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## **INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUND IN NOVA SCOTIA**

Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, the federal government has established a new \$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund that provides funding to provincial, territorial and municipal construction-ready infrastructure rehabilitation projects. Funding is available for two years for projects that will be built during the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons.

### **About the Program**

The Infrastructure Stimulus Fund complements existing federal infrastructure funding by focusing on short-term objectives for economic stimulus. To further this goal of rapid economic stimulus, the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund will focus on construction-readiness as important project selection criteria. The full \$4 billion will be distributed in fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. Projects will focus largely on the rehabilitation of existing assets such as water, wastewater, public transit, highways, roads, culture, parks, and trails.

For provincial assets, the federal and provincial governments will each contribute up to fifty per cent of eligible costs. For municipal projects, the federal and provincial governments will contribute up to two-thirds of eligible costs, with municipalities expected to contribute one-third.

### **Infrastructure Stimulus Fund at Work in Nova Scotia**

Following discussion with the province of Nova Scotia, the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund is already at work in Nova Scotia. On April 30, 2009, Canada and Nova Scotia announced a joint investment of \$55.8 million for up to 26 provincial and community infrastructure projects that will create jobs and help build stronger communities.

The governments of Canada and Nova Scotia have each set aside \$14 million for stimulus projects to be identified by the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. Specific projects will be identified following discussions with both municipalities.

### **Building Canada Fund – Communities Component**

As well, the governments of Canada and Nova Scotia announced a total of 51 projects in communities of less than 100,000 people. Through the Building Canada Fund-Communities Component, 13 projects were funded having total costs of \$37.8 million. Budget 2009 also provides an additional \$500 million nationally for the Communities Component for projects that can be built over the next two years. Today, both governments announced 38 projects worth \$42 million under this top-up.

## List of Projects to be funded under the Stimulus Fund

Major Collector Highways	Classification	Total Eligible Costs	Fed Funding	Prov Funding
Trunk 1 (from English Mountain Rd)	Major Collector Highway			
Trunk 10 (from Penny Rd)	Major Collector Highway			
Trunk 16 (from Trunk 4)	Major Collector Highway			
Trunk 2 (from Lakeland Rd)	Major Collector Highway			
Trunk 2 (from Soley Cove Rd)	Major Collector Highway			
Trunk 4 (from Route 368)	Major Collector Highway			
Trunk 7 (Sherbrooke)	Major Collector Highway			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$15,205,500</b>	<b>\$7,602,750</b>	<b>\$9,292,250</b>

Minor Collector Highways	Classification	Total Eligible Costs	Fed Funding	Prov Funding
College Road	Minor Collector Highway			
Granton Abercrombie	Minor Collector Highway			
Mount William Rd	Minor Collector Highway			
New Cumberland Road	Minor Collector Highway			
Plains Rd	Minor Collector Highway			
Raynardton Rd	Minor Collector Highway			
Red River Road	Minor Collector Highway			
Route 212	Minor Collector Highway			
Route 224	Minor Collector Highway			
Route 236	Minor Collector Highway			
Route 245	Minor Collector Highway			
Route 252	Minor Collector Highway			
Shore Rd West	Minor Collector Highway			
Truro Height Rd	Minor Collector Highway			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$21,979,200</b>	<b>\$10,989,600</b>	<b>\$13,471,750</b>

Park and Trails	Classification	Total Eligible Costs	Fed Funding	Prov Funding
Cape Chignecto PP	Parks and Trails			
Mira River PP	Parks and Trails			

Laurie PP	Parks and Trails			
Whycocomagh PP	Parks and Trails			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,260,000</b>	<b>\$2,130,000</b>	<b>\$2,130,000</b>

<b>Cultural</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	<b>Fed Funding</b>	<b>Prov Funding</b>
Bluenose II	Cultural			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,400,000</b>	<b>\$7,200,000</b>	<b>\$7,200,000</b>