



CANADA AND YUKON OPEN NEW ARMY BEACH WATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHITEHORSE, YUKON, AUGUST 5, 2010 – Residents of Marsh Lake will now benefit from the newly commissioned Army Beach water treatment plant at Marsh Lake thanks to an investment by the governments of Canada and Yukon.

“Our Government is proud to partner with Yukon to improve the quality of life for residents of Marsh Lake and surrounding communities,” the Honourable John Baird, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities said. “Working together, we are improving the water treatment system that is essential to the community while creating jobs and stimulating the local economy”

“Ensuring that Yukoners have access to clean, safe and sustainable drinking water supplies is a Yukon government priority,” Community Services Minister Archie Lang said. “This new state-of-the-art facility will provide local residents with water that equals or exceeds the highest water quality standards.”

The new Army Beach facility uses cutting edge water treatment technology which has been proven effective in northern climates. This new plant features a pumping station to draw water from Marsh Lake, a membrane water treatment system, an 18,000 litre water storage tank, water monitoring equipment where continuous monitoring will be carried out to protect the water quality. The facility is designed to service everything from 20 litre jugs to 9,000 litre tanks.

The facility is now ready for residential and seasonal users.

The \$3.2 million investment will provide safe water and improved services to local residents, and create employment. Funding for this initiative was provided through the Provincial-Territorial (PT) Base Fund, under the Building Canada Plan, as announced on April 6, 2009.

The Government of Canada is working closely with the Government of Yukon to ensure that infrastructure funds are spent on priorities across the territory. Since 2007, Canada and Yukon have agreed to share over \$187 million in total eligible costs for 41 initiatives under the PT Base Fund, with over \$122 million from the Government of Canada.

For further information on infrastructure initiatives in Yukon, visit www.creatingjobs.gc.ca.

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(L – R) Marsh Lake LAC representative Perry Savoie, MLA Patrick Rouble, Marsh Lake resident Rusty Reid and Community Services Minister Archie Lang make the official first fill. (Government of Yukon photo)