Osoyoos Airport runway. Work includes paving and widening the runway to 16 metres and extending it to 755 metres. This is phase 2 of a four-phase project to upgrade airport. The project's total eligible cost for program funding is \$160,500.

Chemainus – The Chemainus Theatre Society will receive \$613,466 to renovate the existing 275-seat theatre. Renovations include reconfiguring the backstage area, repair of the building envelope and improvements to increase handicap accessibility to the theatre and washrooms. The project's total eligible cost for program funding is \$920,200.

Metchosin – The district will receive \$468,966 to replace the Bilston Creek Bridge. The new bridge will be an open-bottom corrugated steel pipe arch with concrete footings and is expected to last up to 100 years. The project's total eligible cost for program funding is \$703,450. (Pending completion of environmental assessment.)

Oak Bay – The district will receive \$789,816 to renovate the Oak Bay Recreation Centre Ice Arena. The project involves rebuilding the arena, replacing the heating and cooling system, building a new floor slab and replacing the rink boards. The project's total eligible cost for program funding is over \$1.18 million.

Victoria – The city will receive \$638,378 to build a 70-by-105-metre multi-purpose artificial turf sports field. The project's total eligible cost for program funding is more than \$1.2 million.

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