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### City Residents Will Benefit From Recent Funding Announcements

PARKSVILLE, BC - The residents of the City of Parksville will benefit from federal and provincial funding announced on March 19. Nanaimo-Alberni MP James Lunney and Nanaimo-Parksville MLA Ron Cantelon announced that the City of Parksville will receive:

#### **\$1.7 million to upgrade Moilliet Street**

This project includes the upgrade and replacement of road, sidewalk, watermain, sanitary sewer and storm drain works. Total cost of the project is expected to be about \$2.6 million. The project will upgrade Moilliet Street to a modified local standard, complete the sidewalk link between Despard Avenue and Island Highway, and complete and upgrade the storm drainage system along this corridor. Completion of this project will significantly improve the safety for all vehicular traffic and pedestrians and with dedicated bike lanes and sidewalks, promote more walking and cycling in Parksville. This project is currently in the process of final detailed engineering design and is expected to begin in the late fall.

#### **\$105,000 to upgrade Wright Road**

Funding from the Towns for Tomorrow program will upgrade the old waterline on Wright Road and complete a network loop to Temple Street. The work will include replacement of the existing water main and fittings on Wright Road and the installation of a new water main and associated fittings to connect on Temple Street. The new waterlines will improve drinking water quality and fire service in the area and extend the useful life of the infrastructure.

"Ongoing upgrades of the City's infrastructure are a priority," said Mayor Ed Mayne. "This announcement by the provincial and federal governments is a clear indication of their commitment to assist the City of Parksville in providing for aging infrastructure needs."

The total costs of the planned upgrades to Moilliet Street and Wright Road have been included in the City's budget. This federal and provincial government funding will allow the City to consider work on other infrastructure improvement projects that will benefit the City.

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