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# News Release

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**CANADA AND YUKON PARTNER TO PROVIDE \$18 MILLION FOR  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Investments Will Improve Wastewater Treatment for the City of Dawson and  
Village of Carmacks**

**OTTAWA (Ontario), September 7, 2006** – The Governments of Canada and Yukon are partnering to support infrastructure development in the City of Dawson and the Village of Carmacks, providing \$18 million for upgrading the wastewater treatment facilities and collection systems of both communities. Each order of government will provide up to \$9 million for the projects.

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, made the announcement with the Honourable Glenn Hart, Yukon Minister of Community Services.

“All levels of government need to work together to provide investments in strategic, long-term infrastructure to ensure our communities remain sustainable and prosperous,” said Minister Cannon. “Today’s announcement reflects the new government’s commitment to improving the quality of life and economic development of our communities.”

“I am very pleased that the new federal government has approved the CSIF funding request for the Dawson City and Carmacks wastewater projects,” said Minister Hart. “We have worked closely with the communities and with the Government of Canada to advance these two important projects to this stage, now we have the funding confirmation so we are now able to move to the next steps of making these projects realities.”

Government of Canada investments of up to \$6.6 million for the City of Dawson project component will improve the effluent quality and will meet regulatory requirements for the sewage treatment plant.

Federal investments of up to \$2.3 million for the Village of Carmacks project component will go toward replacing the existing wastewater treatment plant with a new secondary wastewater treatment and disposal facility.

The federal and territorial governments are working together to develop a contribution agreement that will detail the project elements and federal funding parameters. Financial support is conditional on meeting applicable federal and territorial requirements, including the successful completion of environmental assessments required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

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The federal contribution comes from the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund, which supports large-scale projects of major national and regional significance. The goal of this fund is to strengthen areas that are vital to sustaining economic growth and enhancing quality of life for Canadians.

The Government of Canada's 2006 Budget committed an unprecedented \$16.5 billion over the next four years for provincial, territorial and municipal infrastructure, including an additional \$2 billion for the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund and \$2.4 billion for the new Highways and Border Infrastructure Fund. For more information on Infrastructure Canada and its programs, please visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/>.

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