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CITY RECEIVES \$7 MILLION IN GRANTS TO REPLACE 100 YEAR OLD DAM

MARCH 21st, 2017 - PRINCE RUPERT, BC – The City of Prince Rupert is pleased to announce that Prince Rupert has been awarded Federal and Provincial funding to replace the 100 year old Woodworth Dam through the Canadian Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF). This is the second, and most expensive phase of our three-phased waterworks project. The Federal government has dedicated \$4,295,000, the Province \$2,834,700, and the remaining \$1,460,300 will be paid by the City via a dividend from Prince Rupert Legacy Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of the City of Prince Rupert. Legacy funds are used in order to lessen the burden of this major infrastructure project on ratepayers.

“We are very excited to announce this funding to the community, as we have now achieved \$11.5 million dollars in total grant funding for our waterworks project. Receiving this large investment from other levels of Government illustrates their commitment to Prince Rupert and our community’s future well-being.” said Mayor Lee Brain. “Securing our water supply is City Council’s number one major infrastructure priority and showcases our commitment to Rebuild Prince Rupert.”

This month, the City awarded the contract for Phase I to Kledo Construction to replace and bury the water pipeline and build an access road to the dam. This first Phase was also funded by Federal and Provincial Building Canada Fund grants, covering 2/3rds of the expected cost, with Prince Rupert Legacy Inc. covering the remainder. The City will be pursuing future grant opportunities to fund Phase III of the project, to replace the submarine lines that carry our potable water below Fern Passage.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information on the 3-phase waterworks project, check out the video below released last year. The video tours the current state of the City’s water supply, comprised of the 100-year old dam and supply line fed by Woodworth and Shawatlans lakes, located across the harbour from Seal Cove.

Re:Build Rupert: Securing the City’s Water Supply (video) -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7zI7WjwOJo&t=1s>

For the Federal release regarding funding, see the link: https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2017/03/canada_and_britishcolumbiainvestin144newwaterandwastewaterinfrast.html

For the full list of projects funded, see the link: https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2017/03/backgrounder_canadaandbritishcolumbiaannouncenewwaterandwastewat.html

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