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## NEWS RELEASE

### **GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT HELPS IMPROVE WATER TREATMENT IN PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY**

**Picton, ON** — Prince Edward County, together with Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd., held an official ceremony today to celebrate reaching a significant construction milestone at the County's new Picton water pollution control plant. Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward–Hastings; the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Member of Provincial Parliament for Prince Edward–Hastings; and Leo P. Finnegan, Mayor of Prince Edward County, are pleased to see this important project reach this milestone in preparation for the transition into the treatment process.

The new water pollution control plant will provide a high level of sewage treatment for Picton. The project includes a new compact septage-receiving unit and equalization tank to improve septage receiving and treatment efficiency, and new measures to reduce energy consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The governments of Canada and Ontario together committed up to \$10,320,960 to the project through the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities will contribute up to \$439,950 on behalf of the Green Municipal Fund towards the plant's green initiatives. The County will contribute the balance of the project's total cost of \$29,000,000.

"This project will help improve the environment, health and quality of life for Picton families and future generations," said MP Kramp. "Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, our government is creating jobs and ensuring Ontario communities have the facilities they need to ensure future economic growth."

"Investing in public infrastructure helps build strong communities which is a key part of our government's five-year Open Ontario plan" said MPP Dombrowsky. "The new Picton water pollution control plant will perform better and more efficiently, providing clean, safe water for families in Prince Edward County."

"Prince Edward County is happy to see this very important project nearly complete, possible in part thanks to the funding partnerships we've been able to achieve" said Mayor Finnegan. "This project will result in more effective and efficient wastewater treatment technology for our residents, and better protection for our environment, in particular Picton Bay."

Under the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, the governments of Canada and Ontario worked together with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and local partners to respond to local needs through infrastructure upgrades providing clean, safe drinking water, better sewage systems, improved waste management processes, safer local roads and bridges, as well as other health and safety priorities.