

# Media Backgrounder

## Infrastructure Improvements and Updates

### Parkland Central

- Through the MRIF (Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program), the provincial government is contributing \$250,000 to the town of **Duck Lake** in order to expand the town's water reservoir to meet their drinking water and fire protection needs. This expansion will serve to improve the quality of life for the people of Duck Lake and surrounding residents.
- Through the MRIF, we are contributing \$250,000 to upgrade the water treatment system of the expanding town of **Birch Hills**. The town's booming population has increased demand on its water treatment capacity, and this upgrade will help meet the demand for the next twenty to thirty years.
- Through the MRIF, we are contributing \$15,000 to replace the old sewage pumps in the town of **Kinistino**. The pumps now run under capacity and treat all of the town's sewage before it is pumped into the effluent system.
- We are spending \$18.2M to twin 13.7 km of highway Hwy 11, to grade 12.3 km of the highway in preparation for paving next year, and to grade an additional 11.3km from north of Macdowall to the Junction of Highway 2.
- We are spending \$2.4M to resurface numerous areas of Hwy 41.
- We have committed \$300,000 to improve diagnostic health equipment for the Prince Albert Parkland Health District.
- We have committed \$117,000 to improve diagnostic health equipment for the Kelsey Trail Health District.
- We are funding \$2.9M to increase diagnostic health equipment in Saskatoon Health District.
- The town of **St. Louis** and the surrounding area is receiving improved digital cellular service.
- The town of **Batoche** and the surrounding area is receiving improved wireless internet service.
- We are spending \$411,876 on five school projects which include roofs, and safety upgrades at St. Brieux, Three Lakes, Stobart, Birch Hills, and St. Louis.

- Through the MRIF, we are contributing \$166,000 to install an ultraviolet disinfection system, variable frequency drives to the distribution pumps, and upgrading the filter backwash system in the town of **Hudson Bay**.
- Through the MRIF, we are contributing \$158,000 to reconstruct the fourteen kilometers of Grid Road in the **RM of Porcupine**. Grid Road 677 will be able to accommodate traffic from the forest, cattle, pork and grain industries in that area.
- On Highway 3 we will be replacing an aging culvert with a bridge, resurfacing a stretch of 11.8 km and replacing a bridge near **Crooked River**.
- We are spending \$19.2M to grade and pave 15 km of Highway 55 near the **First Nations Shoal Lake Access Road**, grade an additional 18.3 km in the same area, and grade and pave a 5.2 km stretch near the **Red Earth First Nations**.
- We have awarded a contract to resurface 9.9 km on Hwy 35 from **Golburn to Tisdale**.
- **Arborfield, Tobin Lake, Red Earth First Nation** and surrounding areas are receiving improved digital cellular service.
- The town of **Nipawin** and the surrounding area is receiving improved wireless internet service.
- We are spending \$597,204 on school projects in the region, including relocatable classrooms.
- We are dedicating over \$2.1M to upgrade schools in **Prince Albert**, including roofing and restoration projects,
- Through the MRIF we are contributing \$363,786 to twinning the storm sewer in **Prince Albert**. Wider piping will be installed from 28<sup>th</sup> St. to 24<sup>th</sup> St. and from 24<sup>th</sup> St. to 20<sup>th</sup> St. This new piping will hasten water drainage during heavy rain-fall.
- **Prince Albert** now enjoys free wireless internet service along with Saskatchewan's other major cities.
- **Prince Albert** is receiving \$7M under our Home First program for affordable housing projects including a \$616,202 multi-family project.
- We are dedicating \$52,298 to fix the roof at King George Community School.
- Through the Building Communities Program, we have dedicated over \$2.5M to enhance the Prince Albert Field House, including a raised walking track, two soccer pitches, and a multipurpose facility and wellness center.

- Through the Building Communities Program, we have dedicated \$229,500 to the Prince Albert Multi Use Trail. This trail is built to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, as well as a skateboard park adjacent to the trail.
- Through the MRIF, we are funding \$250,000 to expand the lagoon in the **Town of Big River**. The lagoon will accommodate the new water treatment plant by handling the wastewater and ensuring the effluent is retained for the required length of treatment time.
- Through the MRIF, we are contributing \$15,000 to reconstruct 2.7 km of road to benefit hundreds of residential property owners in the **RM of Lakeland**. The reconstruction will increase traffic and pedestrian safety and address increased weight loads.
- Through the MRIF, we are dedicating \$42,777 to upgrade a road that is the main access to the south gate of Prince Albert in the RM of **Shellbrook**. The upgrade will improve traffic safety on the road which is also used by the agricultural and forestry industries.
- We are contributing \$94,238, through the MRIF, to clay cap a section of Grid 695. This road links Hwy 55 at **Debden**, and Hwys 3 and 12 at **Shell Lake**, and reduces distances traveled by agricultural and commercial operators.
- We spent over \$4.6M to resurface a 34.6 km stretch of Hwy 2. This busy highway not only accommodates thousands of tourists to our world famous lakes and resorts, but heavy haul trucks also use this route to move supplies to and from our northern mines. Tourism and mining are key sectors of Saskatchewan's vibrant and growing economy.
- We are resurfacing Hwy 2 North of Jct. Hwy 264 to Timber Cove.
- We are spending \$3.3M to grade 11.2km of road linking the Big River First Nation to Hwy 55.
- We are spending over \$6M to renovate Christopher Lake and Debden schools.
- We are spending \$2.5M to grade 12.5 km of Hwy 55 East of junction Hwy 26, with improvements to Hwy 26 near the junction.
- The town of **Choiceland** and surrounding area is receiving improved wireless internet service.
- We are dedicating \$284,925 to complete the new Community Centre in Big River through the Building Communities Program.