

## News Release

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### Lions Bay Gets Funding for Safety Improvements for Magnesia and Harvey Creek Water Intakes

Project approved under Canada's Small Communities Fund

July 29, 2015

Lions Bay, British Columbia

Residents of Lions Bay will benefit from upgraded drinking water infrastructure thanks to joint funding from the governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Small Communities Fund.

The project is designed to mitigate existing rock fall, debris torrent and high water main pressure hazards to the Village's water supply. Work will include access road safety improvements like gravity lock blocks and barriers, filtration improvements to both the Harvey and Magnesia water intakes, and the installation of a pressure reducing valve. These preventative measures will reduce physical and economic risks while improving the resiliency of the Village potable water supply to known natural hazards.

The project announced today is among 55 recently approved in British Columbia that will collectively receive more than \$128 million in joint federal-provincial funding under the Small Communities Fund. These projects represent important investments in municipal infrastructure that maintain safe, healthy communities. Once complete, the work will significantly improve key municipal services for residents and help boost regional development.

Through the Small Communities Fund, the governments of Canada and British Columbia are working in partnership to provide funding for priority public infrastructure projects that deliver on local needs in communities across the province that have fewer than 100,000 residents. These investments support job creation and economic growth, thus sustaining a high quality of life in small communities across British Columbia for years to come.

### Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada will provide up to \$123,008 through the Small Communities Fund for the project.
- The Province of British Columbia will contribute up to \$123,008 to this project.
- The Village of Lions Bay will be responsible for all remaining costs of the project.
- The total estimated cost for this project is \$369,024.
- The 55 projects approved for funding in British Columbia so far include 24 drinking water projects, 22 wastewater projects, four highway projects, two disaster mitigation projects, two brownfield remediation projects and one solid waste management project.

### Quotes

"From the moment he was elected, Lions Bay Mayor Karl Buhr has stressed to me the importance of the integrity of Lions Bay's water supply. I'm therefore delighted that our Government has responded with these safety improvements. On a broader scale, our Government's commitment to municipalities, big and small, has never been stronger. Through the New Building Canada Plan's Small Communities Fund, we are investing in priority infrastructure projects that have a positive and lasting impact on the quality of life of British Columbia's residents while helping create jobs and economic growth."

*John Weston*

*Member of Parliament for West Vancouver — Sunshine Coast — Sea to Sky Country*

*On behalf of the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec*

“A safe and reliable source of potable water for the Village of Lions Bay is a priority as residents deal with water restrictions and boil water advisories. Strengthening the infrastructure of Harvey and Magnesia creek water intake systems will go some way to protecting this essential service from damage by high water and debris torrents.”

*Jordan Sturdy  
MLA, West Vancouver Sea to Sky*

“On behalf of the Village of Lions Bay, a self-supporting municipality of 1450 residents on the shores of Howe Sound 30 minutes north of Vancouver, Mayor Karl Buhr and Council thank our provincial and federal governments for each providing one-third of the funding needed for planned safety and operational upgrades to our water supply system. We also thank our MLA Jordan Sturdy and our MP John Weston for their interest and help in securing this grant from the New Building Canada Plan – Small Communities Fund, which is a vital component of helping smaller communities meet their infrastructure responsibilities in the future.”

*Karl Buhr  
Mayor, Village of Lions Bay*

## **Associated Links**

To learn more about the Small Communities Fund, please visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/sc-cp-eng.html>.

For additional information on the New Building Canada Plan, visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nbcp-npcc-eng.html>.

To learn more about the Government of Canada's focus on jobs and the economy consult Canada's Economic Action Plan at <http://www.budget.gc.ca/2015/home-accueil-eng.html>.

Learn more about the Small Communities Fund at work in British Columbia: [www.gov.bc.ca/smallcommunitiesfund](http://www.gov.bc.ca/smallcommunitiesfund).

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