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PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BEGINS REPLACEMENT OF PICTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Picton, ON – Prince Edward County today held a groundbreaking ceremony to officially start construction to replace the Picton Wastewater Treatment Plant. Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward–Hastings; the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and Member of Provincial Parliament for Prince Edward–Hastings; and Leo P. Finnegan, Mayor of Prince Edward County, are pleased to see this important Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) project get underway.

Prince Edward County is replacing the Picton Wastewater Treatment Plant with a new energy-efficient wastewater management and treatment facility.

The Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario are each contributing up to \$5,160,480 to the project. Prince Edward County is investing the balance of the project's total eligible cost of \$15,481,440.

"I am pleased to see Prince Edward County break ground on this critical project to replace the Picton Wastewater Treatment Plant," said MP Kramp. "The new plant will allow for better wastewater treatment capacity, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the use of new green technologies and equipment."

"Investing in public infrastructure helps build healthy, strong communities for today and manage growth for the future," said Minister Dombrowsky. "The replacement of the Picton Wastewater Treatment Plant will ensure that families who live here will have the services they need."

"Prince Edward County is happy to start construction on this very important project, which is possible thanks to contributions from the federal and provincial governments," said Mayor Finnegan. "These improvements will benefit both our residents and our environment."

Under the COMRIF program, the governments of Canada and Ontario are working 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.

For further information on the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, please visit www.comrif.ca.

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