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## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON PREECEVILLE'S \$5.1-MILLION WASTEWATER PROJECT Upgrades funded by the federal, provincial and municipal governments Town of Preeceville news release

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Today, the Town of Preeceville announced that construction is underway on a more than \$5.1-million project to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility and related infrastructure to help better protect the environment and position the community for growth.

The project involves upgrading the community's existing wastewater storage cells to increase their capacity, along with improving the system's overall treatment process. The force main pipe that transports wastewater to the treatment facility will also be replaced by a new pipe.

Construction, which began on May 11, is targeted to be completed before the end of 2020. Normal operations of the Town's wastewater system will continue during construction, thanks to advanced planning.

The project's total eligible costs are \$5,194,500. The Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan are each contributing up to \$1,731,327 toward this project through the New Building Canada Fund program. The Town of Preeceville will fund the remaining \$1,731,846 and is responsible for any additional costs.

"We are making historic investments in good projects that create jobs in the short term and help communities such as the Town of Preeceville and their families have access to modern, efficient water and wastewater infrastructure that meets their needs. We are proud to be a partner in this important project, and look forward to continue working together to build a better, more prosperous, and more resilient Saskatchewan and Canada," said the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

"The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to invest more than \$1.7 million toward Preeceville's infrastructure project. The completed work will contribute to a strong, flourishing community, thanks to an improved wastewater system for existing and new residents. Jobs created from this project and others under our government's \$7.5 billion, two-year provincial capital plan will also help stimulate economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and build a stronger Saskatchewan," said the Honourable Lori Carr, Minister of Government Relations.

"The Town of Preeceville, at the headwaters of the Assiniboine River, is very appreciative of the funding from the federal and provincial governments toward our project. This project is part of our community plan centred around safety for its citizens and the environment. Preeceville is a thriving community that continues to grow and this upgrade and reuse of our existing



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wastewater system with our funding partners will ensure our residents get access to the best water works system possible," said His Worship Garth Harris, Mayor of Preeceville.

"We are thrilled to see all of our hard work starting to become a reality with the kick off of construction for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades. Town Council in combination with the Administration Staff, Public Works Staff, Project Managers, Engineers and Contractors have put much time and effort into ensuring this extensive project becomes a reality. Throughout each phase of the project, we have been diligent to ensure this infrastructure upgrade to the Town's Wastewater system meets regulatory requirements, increases efficient municipal operations and increase future capacity. This is important to ensuring the sustainability of our community," said Project Steering Committee Member Stacey Strykowski, Town of Preeceville Councillor.

"Town Council and Staff are always faced with the challenge of balancing the needs of our community with available funding. With this project and the many other projects, programs and services provided by the Town, whether it be with the Water and Sewer Services, Public Works Department, Sanitation Services, Recreation and Culture Services, etc., the Town is continually working to effectively met the needs of the residents in the community now and into the future. Seeing projects such as the Wastewater Treatment Facility moving forward makes our efforts worthwhile to ensuring vital services are provided to the residents of our community," said Project Steering Committee Member Darin Newton, Town of Preeceville Councillor.

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