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# News Release

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## CANADA AND NUNAVUT INVEST IN HEALTHY AND SAFE WATER FOR RANKIN INLET

**Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, July 8, 2010** — The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for the North, was joined by the Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Community and Government Services and MLA for Rankin Inlet South - Whale Cove, to announce a joint investment by the governments of Canada and Nunavut of over \$10.9 million to support two water and wastewater infrastructure initiatives in Rankin Inlet.

“This is an important investment in clean, safe water and wastewater treatment that will greatly improve the quality of life for residents in and around Rankin Inlet now and for years to come,” said Minister Aglukkaq. “The Government of Canada understands that important infrastructure investments such as these create local jobs, stimulate the economy and enhance communities across the territory.”

“This two phased project will provide the required infrastructure for future housing development in Rankin Inlet,” said Minister Kusugak. “Sustainable water and wastewater infrastructure is vital in establishing and constructing these new homes as well as the Rankin Inlet Correctional Facility. The funding of these two initiatives was made possible by use of the Provincial-Territorial Base Fund administered through Infrastructure Canada.”

Phase one of this initiative includes a new water pressure booster station for Rankin Inlet, while phase two is a new wastewater treatment system.

The Provincial-Territorial Base Fund is part of the Building Canada Plan and is designed to provide investments in key infrastructure in Nunavut for core infrastructure priorities such as water, wastewater, green energy, regional and community airports, as well as safe roads.

The Government of Nunavut is working closely with the Government of Canada to ensure that infrastructure funds are spent on priorities throughout the territory. Since 2007, approximately \$142.6 million has been committed across Nunavut toward initiatives under the PT Base Fund, with close to \$107 million coming from the Government of Canada alone.

The Government of Canada’s Economic Action Plan has accelerated and expanded the existing federal investment of \$33 billion in infrastructure with almost \$12 billion in new infrastructure stimulus funding over two years.

For further information on infrastructure projects in Nunavut, visit [www.creatingjobs.gc.ca](http://www.creatingjobs.gc.ca).

To learn more about Canada’s Economic Action Plan, visit [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca)

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